

## **Proposed Project:**

What is the name of the proposed project?

### **LD Brokerage For Move-On Project**

Please give a brief description of the proposed project:

We know, from the work of the 'It's My Life' project and others that there are people with learning disabilities who are adequately housed but at the same time are wishing to have more independence and more choice and control in their lives. Those people need support to explore the options available to them, to develop the skills they will need for greater independence and to plan their move into more independent forms of housing.

This sort of support is often called 'Brokerage'.

The Social Work and Care Management Team have the expertise and have access to the information needed to do this sort of brokerage work, although it is not part of the team's current workload unless the need to move is critical.

The project will pilot this brokerage style of planning for move-on by:

- Identifying people with learning disabilities who are currently receiving residential services and who wish to move to greater independence
- Identify the realistic options that are available to those people and help the people to evaluate the options for suitability
- Developing robust plans to support these clients to move either in the short or long term. Plans will include achievable outcomes to promote skills development to ensure clients develop greater independence

- Supporting the gathering of key information on need and likelihood of move-on to aid future commissioning
- Supporting 3 clients to move into alternative accommodation of their choice and developing move-on plans for 17 others

What are the name and contact details of Organisation that would deliver the project?

Cameron Brown, Community Learning Disability Team, Social Work and Care Management Team.

Does your organisation currently receive funding from Brighton & Hove city council? YES

If yes, please briefly describe what funding you receive already:

The Social Work and Care Management team is funded to provide all of the social work and care management delivered to people with learning disabilities in the city, or placed out of the city by the council. The team also provides Safeguarding to all adults with learning disabilities living in the city, regardless of their placement or funding council.

This project would sit outside of that normal function and enable a focus on housing brokerage for people who are accommodated and therefore at lower risk than those without accommodation.

## **Priorities:**

Which of the four priorities would your project meet? How will the project meet these priorities?

The project will meet all four priorities:

1. Delivering improved value for money through innovation and new ways of working

This sort of housing brokerage work is new to this area and to this team and usually when people move into more independent forms of housing this is at a savings to the social care budget

2. Improved equality through access to mainstream services

The greater the independence the more likely the services are mainstream rather than specialist. One of the key aspects of brokerage is that all types of available services are explored in the process.

3. Maximising independence through supporting move on and reducing need for support

This is the main purpose of the project

4. Prevention of the need for support/increased need for support

When people achieve greater independence they are less likely to need support at the current time or in the future

## **Criteria**

Please explain how your project would meet all of the following criteria.

### **1. What are the benefits and outcomes?**

(What would your project achieve for people with learning disabilities and how will you show evidence of the benefits?)

This project will enable people with learning disabilities to have greater choice and control over where they live. It will also help to deliver key information to support the commissioning of new provision to meet the need as described by people with learning disabilities.

The recent Joint Strategic Needs Assessment identified that people are not moving on because of insufficient information about what opportunities are needed in the City, and this project would provide the dedicated care management time needed to collate better information about individual needs.

### **2. What is the added value of the project?**

(The something extra this project would do that is not being done already)

Currently although move-on is a key objective this is set against several other priorities and when risk assessed is not often a high risk (i.e. people can be well placed safe and secure and their key needs met, but they would still like to move).

This project would enable a number of people to achieve a move and potentially aid planning to deliver increased move-on opportunities in the future.

This project would be undertaken in addition to the team's statutory functions.

### **3. How would you make sure the project can be set up and money spent by March?**

Capacity in the team will be increased so the project work can start quickly and the added capacity will be dedicated to the project for the duration of the funding.

### **4. What is the on-going benefit?**

(The benefits, effects or learning that continues after March 2011)

- The project will deliver better information, to aid better planning and commissioning in the future and better enable Adult Social Care to project and consider what needs to be done to deliver increased move on in the future and will identify gaps in the housing provision in the city
- It will deliver on going benefits to those people who will have achieved a move during the project and to those people who have move-on plans
- It will test the brokerage model and increase our knowledge of how to support people to plan for their move-on
- It will identify and collect information available to help people who wish to move and will identify where there are gaps in that information

**Funding:**

How much LDDF money does your proposal need in 2011-2012?  
(Maximum £20,000 per project)

This project would cost £20,000

What would the funding be spent on?

We would increase staffing levels in the Care Management team by 3 days a week. The project would be supervised and managed via the existing arrangements within the Social Work and Care Management Team.

**Is there anything else you want us to know?**

Although this funding will be going into an existing service it is clear that this is required to deliver a project with dedicated resources and specific value added outcomes. The project work would also be supported by the on-going review work of the team.