

Local Strategic Engagement Project

Tools and Resources

Name of Tool or Resource: provider letter to LSP demonstrating the value and contribution of housing related support to the LSP

Name and region of local authority/organisation that developed this tool or resource:
HLG (Nottingham Hostels Liaison Group), East Midlands

Purpose and brief description of resource: a letter that providers can complete and send to the LSP to help demonstrate the contribution housing related support services can make to LSPs.

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Dear

Re: Contribution of the Supporting People Provider Sector to the work of (name of your LSP)

I am writing on behalf of the (name of your Authority) Supporting People Provider Forum to introduce the Forum and highlight the positive contribution that Supporting People funded services make to health and wellbeing of citizens in (name of your authority)

Since 2003, the Supporting People Programme has funded housing related support for vulnerable people in services ranging from emergency accommodation for homeless people to long term support for people with disabilities and sheltered housing for older people. In (name of your Authority), the annual budget for Supporting People funded services is (amount in budget), providing services to (number of people) people. Housing related support services commissioned by (name of your authority) are provided through a wide range of accredited providers including many from the Third Sector such as voluntary and community organisations, registered social landlords, social enterprises as well as private sector organisations. Providers of SP services regularly come together with the Supporting People Team at the provider forum to discuss common issues and develop shared solutions.

We believe that the inclusion of the Supporting People Grant in the Area Based Grant from April 2010 presents great opportunities. Housing related support will remain a key element to the successful resettlement of vulnerable people into local communities, enabling many to remain in communities where they have lived for many years. The many successes of the Supporting People programme continue to be demonstrated through individual case studies and are captured in the outcomes information that is being collected both locally and nationally. Attached is a table showing the contribution that housing related support makes to the National Indicator set, which shows that as well as the direct contribution to NIs 141 and 142, housing related support can be a key factor in achieving many other targets relating to Health and Wellbeing, Children and Families, Community Safety and Employment .

The Supporting People programme was built on the principle of partnership between the statutory sector and providers. Providers have a good track record of working with Local Authorities, Probation and Health to develop strategies and action plans, Whilst the SP governance arrangements are in transition, we believe that the Supporting People provider sector will continue to have a significant role to play in developing future plans for vulnerable people in (name of Authority).

The Supporting People programme has done much to develop a strong and robust provider sector which can help to support the development of a Thriving Third Sector (NI7) in (your authority name). There are well established and experienced providers in your area, who make a significant contribution to helping to deliver the LAA and the Sustainable Communities Strategy.

To support providers through this transition we plan to deliver a presentation on the LSP structure at our next Forum meeting (give date). We want to help providers understand the new governance arrangements and structures that they need to engage with. We will be encouraging providers to get to know the Third Sector representatives on the LSP and to become more involved in the relevant parts of the partnership.

I will be contacting you in the next few days to see if there is someone from the (name of partnership) team who would be able to join us to give the (name of your authority) provider forum an update on the work of the partnership, or provide us with some information that we can distribute to providers. In return we welcome opportunities to be invited to attend (name of your partnership) meetings or forums to explain further the contribution housing related support makes to the delivery of local plans and targets in (name of your area)

I look forward to talking to you soon. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any more information (contact details)

Yours sincerely

Chair
(name of Authority) Supporting People Provider Forum