

# Changing residential care in Hampshire

Jess Hutchinson- Assistant Director  
Hampshire Adult Services

# Why do we need to change services?

- Like most local authorities across the country, Hampshire County Council has to save money at the same time as more people needing services
- Adult Services needs to achieve savings of **43 million pounds by 2017-18** and more savings after that

# Future changes

- We want to limit the affect of changes on people and improve outcomes as well as save money
- We want to keep services safe
- We want look at what people can do for themselves and help them to learn new skills
- We want to continue to meet the Learning Disability plans promises

# Residential care- high level data

- HCC support approximately 855 people with learning disabilities in residential and nursing care
- We spend £53m on residential care
- There are approximately 75 providers, 220 homes and 1800 beds registered to support people with Learning Disabilities in Hampshire
- HCC purchase less than half of these

# Residential care- current state

- Hampshire is an outlier in residential care for people with learning disabilities
- Care management approach will be changing
- Under- provision is happening, wasting our precious resource and sometimes unsafe
- Generally speaking people have less rights and poorer outcomes due to the model of care- please don't take this personally!!

# Residential care versus supported living

- Own home or tenancy. Security of tenure. **Licence agreement with no security of tenure.**
- As a tenant or homeowner the person has a right to choose who provides their support and can change support arrangements without moving home or move home without changing support arrangements. **Support is provided as part of a package with housing and either element cannot be changed without impacting on the other.**

# Residential care versus supported living

- As a tenant or homeowner the person has a right to choose who they live with if anyone. **Good practice in residential care dictates that housemates should be well matched as much as possible but in practice many people live with people they do not choose to live with.**
- Tenants and homeowners have rights to full welfare benefits including housing benefit, income support and disability living allowance.
- **People in residential care have rights to limited amounts of welfare benefits and most people access a residential care allowance of approximately £20 per week to purchase personal belongings, clothes and holidays.**

# Destroying the myths

“Supported living is not a prescriptive model of service design and can look very different for different people. For one person it may be a few hours support a week to live alone in a rented flat, for another it may be round the clock support to live in a home they own, and for others it may be a shared house with friends and support to meet individual needs. The key to whether it is supported living or not is how much choice and control the person has over their home and life rather than what the service looks like.”





# Destroying the myths

We must always start with the assumption of capacity. Most people understand the basics of a tenancy agreement which come down to having to pay money and look after your home in return for being able to live there in peace and enjoyment. There is no need to have an in depth understanding of tenancy law to have a tenancy as indeed is the case for most of the population.



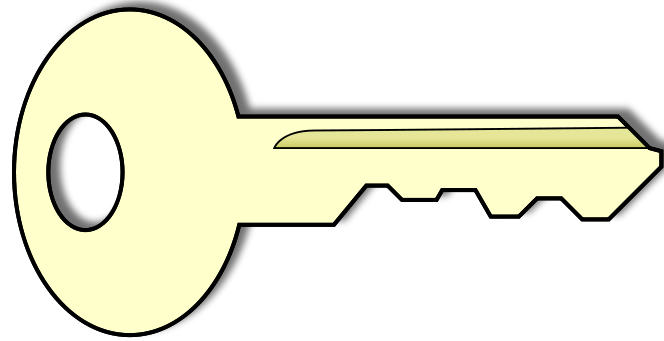
# Destroying the myths

Any decision must be taken in the person's best interest. It would be difficult to argue that a person with a learning disability should have to accept a housing arrangement such as residential care just because they lack mental capacity, when in residential care the person would not enjoy the rights and benefits of having their own home.



# The options that should and will be on offer

- Shared supported housing
- Shared Lives
- Extra Care schemes
- Community Living Networks
- Low cost home ownership
- Home ownership
- Public sector rented properties
- Private sector rented properties
- Family investment and trust funds to set up a range of housing models



# New opportunities

- Clear need to reduce expenditure
- Clear long term vision
- Ever increasing numbers of people with complex needs will need accom and support
- We are still interested in working collaboratively with you to transform what you offer