



East Sussex Supporting People

The move forward: the Supporting People partnership needs your views: Proposed housing support services for older people

What we aim to do

Our vision statement

“The Supporting People programme aims to increase the opportunities and improve upon the life chances of vulnerable people in East Sussex by offering them accessible, high quality and affordable housing-related support services that promote independence, prevent crisis and complement existing and new housing, health and social care services.”

The Supporting People programme aims to:

- help prevent a wide range of crisis situations (such as homelessness or having to go into residential care) for vulnerable people;
- make sure that housing-related support services help you to live as independently as possible;
- promote equality and include everyone in society;
- promote being safe in the community;
- support vulnerable people to get a new home and become part of the community;
- make sure that housing-related support services are available to people who need them, whatever their housing situation;
- only plan and buy services that will help to deliver the aims of the five-year Supporting People Strategy; and
- make sure that everyone is able to use the services funded from Supporting People.

Services

We have developed new ideas about how Supporting People services should work. We will consider the following when introducing and developing services.

- Services should be as flexible as possible so that they can support people in any housing situation.
- Services should be available across all of East Sussex.
- We should only provide 'specialised' services when a more general support service is not appropriate.
- We should assess everyone's housing-related support needs.
- Services should offer support in a range of situations including:
 - helping someone to stay in their own home by providing support services there so they don't need to move to special accommodation;
 - helping people who need a specialist accommodation-based service, for as long as they need (these are housing-related support services that are linked to specific housing or accommodation); and
 - when people move on from accommodation-based supported housing.
- Some accommodation-based services need to have flexible access arrangements, for example, for women at risk of domestic violence.
- Services should focus on preventing crisis situations and promoting people's independence, in particular people who use accommodation-based 'specialist' services.

More information

This is taken from the updated Supporting People Five Year Strategy 2005-2010. The main document can be found on our website

www.eastsussex.gov.uk/supportingpeople.