

ADULT SOCIAL CARE & HOUSING OVERVIEW SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 18

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	Accommodation and Support Plan for People with Learning Disabilities		
Date of Meeting:	8th September 2011		
Report of:	Director of Adult Social Care/Lead Commissioner People		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) for learning disabilities 2011 highlighted the need for a local accommodation and support plan in order to meet expected increases in need of between 54-135 people over the next 5 years with a greater increase (2%) expected for those with the most complex needs who will need a high level of 24 hour specialist care.
- 1.2 The aim of this report is to provide an opportunity for Adult Social Care & Housing Scrutiny Committee to comment on the draft local accommodation and support plan that will be presented to Adult Social Care & Health Cabinet members meeting on 17th October 2011.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Adult Social Care & Housing Scrutiny Committee consider this report and draft 3 year plan attached as Appendix 1.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 A Vision for Social Care: Capable Communities and Active Citizens sets the framework for the future provision of adult social care. At a local level, there is a social care transformation programme to develop the workforce, increase personalisation and maximise independence through prevention and reablement.

- 3.2 Within learning disabilities, the Valuing People Now White Paper continues to provide the overarching policy context. Its key aims are to enable people to participate in society as fully as possible with a voice regarding decisions about their care.
- 3.3 To achieve this vision within the current financial climate, we need greater flexibility in service models so that people do not have to move to receive support or to achieve greater independence. We also need to provide greater flexibility for support for people during the day so that people can gain independent living skills and access voluntary and paid work.
- 3.4 Nevertheless, having the right environment for people to be supported in remains important. The aim of this plan is to set out what is needed both in terms of access to mainstream accommodation, supported housing and specialist accommodation for those with the most complex needs. The draft 3 year plan is attached as Appendix 1.
- 3.5 Shared lives is where a service user lives with a carer in their home or where a carer lives and cares for someone in a service users' home.
A keyring scheme is where a group of service users live in close proximity supported by a carer and each other.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The accommodation and support plan draws on information in the JSNA for people with Learning Disabilities that was previously consulted on. In addition the accommodation and support plan for people with learning disabilities is being developed through engagement of the Learning Disabilities Partnership Board and sub groups.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1.1 There are no direct financial implications as a result of the recommendations in this report. However, any costs arising from the proposed actions in this plan would need to be funded from existing resources and included in future budget strategies.

Finance Officer Consulted: Name Michelle Herrington

Date: 26 Aug 2011

Legal Implications:

There are no specific legal or Human Rights Act implications arising from this Report which is for information and comment prior to a Report being presented to CMM in October 2011. Any decision relating to or recommendations on the implementation of proposals for an Accommodation and Support Plan will have to take into account statutory duties arising from Community Care legislation and individual's Human Rights, in particular but not solely Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights; Right to Privacy and Family Life.

- 5.2

Lawyer Consulted:

Name Sandra O'Brien

Date: 26/08/2011

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 An equalities impact assessment has commenced and will be completed during the finalisation of the plan.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 The aim of the plan is to address gaps in local services in order to reduce the need for long distance placements.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 There are no specific crime and disorder implications. Nevertheless, the provision of short term crisis support and improved accessibility of supported housing services will improve support to people with learning disabilities with additional needs such as mental health, substance misuse and offending behaviour.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 This plan provides an opportunity to increase the range of local services to better meet local need through the commissioning of accommodation and support services.

Public Health Implications:

- 5.7 The aim of this plan is to meet the accommodation and support needs of people with learning disabilities. However, many people will have additional health needs which will be better supported within the right environment.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.8 This proposal will increase the range of services available locally for people with learning disabilities and so enable them to participate as equal citizens in the city of Brighton & Hove.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendix 1

Draft 3 year Learning Disability Accommodation and Support Plan

Documents in Members' Rooms None

Background Documents

Learning Disability Joint strategic Needs Assessment 2011