



“Building Together”

Enabling Ordinary Living Opportunities for People with Learning Disabilities in Northamptonshire

Dear Partners and Colleagues

Thank you for attending our Building Together event at the Beehive on Friday 29 November 2013. We were delighted with the involvement of people on the day and the housing pathway to Ordinary Living exercise has proved very useful. I would like to thank Samantha Dickson, Laura Bessell and Luisa Jepson for offering various training and many of you have put your names forward for learning disability awareness training. My colleague Sharon Wood will make further arrangements and will be in touch with interested parties shortly.

Please find below a synopsis of the session and the various activities which took place.

Barriers Exercise:

- Individual’s lack of choice in being part of the decision about who will support them
- Silos – in organisations – need a joint approach
- Filling forms in
- Communication - difficulty putting across needs
- Person not being listened to or families
- Difficulty making decisions
- Informed choice – information not always available “don’t know what you don’t know”
- Mental Capacity – organisations don’t always understand it
- Lack of understanding about society
- Benefits system
- Getting Funding
- Lack of understanding that people have the right not to live in institutional care
- Benefits – families understanding what they are entitled to as carers
- Keeping safe
- Safeguarding
- Criteria – for services eligibility
- Neighbours/relationships when they breakdown
- Different people people’s views of risk/choice
- People not asking for help

Pathway Exercise:

The pathway exercise came up with a number of themes for each area which are as follows:

Now (tensions):

- Funding criteria's and shortfalls that exist- benefit sanctions- bedroom tax
- We need to work together-need working links-cooperation and access to services
- Person centred planning- how many people want to move-who are the people

Who is on board:

Perthyn Care providers- Wendy Smith & Ian Morris, Mencap-Anne Grout & Patricia Galloway, Philori Care Ltd- Lori Summers, Sanctuary Supported Living, Personalised4autism- Pat Dent & Alasdair Bond, Delos Community- Mike Brennan, Craegmore- Rita Asamoah, Care Assure Northampton-Suzette Nicolaou, Consumate Care- Kerry Cane, Mayday Trust- Jodie Klaus, Affinity Trust-Charlotte Betts, Advance Housing and Support Ltd- Marion Buchland & Rachel Ley, Golden Lane Housing- Felicity Ford & Emily Collinson, Spire Homes- Paul Manning, Wellingborough Homes, Bedford Pilgrim Homes (BPHA Ltd)-Eleanore Farmer, Midland Heart housing Association–Gill Crow, Northampton Borough Council- Laura Bessell & Louise Mussan & Kelly Fitzgerald, Wellingborough Borough Council- Trish McCourt, Nene and Corby Clinical Commissioning Groups, Corby Borough Council- Samantha Dickson & Jacqui Page, The Learning Disability Partnership Board, Northamptonshire Police- Luisa Jepson

Suggested to approach for inclusion:

Families

Housing Leads personnel from Northamptonshire County Council Younger Adults Team (North and South)

How:

- Joint working
- Meeting-Sharing-Talking-LD involvement
- Contact list-sharing details-information

Three months goals:

- Knowing the population, their needs and their housing requirements
- A clear plan in place
- Easy read tenancy agreements

Six Month goals:

- Rightmove style website
- To make nine homes available
- Review police and safety strategy in the County
- 6 month meeting to review
- On-going plan for the next 12 months
- Housing needs and information plan

First steps:

- Review easy read tenancy agreements and information
- Review housing stock
- Get involved and do some joint working
- Provide stories and examples of successful Independent Living

Presentations for the day:

- Nene and Corby Clinical Commissioning Group- Jackie Lawley
- Our People- Clairra Ferreira
- Films can be viewed at <http://www.neneccg.nhs.uk/building-together/>
- Our Rights- The Community Housing Network
- Pathway -Sharon Wood