

SUPPORTING PEOPLE PLANNING GROUP MEETING

WEDNESDAY 30TH MARCH 2011

Attendees

Pam Toms - Strategy and Supporting People Manager VOGC
Donna Clitheroe – Supporting People Contract Office, VOGC
Bruce Diggins – The Wallich
Lee Powell – The Wallich, Croes Ffin
Sean Maidment – Substance Misuse Co-ordinator, VOGC
Matthew Davies – Safer Vale Partnership
Gary Brown – Llamau
Anthony Hearn – Llamau
Ian Jones – Homeless Prevention Officer

Apologies

Lisa Doe – Housing and Homelessness Advice Manager, VOGC
Mark Davies – Children & Young People Partnership, VOGC
Erica Reed – Gwalia Care & Support
Sharon Topazio – Communities First Co-Ordinator
Paul Baker – Gwalia Care & Support
Joe Payne – Llamau
Anna McVicker – Shelter Cymru
Paul Sussex – Cardiff & Vale UHB
Caroline Ryan-Phillips – Drug & Alcohol Team

Introduction

PT explained how Supporting People has an annual planning process to determine the local future service priorities for housing related support. The results are published in the Supporting People Operational Plan that must be submitted to WAG by 30th September each year. This involves collecting relevant information on current services and needs of clients. The Planning Group Core Members will then assess and measure the gaps in provision in order to prioritise new projects for future development.

Therefore, PT requested that any evidence or data showing unmet need and services required must be provided by 16th June 2011 to Pam Toms ptoms@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk for it to be submitted as part of the SPOP process.

Individual Needs Assessment Monitoring (INAM)

- PT explained to the group that the INAM captures information on clients needs, including age, if disabled etc. This information is also broken down into Wards.
- PT commented that there are huge gaps in the needs data as much of the Statutory Sector and some Voluntary Sector Services are not providing relevant information to show specific issues and where Services are needed from their own data collection processes or completing individual needs assessment forms. This information is required to develop new services and to assess if existing services are strategically relevant.

People With Drug /Alcohol Dependency

- PT provided handouts showing the current supply and needs information. This information has been collected over an eight year period.
- Since Last year (2010/11) there has been 327 INAM's completed and 52 has said their lead issue is drug dependency and 73 has said their lead issue is alcohol dependency. There are currently 34 bed spaces. The current total shows a lead issue of 52 for drug dependency and 73 for alcohol dependency, totalling 125. The data shows a difference between 09/10 and 10/11 for drug dependency is 1 and alcohol dependency is 5.
- PT enquired with the group if other information is collected within organisations.
- Anthony Hearn asked if 09/10 is cumulative – PT informed the group that the INAM information has been collected since 2003. Some clients have dual diagnosis.
- PT enquired with Matt Davies what data the CAU collects. Matt advised that the data is cumulative since 2006/07.
- Sean Maidment advised that they do not always receive the information.
- Bruce Diggins advised the group that The Wallich has commissioned Tamsin Stirling to complete a report and there will be information on alcohol related issues available.
- Anthony Hearne advised that some of the Llamau staff work for the youth service and he will check if they are able to provide any information on this issue these issues.
- Ian Jones suggested contacting Shelter Cymru for data. PT advised Shelter Cymru are invited to attend the SPPG Meetings. Anna from Shelter Cymru has sent her apologies and requested the minutes.
- **Action: Anna McVickers to provide any data available.**

Young Single People who require support

- PT advised that there are currently 322 clients with young and vulnerable as their lead issue. Llamau's Safehouse provides 6 bed spaces. Ty John Rowley provides 5 bed spaces plus 1 emergency

room (total 6). TESS/Independence Scheme and Llamau's Tom Holmes Project provide 33 floating support units.

- PT informed the group that Llamau complete homeless applications for 16/17 year olds who present to them. She commented that peoples pathways need to be looked at, such as why tenancies fail, what could have been done to prevent this etc.
- AA confirmed Llamau collect various data and produce sustainability reports ever six, twelve, eighteen months. There is Data available.
- **Action: AA to provide data.**
- PT enquired with Lee Powell (Croes Ffin) about data collected by The Wallich.
- LP advised clients may be accessing other services outside the Vale. BD informed the group that a Unified Assessment Centre will be up and running in about eighteen months.
- **Action: LP to check different Projects and access any data available.**

Single Homeless People who require support

- PT explained that Homelessness shows as the lead issue for over 2222 clients. However, many clients will also have other issues but these will only be included in the low/moderate/high need as most people who require accommodation will put homelessness as their lead issue.
- Ian Jones commented that the information doesn't capture those who have had tenancies fail etc. PT enquired if this data is collected by homeless. IJ explained it is only collected in their decision process.
- **Action: IJ to provide data.**
- AH will check with Llamau's Jigso Project as there may be information collected.

Ex- Offenders

- PT advised that there are currently 55 clients showing Criminal Justice as the lead issue. There are 13 bed spaces provided by Gwalia Care and Support and 1 unit provided by TESS floating support, making a total of 14 units. 2009/10 there were 51 clients showing Criminal Justice as the lead issue, making a difference of 4.
- MD informed the group that following an Audit of the PO on Prison leavers, many do not present as homeless as they do not wish to go into bed and breakfast. Many sofa surf at family/friends homes. The results of the audit showed there is a lack of Supported Housing. PT enquired if a service for ex-offenders was developed, how can we be sure they will move in?
- MD commented that the outcome of the report showed there are those who do not wish to change and others who want to change their lifestyle. There is a Task and Finish Group looking at funding available for these services.
- MD to contact Probation Service for Data on all prison leavers.

Pam Toms recapped on what information/data was to be provided and if any members of the group are unsure of the requirements to contact PT. PT also suggested that those at the meeting pass on/request information from others working in the field but who were not present at the meeting. PT advised the group that the 2011/12 budget has not been confirmed. The Assembly are looking at redistributing Supporting People Funding. More information is needed to justify those services needed in the future.

**DEADLINE FOR INFORMATION AND DATA TO SUPPORTING
PEOPLE TEAM BY 10th JUNE 2011.**