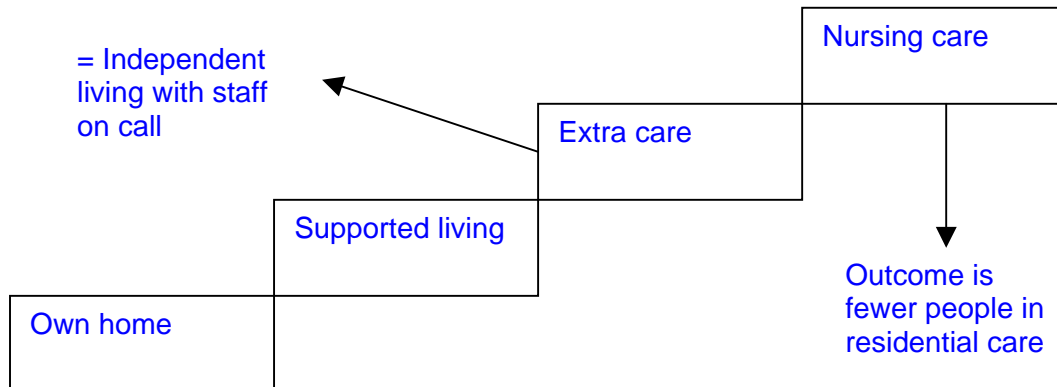


Adult Services OSC

Notes of an informal meeting on 27.6.05 between Mike Colston and Trevor Boyd for the Adult Social Care portfolio and Bruce Allen and Roger Edwards for the Adult Services OSC

Main challenges for the portfolio

The stairway of care (below) shows how care levels escalate. The aim is to keep people on the lower steps of the stairway for as long as possible



- Growth in demand for services brought about by increasing numbers of people aged over 65
- Preparing and implementing the action plan following the OP inspection. Will require joint planning with the NHS, District Councils and Voluntary Organizations
- Supporting People inspection
- NSF for Long-term conditions
- The Choice agenda (see below)
- Provision of integrated services with the NHS, DCs and the Vol Orgs through use of the Health Act flexibilities (not sure what that means and did not have time to ask)
- Re-alignment of building based services through refurbishment, rebuilding and reprovisioning of Fremantle. Includes accommodation for older people, LD and MH
- Day services modernisation including increased levels of supported employment (this is an aim of the CM)
- Care services efficiency review (Gershon) – Trevor is not sure when this will happen
- Pace and complexity of change and how to prioritise capacity to meet the changes

Drivers for change

- ASC Green Paper } CHOICE
- Community Care Act }
- Carer Act }
- NSF for Older People }
- Valuing people }
- Direct Payments }

- Community based services
- Supporting people to live independently and safely at home

- Working with partners and stakeholders to identify possible clients who are not accessing services

Possible areas for OSC investigation

- How can access to services be improved for older people from a black or ethnic minority background?
- Older People's Action Plan (TB suggested that possibly Adult Services OSC should examine the CC aspect and Public Health the NHS parts – I am not sure about that but we need to see the Action Plan first)
- Self-assessment
- Supporting people
- Single assessment with health and how the NHS can be encouraged to become more involved with this