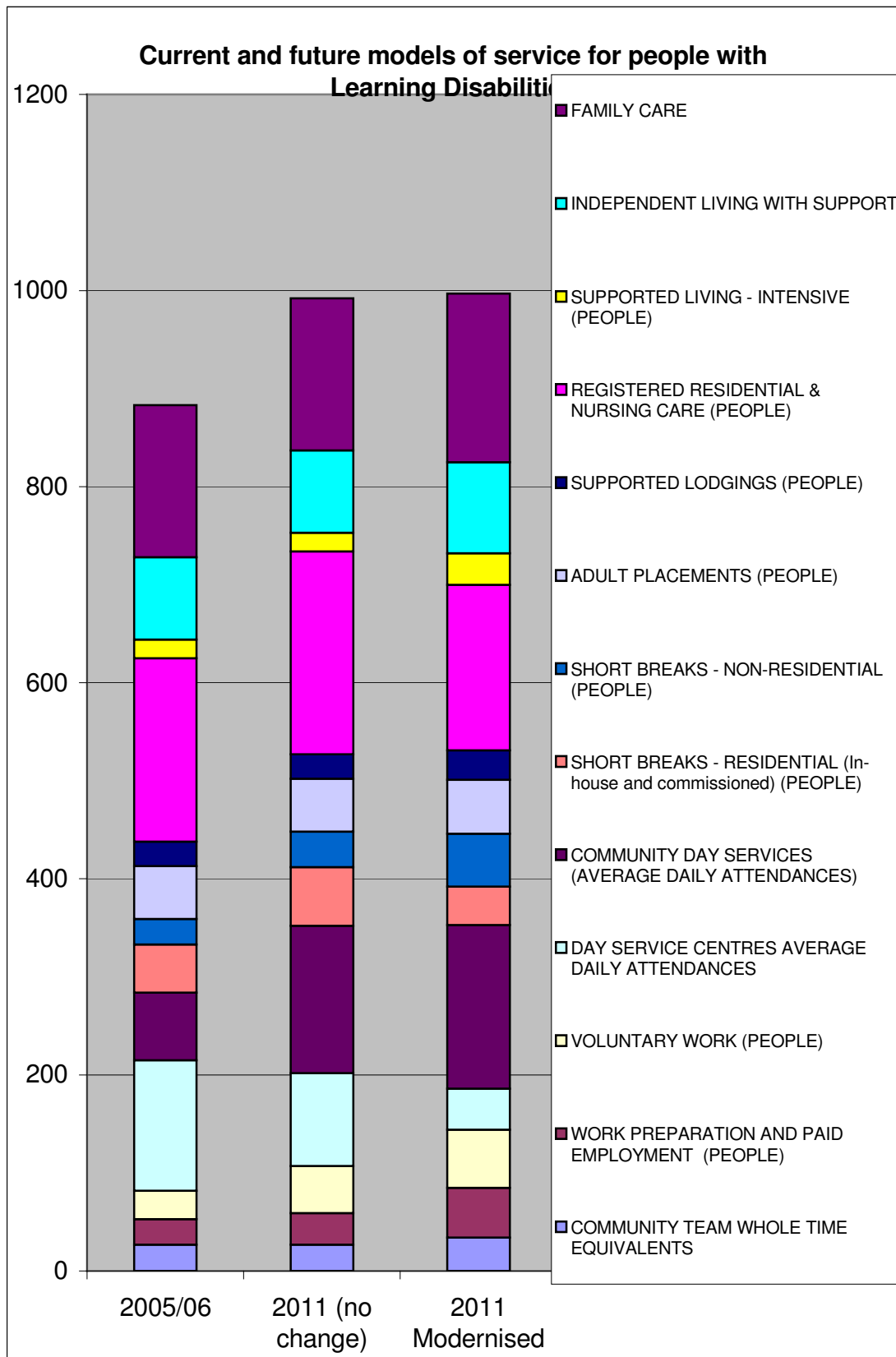


Adults with learning disabilities: proposed high-performing services



Overview

The analysis of future needs in Appendix 5 (and summarised in paragraph 3.2 of the main report) was based on clients currently known to the service, and the cohorts of school leavers from the 2 special schools in Herefordshire. As such, it does not attempt to factor in potential but unknowable demands, which might not materialise (these are summarised in the last bullet point of 3.2 of the main report). For example, some people who do not meet the present eligibility criteria for services may become eligible at a future date as they become older and more dependent.

On this basis, there are expected to be 600 service users in 2011, compared with the 531 currently (an increase of almost 13%).

Breakdown of service levels for proposed higher performing services.

Work preparation and paid employment

It is expected that the current number of clients (26) will almost double to 51 by 2011 through a combination of initiatives. For example, support for new social businesses (Widemarsh Centre is expected to convert to this) and the establishment of self employment business support models will open up employment options.

Voluntary work

The increased use of supported social business (see above) is expected to generate a greater number of opportunities for both paid and voluntary work. It is planned that opportunities will grow at a rate of 6 per year from the current figure of 29 to 59 by 2011.

Day service centres (average daily attendance)

It is expected that the number of centre-based day opportunities will reduce from the present average daily attendance of 133 to 42 by 2011, as people transfer to community or employment options. The development of social businesses, joint initiatives with Children's Directorate to provide children's centres and moves to smaller buildings will facilitate this change. These reductions will be offset by an influx of school and college leavers with higher care needs, who will require some Day Centre provision

Community day services (average daily attendance)

It is expected that the daily average attendances in community-based day services will rise substantially from 69 in 2005/06 to 167 in 2011, as clients move out from day centres (see above) and some school and college leavers enter the service. The overall level of college provision will probably remain unchanged as LSC policy changes imply that an increase in younger people joining courses will be offset by a reduction places for older students. For voluntary and private providers, no additional Council spending is envisaged but it is anticipated that costs of developments such as new social firms and joint initiatives will be met by sourcing external funding.

Short breaks – residential (In-house and commissioned)

This service is expected to reduce from 49 in 2005/06 to 39 in 2011. Although there will be an increase in respite demand from the families of current clients who will age over the next five years, programmes such as IN CONTROL and the changing expectations of younger carers is expected to lead to reductions in use of buildings-based (residential) respite.

Short breaks – non residential

The use of this service is expected to more than double from 26 in 2005/06 to 54 in 2011. This will be a result of existing users moving from residential to non-residential services (see above) and new (younger) users opting for non-residential services. The IN CONTROL programme will enable more individually tailored arrangements.

Adult placements & supported lodgings

These programmes are expected to remain fairly static with a marginal rise in supported lodgings from 25 in 2005/06 to 30 in 2011.

Independent living

The number of people supported to live in their own homes will rise from 103 in 2005/06 to 125 in 2011, including those needing Intensive Supported Living. This reflects consumer choice and national policy moves towards maximum independence for clients.

Registered residential and nursing care

Herefordshire currently has a very high level of residential care. This is expected to fall from the current figure of 187 to 169 as independent living options and family care develop.

Family care

The above developments in community support and respite care are designed to support families to care for their sons and daughters longer. The number is expected to rise from 155 in 2006 to 172 in 2011.