



Funding supported housing after the Comprehensive Spending Review

Tuesday 23rd November 2010 | 9.30am - 3.30pm
Sandwell Council House, Oldbury, West Midlands, B69 3DE

See location at: www.wmsupportedhousingnetwork.org.uk

Programme

09.30 Registration and refreshments

10.00 Welcome and introduction to the day

Dr Guy Daly, Associate Dean, Coventry University and Chair of West Midlands Supported Housing Network

10.10 Welcome to Sandwell

Cllr Simon Hackett, Cabinet Member for Housing, Sandwell Council

10.20 Social care and health after the Spending Review

Jeremy Porteus, National Programme Lead for Housing, Department of Health

10.50 Q & A session

11.05 NHF/Sitra briefing on what's happening in the region and beyond

11.20 Tea & coffee break

11.35 New options for funding after the Spending Review

Andrew Fellowes, ACEVO North (invited)

11.55 Funding from housing benefit after the Spending Review

Danny Key, Support Solutions

12.15 Q & A session

12.30 Capita Support software

Kathryn Lukehurst, Capita Software Services

12.45 Announcements by network chair: Introduction to afternoon network meetings

13.00 Lunch with networking (lunch is provided)

13.45 Individual network meetings:

- West Midlands Supporting People Chairs meeting
- West Midlands Voluntary and Community Sector Housing Network (until 16.15)
- West Midlands NHF Care and Support group
- West Midlands Foyer Federation

15.30 Close

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THE SUB GROUPS OF THE SUPPORTED HOUSING NETWORK

West Midlands Foyer Federation network: Regional forum facilitated by the Foyer Federation (Foyers 'trade body'). Members are WM foyers managers/staff. They discuss supported housing business but also wider issues relating to foyers (i.e training, skills, employment and training issues etc)

Purpose of group:

- To bring together staff from Foyers and potential Foyers within the West Midlands to share common concerns, good practice, discuss relevant issues and hear presentations from keynote speakers.
- Look at regional and National issues, and changes and investigate the impact on Foyers
- Make co-ordinated comments on national documents
- Assess the needs of Foyers within the region and communicate these with the Head Office of the Foyer Federation.
- To encourage a network of support for Foyer staff

West Midlands Voluntary and Community Sector Housing Network: Representing small rural and BME groups in the WM. Currently contracts with a consultant who works on behalf on the network to work with members to feed into regional and national consultation documents that members would not have the capacity to engage with otherwise. Have a seat at the Supporting People Regional Information Group.

Purpose of group:

- The voluntary and community sector's level of influence on West Midlands regional and sub-regional policies and strategies is increased
- The sector's capacity to engage with the West Midlands policy agenda, along with individual members knowledge and skills is increased
- The Network's ability to engage with and support hard to reach groups is improved
- Good practice is disseminated and shared
- The Network is sustainable and is able to secure long-term funding

West Midlands Care and Support group: Members are RSL's in the region involved in care and support. Strong focus on care elements of housing as well as supported housing issues.

Purpose of group:

- To bring together NHF members providing care & support and other providers of Supporting People funded services in the West Midlands region to share good practice, discuss relevant issues and hear presentations from keynote speakers.
- To provide a platform for consultation and liaison between care & support providers as an "interest group" and other interested organisations and bodies (eg WM RIG, Housing Corp, Regional Housing Board, NHF, HACT, SITRA etc) and also between care & support providers themselves.
- To identify and promote best practice and continuous improvement in the development and efficient management of care & support and supported housing in the region
- To lobby on behalf of NHF members providing care & support and other providers of Supporting People funded services in the West Midlands and seek to influence policy on care & support matters with the NHF and the Homes and Communities Agency.

West Midlands Supporting People Chairs network: Chairs from each of the Supporting People provider forums go to this meeting. Have a seat at the Supporting People Regional Information Group.

Purpose of group:

- Share common issues and good practice regarding supporting people.
- Provide advice to other Chairs. Act as a lobbying group
- Work with agencies such as NHF and Sitra and CLG West Midlands Advisor.
- Make co-ordinated comments on national documents
- Look at regional and National issues, and changes and investigate impact on providers of SP services
- Improve working relationship with Regional Implementation Group (made up of SP Lead Officers)
- Share good practice amongst Lead officers
- Improve regional working and try to get some similar systems between SP teams.

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