

Housing and Support Strategy Group for People with a Physical Disability, Sensory Disability, Acquired Brain Injury and Long Term Conditions

Tuesday 21st July 2009

Minutes

PRESENT

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| LW (Chair) – Torbay Care Trust | GW – Westcountry Housing |
| JD – Housing Links Coordinator | RC – Homefinder- Riviera Housing Trust |
| PF – Community Care Worker - Brixham | PM (Minutes) - Supporting People Administration Assistant |
| KC – Westcountry Housing | KH – Sensory Team Manager |

APOLOGIES

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| JD – Torbay Care Trust | JH – Affordable Housing Co-ordinator |
| SG – Disability Information Service | VS – Housing Needs Manager |
| LS – SP Client | AH – Community Occupational Therapist Acquired Brain Injury Team |

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| ITEM 1 | Welcome and Introductions | |
| | LW welcomed everyone to the Meeting there were brief introductions from everyone. | |
| ITEM 2 | Minutes & Matters Arising | ACTIONS |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP1 – Update on Handy Persons Scheme to be done later in the Meeting. • AP2 – Cleared • AP3 – Cleared • AP4 – Non-Recurrent Expenditure Funding .It has been decided to carry over any under-spend to next year • AP5 – Development on Disability Registration Cards KH advised that these were in the process of being sent for approval and then will be sent for printing. <p>The Minutes of the 2nd June 2009 were agreed as correct.</p> | |

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| | <p>the vacancies anymore. LW asked if the Housing Advert could be put on the “Shop 4 Support” Site. RC advised that he would keep a close eye on the situation and will raise it at the next Project Meeting. The Housing Wellbeing Assessment Group have advised that the Accessible Housing Register will consist of both people and the property and that each person and the property will be assessed. They do not have the Data available at the moment to populate it. At the moment the debate is still ongoing about the number of Assessment panels to be set up. Plymouth and the Co-ordinator are meeting separately to discuss this and will feedback the result of this at the next meeting. Also the frequency of Meetings needs to be considered it was felt that fortnightly meetings would be better than monthly ones as a month may be too long to wait for on Emergency cases. People on the current housing list may fall off the new list staff need to be aware of this possibility. JD to arrange for this fact to be included in one of the Care Trust Bulletins.</p> | AP3 JD |
| ITEM 5 | <p style="text-align: center;">Home Support Agency Meeting</p> <p>LW advised that Home Support Services Kick Start Event had taken place on 18th May 2009. Two documents from this event were circulated at the meeting. It was felt that it was critical for this Group to feed into the Project. LW is a member of the Project Group.</p> | |
| ITEM 6 | <p style="text-align: center;">SPLASH – Feedback on Deaf Link Worker</p> <p>KC produced a Report detailing what she has been doing. She advised that she had picked up referrals from the Torbay Deaf Club. She has visited the Hub and sent a Report on it to Fran Mason- Supporting People Manager. She will also be in contact with BT- Service Development Officer- regarding the Hub Review.</p> | |
| ITEM 7 | <p style="text-align: center;">Strategy Group Action Plan</p> <p>LW advised that she had attended the SP Commissioning Body Meeting which had originally been arranged to consider Funding Bids. Infact most of the funding had been rolled over to shore up shortfalls. There had in fact only been a number of small bids. The Handy Persons Scheme now have additional funds from Government. This Group has contributed funding into this in order to extend the Age Group it is open to. LW will be following this up.</p> <p>LW advised that SB’s replacement will be Judy Grant and she will be attending these meetings in the future. Acquired Brain Injury List for enabling and support providers which will be joined with Learning Disability are putting out a request for any Providers interested in it. It will be CSCI Registered. They are finalising the specifications now. At the moment charge by the hour but are looking at flexible pricing systems dependent on</p> | AP4 LW |

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| | the size of package e.g. pay salary for the person rather than hours where packages are 24/ 7 . Existing Contracts carry on as long as they keep Provider Status. | |
| ITEM 8 | <p style="text-align: center;">Any Other Business</p> <p>National Service Framework for Long Term Neurological Conditions there are 11 standards to be met by 2015. The Strategic Health Authority has given an indication it expects the targets to be met before this date. One of the quality markers is around Housing and Support</p> <p style="text-align: center;">It was also decided that the next Meeting which had been scheduled for the 15th September 2009 now needed to be rearranged. Please see new date below.</p> | AP5 PM |
| ITEM 9 | <p style="text-align: center;">Dates for Future Meetings</p> <p>Monday 12th October 2009 – 14.00 to 16.00 – Cecil Room</p> <p>Tuesday 10th November 2009 – 14.00 to 17.00 – Cecil Room</p> <p>Tuesday 12th January 2009 – 14.00 to 17.00 – Cecil Room</p> | |