

NEW INITIATIVE OFFERS CHOICES FOR ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

A new initiative looks set to improve the day-to-day lives of adults in Brighton and Hove and the surrounding East and West Sussex region who live with learning disabilities.

Developed by Brighton-based charity, Grace Eyre, CHOICES will enable people with learning disabilities to receive more flexible support that is tailored to their individual needs and wishes.

Explained Grace Eyre Director, Eva Jarvis : “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.”

“The launch of the new service last week was a huge success and marked a milestone for the charity which already works with around 200 people with learning disabilities.

“As a gateway and first point of call for anyone with learning disabilities and we expect to help a lot more people in future as we continue to work with the person themselves, families, carers, advocates and social workers to create person centred care and support plans.”

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 Care Quality Commission 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.

The official launch of the scheme at the recent open day offered local people the chance to see for themselves the work being done in the community by Grace Eyre.

“Many of our service users were involved on the day, helping to show visitors around as well as demonstrating some of the activities they take part in and the training they receive to help them live as equal citizens,” continued Eva.

“CHOICES will help us to maintain and expand this work and enable service users to gain independence whilst ensuring their rights, privacy and dignity are respected,” she added.

Caption:

- ***Service users at Grace Eyre are pictured completing a ‘dream board questionnaire’ , enabling them to detail what they would want to do.***

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