

Dorset Sector Leadership Group



Introduction to the Sector Leadership Group

October 2020

The background and rationale for the Sector Leadership Group

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As you may be aware a Sector Leadership Group was established in Dorset late last year and met for the first time in February 2020. In light of the Covid pandemic this group has been instrumental in representing the challenges faced by local providers and highlighting the

issues experienced within the sector.

The group brings together senior representatives of the adult social care provider sector in the areas covered by Dorset Council and by BCP Council. The group meets periodically with

senior managers from the two councils, the Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and the Dorset Integrated Care System (ICS) and it discusses the big, strategic issues which affect the sector such as workforce, how to work better together and what services people will want in the future.

Who is involved?

The SLG is chaired by Encompass CEO, Viv De La Fuente, and has members from:

- Acorn Luxury Care
- Agincare
- BCP Council
- Dorset Care Homes Association / Harbour House
- Dorset CCG
- Dorset Council
- Dorset Home Care Providers Association/ Right at Home, Bournemouth & Poole
- Dorset Mind
- Encompass
- Good Oaks Home Care
- Integrated Care System
- Prama Foundation
- Tricuro

Partners in Care are providing coordination and administrative support to the SLG whilst also providing a governance structure which is independent from commissioning bodies.

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The aim of the group is to ensure that adult social care providers are represented and can contribute when the big strategic decisions are taken. Its remit is to discuss issues which affect all parts of the adult social care provider sector locally. It does not replace ongoing contractual engagement by the two councils and the CCG with the providers from which they directly commission services.



Collaborative Actions to date

Members of the Sector Leadership Group have been contributing in the following groups in order to represent the sector locally and help to identify practical solutions to urgent issues. This ensures decisions made that impact social care providers assist us all to continue to deliver sustainable quality care within a health and social care system.

- Dorset Workforce Action Board People Plan/ Education & Development and System Leadership / Organizational Development sub-groups
- Dorset Care Homes Association and Dorset Home Care Provider Association including sharing information with local provider members and also representing the provider view within the national Care Association Alliance forum
- Local Resilience Forum Sub Groups including contributions on PPE and Testing
- Development of a PPE collaborative in an attempt to assist local providers
- Lobbying for the production & provision of clear masks to aid understanding and communication
- Presentation to Integrated Care System Senior Leadership Team of key messages from the sector
- Championing the benefits of Asset Based Community Development
- The Dorset Social Care Initiative – a collaborative approach to recruitment and retention of staff
- Contributing as key partners within the Home First Delivery Group
- Strategic commissioning groups regarding falls and also 'Great Partnerships, Building better futures'
- Insurance survey results collated to highlight the issues in this area
- Regional networks such as with Skills for Care, CEO SW and Individual Service Fund networks

What next?

- More communications to follow from the Dorset Care Homes and Dorset Home Care Providers Associations, including a call for more members to strengthen the collective voice locally and closer working
- A directory of national groups for providers to join

How do I feedback to the group?

The Dorset SLG has met a total of five times since its inaugural meeting in February with a further three scheduled to take place by March 2020. If you have any issues you would like to raise with the group we would welcome your contribution as provider feedback is crucial to the design of services which are fit for the future.

Contact Us:

If you have any queries relating to the Dorset Sector Leadership Group please visit our webpage at www.picbdp.co.uk or contact Partners in Care in the first instance via picare@bpc.ac.uk or 01202 205847.