

Briefing Note Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission 10th October 2013

Community Inclusion Team rollout

Background

- In July 2012 Executive approval was given for a six month Enablement Pilot (this has been renamed the Community Inclusion Team).
- The pilot was aimed at people with a learning disability and those with a physical and sensory disability attending the Council's day care services to look at opportunities for them to attend main stream community based activities.
- The pilot ran from September 2012 to March 2013, with 20 people from the Braunstone, Belgrave and New Parks areas of the City
- The pilot provided the opportunity to challenge the traditional model of day care
- The pilot supports the changing aspirations of disabled people
- The pilot recognises the need for families and carers to have a break from their caring responsibilities.
- There is a recognition that some people with profound disabilities will always need specialist support and this will continue to be available

Aims of the Community Inclusion Team

- To enable people with learning and/or physical disabilities attending the Council's day care services to
 - Develop skills to help them live independently with support
 - Access mainstream community activities and services which offer better value for money
 - Maximises the use of personal budgets
- It is not about replicating day care in the community
- It offers a range of community based options, including volunteering opportunities and attending mainstream activities and maintaining existing or development new friendship groups
- It means that money is being spent in the local economy

Outcomes

- The roll out of the Community Inclusion Team is supported by the Learning Disabilities Partnership Board and the Douglas Bader Client Committee
- Those taking part in the pilot have demonstrated they can be part of the community and can access mainstream activities that meets their needs and are culturally appropriate
- For example after one week a group of 10 Asian women from Douglas Bader, who were part of the pilot decided not to return to the centre. They have set up a group at the Wolsey Extra Care facility in Belgrave and have been joined by residents with similar interests
- People working in local community venues have said the experience has been enriched by people with learning and/or physical disabilities accessing their facilities
- One individual was nominated for a community award for his contribution to the Braunstone Food Share Project
- Enabling people to access community based services addresses the issue of falling demand for the Council's day care services and allows for savings to be achieved and services to be re-designed

Costs

- The average weekly cost for the 20 people before they participated in the pilot was £3,881 per week, which included the cost of their day care and transport
- The average cost of the same 20 people during the pilot was £2,080 per week, giving a potential saving of £1,800 per week.

Rollout

- Executive approval has been given to the roll out the Community Inclusion Team and offer everyone in Council run day services the opportunity to access the community in a meaningful way
- Dedicated team of 5 and a manager to offer on going support for individuals and carers
- The team will continue to network and identify new opportunities
- They will act as a safeguard/broker for people if their activities are not working out
- They will offer support and advice to carers

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