

This newsletter is to tell service users and carers about the homes and day services run by Hampshire County Council for people with learning disabilities

Newsletter 4 – March 2011

What has been happening?



Information events

We have now had all of our information events for parents and carers across Hampshire.

At the events people could find out more about the changes for day services and residential services.

They could also find out more about

- Shared Lives.
- Self-directed Support.
- What Day Opportunities Coordinators do who work in the day services.
- Locks Heath Day service which is for people who have complex needs.
- Find out more about Carers Together and how they can help give support to carers





We have also had three workshop events for people from places like schools, colleges, Health, Mencap, carers groups, local learning disability groups, advocacy, police and others.

At all the events people could find out how to tell us what they think about the new plan for learning disabilities.

How to let us know what you think about the new plan for learning disabilities



If you have not let us know what you think about the new plan for learning disabilities there is still time to do this.

You can tell us what you think by 16th March 2011.

You can tell us by lots of ways –



You can fill in a question paper



You can fill in the questions on the internet

If you do not want to fill in the questions then you can also write to us and send it to



Learning Disability In-house Services Consultation
Adult Services
Freepost SO2077
Winchester
SO23 8BR



Make a CD or DVD telling us how you feel and send it in



You can email us LDTransformation@hants.gov.uk



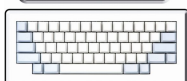
Ring us on 01962 845300

You could

- Tell us what the plan means to you
- How it makes you feel
- Anything you would like to tell the council



You can find our website page at
www.hants.gov.uk/adult-services/learningdisability-consultation



You can get the question paper from the website or you could ask your day services or residential services for the papers.

Useful things to know



What is a Keystone Service?

This is a specialist day service.

In the plan we would like to have four Keystone Services for people who meet eligibility criteria with most complex disabilities.

These bases will still be quite small.

People who come here will also be able to go out to places a lot.

The building would have a hydro therapy pool or sensory room but will be shared with the community.

They will also be places where can get information and advice.

This service requires highly trained staff.

There might also be services in quieter and smaller residential buildings that are often empty during the day, if that is what some one needs.





What is a Community Link Service?

These are small bases in the local community.

There will a lot more community link services than Keystone Services.

These services may be in different types of buildings. For example a shop building could be used and also include a community café, run by people with a learning disability.

These bases will help more people to do day time activities in the community.

They will help people to be more independent. These services can also be used for people with complex disabilities.

Hampshire County Council day service staff will run these services.

What is launch pad?



Launch pad is moving people on from day services to more ordinary day opportunities

There would be

- Lots of support for people
- Finding out what activities and opportunities are available in the community.
- Keeping Networks and friendships

This will be led by Hampshire County Council day service staff, who know the person.

This would be done in partnership with the person and their relative.

What is Shared Lives?



The Shared Lives scheme is a service provided by carers (individuals and families) across Hampshire, who want to offer a vulnerable person respite care, day care or long term care, in the carer's own home.

The Shared Lives scheme helps people who either have a learning disability, a physical disability, a mental health issue, or a person with other health or sensory difficulties or is unable to live alone because of their age.

What is Supported Living?



Supported living is for people with learning disabilities. It means people have rights as a tenant, and control over who lives with them and who provides their care and support.

Supported living can also be used by people who need twenty four hour care.

Website

You can find out more on our website page

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What is coming up

16th March

This is the last day of the consultation.

March – April



The research team will then look at everything that people have told us. They will write a report showing what they have found out. They will give this to the transformation team.

The transformation team will then look at this report. They will use this to help to make sure that the plan is right.

16th May



The new plan will go to Hampshire County Councillors, because they decide what services Hampshire County Council should provide.

They will look at the new plan. They will say if we can use the new plan to change the in house services.

The plan that goes to the members will also be on this website page just before the 16th May www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings

The meeting is called Executive Member for Adult Social Care

If the plan goes ahead then we will let people know what will be happening. This will be on our website www.hants.gov.uk/adult-services/ld-inhouse

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