



A Place to Live

Minutes

Date: 9TH October 2009

Time: 10-12

Venue: Room 1, 2nd Floor Bartholomew House

Present: Mark Hendriks (chair), Aideen Jones, Steve Hook, Natalya Garzon
Apologies: Stephen Wraige, Andy Staniford, Lou Aish

1. Minutes and Matters Arising

Discussion re: services required for people with LD in temporary accommodation. Natalya is working with Jo Shaw (Commissioning Team) to identify levels of need for a new Supporting People funded service. Discussed that there may be more than one type of service needed – a low support 'supported accommodation' service and a separate specialised LD & substance misuse service.

2. A Place to Live Booklet – feedback/amendments

Discussion re: draft copy of booklet. Some minor changes identified, including updating Southdown logo – deadline is end of October for comments. Natalya/Mark to action in early November with Lucy Westcott.

Discussed distribution – all providers (provider forum), day centres, CLDT, city direct, housing benefit, supported employment, Carers centre & Amaze, Interact & Speak Out, Southdown Support for Housing, GP surgeries?, hospital liaison nurses, Vantage Point, Mencap (charity).

3. Information Session feedback

Information session held after LD Partnership Board. Approx 30 in attendance and general feedback was positive.

Mark also gave presentation and facilitated group work at LD provider forum. Notes from groups were interesting (attached)

4. Website feedback

Brightpart web page has been updated – comments from the group were positive. Aideen will request that a link is made from Southdown website to brightpart. Mark will suggest Karen asks other providers to do this.

All – to contact Mark with additional useful items/links to add to web page

5. Update from Partnership Board

No-one from the group could attend from the group. Had a discussion about the future of the Board, which will be taken forward through Making It Happen and through an Equalities Impact Assessment.

6. Update from Making It Happen Group

This group has completed work planning and would hopefully now be focussing more on resolving cross-cutting issues

7. Work Plan – next steps

Many of the actions around better housing information have been completed. The next major area of work is around Fair Access.

Action – Mark to follow up progress on EIAs of Homemove/Choice Based Lettings.

Also discussed using LDDF money to fund a fair access assessment of the above, money available is about £3,000 – agreed by the group.

Action – Mark to advertise this for bids.

8. LDDF funding

Discussed other options for remaining LDDF money. Agreed to look at an audio version of the A Place to Live booklet that could be uploaded onto brightpart. Action – Mark to advertise this for bids

Also discussed next years LDDF (amount not yet known), with an idea to fund training for people to help them move. Training in tenancy issues may be the most suitable.

9. AOB

Discussed Wellington Road scheme and the type of people it may be useful for.

Discussed deregistration of care homes- an agenda item for next meeting.

Next date: Friday 11th December, 10-12, 2nd Floor, Room1 Barts House.