

JOINT PHYSICAL DISABILITY STRATEGY

To: Bucks Partnership Forum

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A PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the Partnership Forum on the progress towards the development of a Joint Physical Disability Strategy for Buckinghamshire.

B PROPOSED ACTION

The Partnership Forum is invited to NOTE the report.

C RESOURCES APPRAISAL

1. The main resources needed are in relation to facilitating user and carer participation. This is likely to be for transport costs and/or personal assistance to enable the user or the carer to attend meetings.
2. There are also still difficulties with finding accessible venues for meetings. Whilst every effort will be made to use "no cost" venues, it may occasionally be necessary to hire a venue.

D SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3. The locality forums together with People's Voices and Bucks Empowerment Forum worked with service users to produce value statements, reasons why a strategy is needed and a framework for independent living. They also suggested what the content of the strategy might be.
4. This framework was used to plan a workshop programme, which could build on this excellent foundation. A copy of the programme is attached in Appendix 1.
5. The workshop was held on November 7th at the Multi-cultural centre in Aylesbury. A total of 34 people participated including service users. A wide range of agencies, statutory and voluntary, was represented. Apologies were received from a further 20 people. Most of these have asked to be kept informed and have indicated their willingness to participate in the development of the strategy. The list of agencies represented is attached in Appendix 2.
6. The main aims of the workshop were:
 - To identify key issues for designing, developing and buying services.
 - To develop an action plan to achieve this

7. These aims were achieved with several clear common themes emerging from the group discussions. Each workshop group focussed on a specific topic. Main issues were identified and prioritised, objectives were set together with an action plan for achieving them.
8. Overall feedback received indicates that this was a positive and productive day. A clear plan for jointly developing, completing and implementing this strategy has been agreed.
9. Each topic group has agreed to continue to meet to develop and complete objectives and action plans.
10. Each topic group has also nominated a representative to join the Physical Disability Strategy Development group. The first meeting of this group has been arranged for December 13th. An overall work programme with timescales will be produced.

E BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Summaries from the Locality Forum Workshops

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