

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE

PERSONALISATION

The rollout of personal budgets has continued, with 647 people in receipt of self directed support by the end of September 2010. This represents approximately 18% of all community support packages towards the national Government target of 30% by April 2011, which we are on track to meet. We have agreed with the Executive Member that a paper capturing the main policy dimensions of personalisation and the work around the FACE resource allocation system will go forward to December's Executive Board meeting.

The new adult social care website will also be launched in December given that further development of the site has proved necessary to accommodate all the relevant information from the local care home quality assurance scheme.

Work is also ongoing to establish a community based support brokerage scheme in partnership with a wide range of community providers as part of the personalisation agenda, focussing on the capacity and capability within the third sector to access informal support and universally available services.

DAY SERVICE REVIEW

The day service review is now in its final stages and will report to the Executive Member for adult social care in the coming weeks. Extensive consultation has taken place with existing service users and carers as well as people who do not currently use adult social care. Whilst many existing users are satisfied with their current service, others would like the greater choice, control and independence offered through having a personal budget and being able to use funds to achieve more flexible and individually tailored care packages. We are continuing to work with the health scrutiny sub-group, who will make pre-decision comments into the final report.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTED TENANCY – HASLINGDEN ROAD

The decommissioning of the Haslingden Road mental health supported tenancy service was approved on 22 October 2010. The service currently houses 3 tenants, who will be offered a choice of alternative accommodation, such as extra care housing, supported tenancies or personalised budgets.

Employees working at the service will transfer to the Community Restart team in Community Mental Health Services. Resettlement funding can be used to support the ongoing service commissioned through NHS Blackburn with Darwen Care Trust Plus.

The supported tenancy service at Haslingden Road has become out dated by modern mental health practice standards. The building is no longer well suited to the purpose due to its layout and shared facilities.

Our HR department will provide support to ensure our employees are redeployed in line with Council policy, and we will work closely with our employees and their unions to ensure a safe and secure transfer of service.