

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

Tuesday 2nd June 2009

Minutes

PRESENT

LW (Chair) – Torbay Care Trust	CJ - Client
JD – Housing Links Coordinator	LS - Client
PF – Community Care Worker - Brixham	PM (Minutes) - Supporting People Administration Assistant
SG – Disability Information Service	KH – Sensory Team Manager
CC – Westcountry Housing Association	SF - OHT

APOLOGIES

JE – Riviera Support	JH – Affordable Housing Co-ordinator
LSm – Children's OT	VS – Housing Needs Manager
RC – Riviera Housing Trust	AH – Community OT ABI Team

ITEM 1	Welcome and Introductions	
	LW welcomed every to the meeting brief Introductions from everyone.	
ITEM 2	Minutes & Matters Arising	ACTIONS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP 1 – Cleared Jo's Update main Agenda item • AP 2 – Cleared • AP 3 – Cleared • AP 4 – Main Agenda Item • <p>Handy Persons Scheme- LW reported that the Bid had been successful with funding being received from CLG but at the moment has not moved forward she is meeting with BA (Service Development Officer for older persons' services) and Tim Nand-Lal to discuss how to take this forward for younger people</p> <p>The Minutes of the 31ST March 2009 were agreed as correct.</p>	AP 1 LW

ITEM 3	<p style="text-align: center;">Housing Link Co-ordinator – JD</p> <p>The Report had been circulated ahead of the Meeting which JD went through briefly. She has been involved in 29 cases where she has been giving advice. She will continue to attend Team Meetings when requested. KH fed back that her Team had been very positive about JD's attendance at their Team Meeting. JD is also looking at an extra care unit and is working with MO (Westcountry Housing Association) on this. She will also be visiting Truro to look at Joint Ownership options for people with Physical Disabilities. Frequently Asked Questions document had been circulated ahead of the meeting.</p>	
ITEM 4	<p style="text-align: center;">SPLASH Update</p> <p>CC advised that they had now moved and were located at St Paul's Court, Torquay. They have kept the same contact phone numbers and email addresses. They are advertising on 03.06.09 for maternity cover for their Housing Link Worker post. CC also advised that they were currently supporting 50 clients although they are only funded for 48. LW advised that funding is available to fund SPLASH support for respite care in Residential Homes and that the request for this needs to be made to her for a decision. LW advised that the Acquired Brain Injury Team have been unsuccessful in recruiting to a senior post which has caused problems.</p>	
ITEM 5	<p style="text-align: center;">Devon Home Choice</p> <p>JD had taken the key points raised by this Group to the Choice Based Lettings and all key points have been accepted and incorporated in the form. Allocations decisions will be made by Housing Officers. Complex cases will go to Panel. Random sampling will be done by the Panels. Five panels will be set up locally with autonomy to run as they want to- they will check on consistency across Devon ensuring that all of Devon is being dealt with in the same way. JD has a 71 page report which she will send out to the Group. There has been some debate about the Panel format. Plymouth are suggesting a number of panels for the various groups i.e. Learning Disability; Mental Health; Drug and Alcohol etc. It was felt that this area is not big enough to support all of these Client Groups and that often clients who come to the Panel are those with complex issues who do not fit into one category. A suggestion was made that they identify Specialists for each of the categories/clients and ensure that their expert opinion is brought in advance to the Panel Group Decision: not going to work with multiple panels but identify experts in the categories/clients and seek their expert opinion ahead of the Panel Meeting. JD had been asked to submit examples of cases which have gone to Panel so that these can be shared she has done this and blocked out clients names. The Forms are still being debated and will be</p>	AP 2 JD

	discussed at the next CBL Meeting at the end of June. All to feedback any comments to JD. KH asked for the forms to be emailed to her.	AP 3 JD
ITEM 6	<p style="text-align: center;">Non- Recurrent Expenditure Funding</p> <p>Can apply for a one year specific project could be “Step Down Service”; “Extension of Sensory Link Post”. JD suggested funding some research into adapted properties regarding what do we need; what is out there and what do people want. Looking at possibilities of moving parents of disabled adults into alternative properties leaving them in a property which has already been adapted for them and possibly moving someone else in. 16-25 year old Young Carers Meeting- what are the Housing needs for this Group- could a bid be made for funding to research into this? Any idea to LW- there is a Supporting People Meeting on 18.06.09 to prioritise the bids prior to the Commissioning Body Meeting on 16th July 2009.</p>	AP 4 ALL
ITEM 7	<p style="text-align: center;">Any Other Business</p> <p>LS asked if there was any development on the Disability Registration Cards. KH advised that there had been problems of sick absence in the team but she is meeting with someone about this later in the week. Once they have been produced she will bring them to this Meeting.</p>	AP 5 KH
ITEM 8	<p style="text-align: center;">Dates for Future Meetings</p> <p>Tuesday 21st July 2009 – 14.00 to 17.00 – Cecil Room</p> <p>Tuesday 15th September 2009 – 14.00 to 17.00 – 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>	