

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

Friday 1ST October 2010 – 10.00 to 12.00

Minutes

PRESENT

LW – Chair – Torbay Care Trust	JG – Supporting People Service Development Officer
MP – Social Worker for the Sensory Team	L – SP Client
PM (Minutes) – Supporting People Administration Assistant	PF – Community Care Worker - Brixham
SG – Disability Information Service	CC – Westcountry Housing
C – SP Client	RC – Devon Home Choice – left meeting after Agenda Item 5
SL – Affordable Housing Officer	DT
M – SP Client	V – BSL Interpreter
S – BSL Interpreter	

APOLOGIES

SF – Occupational Therapist	

ITEM 1	Welcome and Introductions	
	LW welcomed everyone to the Meeting.	
ITEM 2	Minutes & Matters Arising	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP1. LW to present Employment Strategy Document to the Worklessness Forum- still outstanding. LW will be speaking to the Inclusion Worker at Department of Work and Pensions. • AP2. Cleared- it was tested but did not work. • AP3. FK (Referral Hub Manager, Torbay Council) to bring prioritisation paper for the Hub to the next meeting- still outstanding. • AP4. Cleared • AP5. Cleared • AP6. Cleared • AP7. Cleared • AP8 & 9. Still outstanding- LW will link up with SBr (Supporting People Service Development Officer for Children, Families and Young People) and talk to the 	<p style="text-align: right;">AP1 LW</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AP2 FK</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AP3 LW</p>

	<p>Children with Disabilities Team. Also JD (Housing Link Co-ordinator) had asked for details of all children over 10 who will need accessible housing in the future still no reply received LW will follow this up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP10. Still outstanding- JG and LW to meet and discuss outstanding work following JD's (Housing Link Co-ordinator) departure. • AP11. Concerns still raised that according to Devon Home Choice that there is no need for "fully wheel chair accessible homes" in Torbay- to be covered by Main Agenda Item 5. • AP12. Main Agenda item 5. • AP13. Cleared- SPLASH Supporting People Contract due to go out for Tender in autumn 2011 • AP14. Cleared. <p>Minutes were agreed as correct but concerns were expressed by L and M about Devon Home Choice statement that there was no need for wheel chair accessible homes in Torbay- to be covered as main Agenda Item.</p>	<p>AP4 JG/LW</p>
<p>ITEM 5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Devon Home Choice</p> <p>As RC needed to leave the meeting early it was agreed that this Agenda Item would be brought forward. RC advised that the issue with the recording of the need for Wheel Chair accessible properties was an IT glitch. The problem is that when the forms are completed on line ticking the box to indicate that there is a need for wheel chair accessible property but when the form is then submitted the "tick" disappears. This in turn affects which properties people can then bid on. The Group asked RC to take this forward as a matter of urgency and asked that he lets the Group know a timescale when this will be completed. Also that he regularly updates this Group with progress reports. His contact details are 01803 696164. LW and PF will put something in the Care Trust Bulletin so that staff are aware of the problem and make sure that any of their Clients who require Wheel Chair access have a properly completed form with Devon Home Choice. Also JG and PM to put something in the next Supporting People Payment Run Letter. JD (Housing Link Co-ordinator) used to attend the "Transitions" Group- it was agreed that L will attend these Meetings for the Group. RC then left the Meeting.</p>	<p>AP5 RC</p> <p>AP6 LW/PF</p> <p>AP7 JG/PM</p>
<p>ITEM 3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HUB Update</p> <p>Unfortunately FK (Referral Hub Manager, Torbay Council) was not at the meeting and no one else had attended in her place so no update can be given.</p>	

<p>ITEM 4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Link Co-ordinator Update</p> <p>LW advised that unfortunately JD (Housing Link Co-ordinator) had left last week. The post was temporary and the future of the post is dependent on the Evaluation of the Post- this has nearly been completed. The post had been part funded by Supporting People and the Care Trust. This Group supports the continuation of the post.</p>	
<p>ITEM 6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Future Work of Strategy Group</p> <p>LW reported that the Government Health White Paper was out which will change the future. There are tight timescales. The Social Care Paper has not yet been released but it will have effects on the Care Trust it is due out in October 2010. There is a Directors Meeting on Tuesday next week and LW will receive feedback on this the following Monday. It is important that this Group continues to exist and needs to be kept high on people's Agenda. She is also monitoring the potential of the ILF (Independent Living Fund) being moved to the Council. LW reported that there were also problems with DLA (Disability Living Allowance). Everyone's claim is going to be reviewed from 2013 and it is possible the lower rate care may disappear but nothing is definite yet .If people meet the criteria for Severe Visual Impairment or are Registered Blind from April they will be automatically entitled to the highest rate if they also meet some additional criteria for sight loss. There are potentially a lot of changes which need to be monitored and feedback be given. LW asked the Group to send any comments to her and she will feedback for the Group.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AP8 ALL</p>
<p>ITEM 7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Any Other Business</p> <p>The Care Trust has been running an Any Willing Provider Tender. They propose to run an Event for Providers and will be reopening the Tender as Enabling Providers would not have applied for it. LW is waiting for Procurement to let her know the first list of successful Providers. It was aimed at people with complex needs i.e. multiple needs or need higher care and support packages. There are problems with RNID- a condition is that they must be registered with Care Quality Commission and at the moment RNID are not. MP said he was concerned that Contracts are time limited aimed at being more independent in two years for deaf people- it needs to be more open ended. After two years the person is still deaf. Personal Budgets may be the way forward. How can SPLASH offer support under Personal Budgets as well as running the SPLASH Contract. Staff on SPLASH are able to support deaf clients as they have BSL Interpreters and Support Workers but there are capacity issues with this. SPLASH has increased the</p>	

	<p>number of Support Workers who can do this. CC advised that they were looking at how to recruit staff in different ways for when clients are looking at buying services- i.e. may need to reduce or increase hours depending on the number of clients they have.</p> <p>LW asked for any Agenda Items for the next Meeting to be sent to her or JG.</p>	
ITEM 7	<p style="text-align: center;">Dates for Future Meetings</p> <p>3rd December 2010 – 10:00 to 12:00 – Cecil Room, Oldway Mansion, Paignton</p> <p>25th February 2011 – 10:00 to 12:00 – Cecil Room, Oldway Mansion, Paignton</p>	