

## **INITIATIVE WILL OFFER CHOICES FOR ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

Adults in Brighton & Hove, East and West Sussex who have with learning disabilities can look forward to more personalised support services following the launch of a new initiative next week.

Brighton - based Grace Eyre already helps around 200 people to make the most of opportunities within the community. The launch of CHOICES during an open day at the charity's headquarters on Tuesday, March 24, will offer an even more flexible range of care and support services.

Grace Eyre Director, Eva Jarvis explains: "CHOICES is an exciting new development that will see our staff work alongside service users to ensure that they receive safe, professional and personalised support at both home and in the community."

"Grace Eyre will become a gateway and first point of call for anyone with learning disabilities and we will work with them, their families, carers, advocates and social workers to create a care and support plan tailored to their individual needs and wishes."

According to Eva this personalised approach will encourage people to gain independence whilst ensuring their rights, privacy and dignity are respected.

"We advocate that service users live as equal citizens, enabling them to live their own chosen lifestyle in a safe and respectful manner," continued Eva.

"Our qualified staff will offer support and assistance across all areas of a person's life. They will also help with budgeting and support at college and work as well as leisure activities."

CHOICES has been made possible by the introduction of individual budgets for people with learning disabilities and will also be open to people with access to different funding arrangements.

The new initiative is registered with the Commission for Social Care Inspection as a domiciliary care scheme and all staff involved in the project will receive induction and specialised training together with regular supervision and appraisals to ensure they provide the highest standards of service.

Said Eva: "We are very excited about the launch of CHOICES which will provide users with a simple, one-stop-shop approach to accessing advice, help and support. If we cannot help directly we can put them in touch with an organisation that can."

"This will help to ensure our service users are able to play a full and active part in the community and, most importantly, they are able to tailor the support they receive to their own individual needs."

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