

Conference agenda: Thursday 19 November 2015

9.00	Registration
10.00	Opening Session - Rising to the Challenge Gary Bourlet / People First England - @BourletGaryPFE Ian Birrell / Independent Journalist - @ianbirrell
10.15	The Challenge Session Alicia Wood, H&SA - @AliciaWood_HSA Siraaj Nadat, Changing Our Lives - @Siraaj_Nadat Dr Sara Ryan, University of Oxford - @sarasiobhan Laura Broughton, Paradigm Sally Warren, Paradigm - @SallyAWarren Neil Crowther, Independent Consultant - @neilmcrowther
10.55	Providers & Commissioners Rising to the Challenge Tom Noon, Cordis Bright - @Cordisbright
11.15	Tea & coffee break
11.40	Rights are more important now than ever Steve Broach, Monkton Chambers - @stevebroach
11.55	Can we afford for people with learning disabilities to live independently Professor Chris Hatton, Lancaster University - @chrishattoncedr
12.00	Question Time Chair: Ian Birrell - @ianbirrell Chris Hatton / Lancaster University - @chrishattoncedr Laura Broughton / Paradigm Steve Broach / Monkton Chambers - @stevebroach Sara Ryan / University of Oxford - @sarasiobhan Tom Noon / Cordis Bright - @Cordisbright

1.00	Lunch (1-2pm)
TIME	SESSION TITLE
2.00	Parallel Seminars
	WS1: Using the Care Act to make Independent Living a Reality
	WS2: Flexible & Outcome Based Commissioning
	WS3: Social Investment and Independent Living
	WS4: Housing Brokerage
	WS5: Good stuff that doesn't cost a lot
	WS6: Driving Up Quality
	WS7: Legal advice – book time with a solicitor
3.00	Parallel Seminars (repeated as above)
4.10	Conference wrap up Alicia Wood, CEO H&SA - @AliciaWood_HSA Gary Bourlet, People First England - @BourletGaryPFE
4.15	Conference film Tim Keilty, New Prospects - @timjkeilty
4.30	End of conference

Parallel Seminars: (2.00 REPEATED AT 3.00)

WS1: Using the Care Act to make Independent Living a Reality

STEVE BROACH - @stevebroach
RHIANON GALE - @reeanon

The Care Act 2014 can be used to reinforce disabled people's rights to independent living. However at the same time the closure of the Independent Living Fund and reductions in funding for local authorities is severely threatening this right in practice. This seminar outlines the way the Care Act can be used alongside key human rights principles to ensure disabled people have choice and control over where they live.

WS2: Flexible & Outcome Based Commissioning

FRED GRAND - @DurhamCouncil
STEVE BARNARD - @DurhamCouncil

This seminar will present a theoretical overview alongside practice-based examples,

following an introductory overview to Outcome Based Commissioning. The session will address some of the challenges and culture changes this brings for commissioners. Included will be an operational view from a provider on how this works in practice.

WS3: Social Investment and Independent Living

STEVE HARRIS - @H_S_Alliance
MARK MCGOOGAN - @H_S_Alliance

This seminar will examine what social investing, and its very wide spectrum of risks and returns, actually means. The session will examine the implications for organisations that are thinking of pursuing social investment and the steps they might need to take.

WS4: Housing Brokerage

DIANE YOUNG - @dimensionsuk
BEN HARRISON - @unitedresponse

This seminar will focus on Housing Brokerage, a term which encompasses a range of

activities and has the aim of enabling people with disabilities (including people with more complex needs) and their families to understand the range of housing options available to them, and then secure the housing solution that meets their needs.

WS5: Good stuff that doesn't cost a lot

ANGELA CATLEY - @CommCats

The workshop will take the form of an accessible and engaging presentation with the aim of sharing stories about good stuff that doesn't cost much. Providers will share details of the imaginative things they are doing to support people to get the help they need to live the life they want to live.

WS6: Driving Up Quality

SARAH MAGUIRE - @SarahMaguire30
PETER KINSEY - @peterkinseycmg

Driving Up Quality is now just over 2 years old, with around 200 organisations and

local authorities signed up. This workshop is an opportunity to hear more about the different ways organisations have approached their self-assessments, and the improvements the process has made. It is an opportunity to listen, learn and share stories of what makes good support.

WS7: Legal advice – book time with a solicitor

ANTHONY COLLINS - @ACSLLP
TROWERS & HAMLINS LLP - @Trowers

Do you have some niggling legal questions you need answering? H&SA members, Anthony Collins and Trowers & Hamblins solicitors will be available throughout the day to provide free legal advice. They will be available to book a session with at the registration desk.

More information

For presentations from the sessions please visit the H&SA website after the conference.