

SCRUTINY SCOPING

Housing and Support

for People who Experience Mental Health Problems

Terms of Reference

To review accommodation, housing and housing-related support needs of people who experience severe and enduring mental health problems.

To establish current provision for this group and any gaps or blockages that exist.

Engagement/ Investigation Proposals

Proposal 1

Visit to Stonebow including Presentation and Discussion

Visit of Stonebow Unit, Hereford, followed by presentation and discussion with Mark Hemming (Service Manager – Mental Health) and Rob Cunningham (Operational Manager – Mental Health).

- What do Mental Health Services provide?
- Who are services provided to?
- What gaps, if any, exist?
- What are the service pressures relating to accommodation and social housing?
- Exploration of pathway from intervention to recovery or supported independence
- Alternatives to hospital admission

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Discussion to follow presentation.

Venue: Thursday 4 November 2004, 2.00 p.m. at Stonebow Unit

Proposal 2

Exploring the User Perspective

Facilitated and Chaired by Euan McPherson (Patient Advisory and Liaison Service (PALS))
Focus group event to explore the user perspective on Mental Health and Housing involving assistance from Herefordshire User Group (Phillip Pankhurst to be link).

Questions and responses about:-

- Services and experiences of accessing e.g. social housing or supported housing
- Housing Needs / housing preferences of service users
- How a Mental Health Housing Plan could assess and address user perspectives

Results could be fed into Mental Health Housing Plan development – needs assessment.

Venue: Friday 17 December 2004, 10.00 a.m. at Moor House

Proposal 3**Exploring the Provider Perspective**

Presentation by Andrew Strong (General Manager MIND) on Supported Housing Schemes and Community Support Services.

Venue: Friday 17 December 2004, 11.30 a.m. at Moor House

Proposal 4**Developing supported housing and housing related support services**

Presentation by Ian Gardner (Supporting People Team). Supporting People Programme contribution to the provision of Supported Housing Schemes and Housing Related Support Services for people who experience mental health problems.

Presentation by Denise Shuker (Director, St John Kemble (Hereford) Housing Association). The landlords role and perspective in developing and managing supported accommodation – illustrating development of e.g. Etnam Street (6 units of high quality transitional supported housing) followed by:-

Presentation by Jane Thomas (Enabling Manager). Herefordshire Council's Enabling Team's role in developing Capital schemes

Presentation by Richard Gabb (Head of Strategic Housing), Jamie Burns (Homepoint Manager). The role of Strategic Housing and Homepoint.

Venue: Friday 3 December 2.00 – 5.00 p.m. Room 1 Garrick House