Agenda

Eligibility Criteria: Exploring Alternatives

Eligibility Criteria is a process of restricting support to people with the highest levels of need because of limited budgets.

Monday 20 June

Session1

10.30am - 12.30pm
Session 2
1.30pm - 3.20pm

Session 1
Chaired by Dr Sally Witcher
OBE, Lived Experience Leader

Welcome and introduction

10.35am
Graham Kilpatrick – Midlothian Council

- Midway approach – trauma informed, outcomes focussed and strength based work.
• Public accountability – managing the public purse

**Accountability** means that there is someone in charge that is held responsible if things go wrong.

• Is this because there aren’t enough resources or is the money being spent wrongly?

10.55am Adam Devanapis – Neath Port Talbot – Wales

• Whole system approach including changing resource allocation panels

**A Resource allocation panel** is a group of professionals that decides
how resources, often finances, are shared between different groups or for different purposes.

- Step through commissioning process

**Commissioning** means planning and deciding what services to provide.

- Social workers can make independent decisions and there are positive impacts on the workforce

11.15am

**Question and Answer Session with speakers**

11.25am **Comfort Break**
11.30am Discussion Groups

12.15pm Key messages

12.30 end of session 1 (lunch time)

Session 2
Chaired by Alison Bavidge, National Director, Scottish Association of Social Workers
1.30pm Lucinda Godfrey and Sarah Boath - Dundee Carers Centre

- The role of the third sector in providing support
The third sector is a range of different organisations with different structures and purposes, belonging neither to the public sector (the state) nor to the private sector (profit-making private enterprise).

- Moving away from eligibility thresholds and reducing how much is spent on wasted administration.
- Autonomy of support workers and co-production of solutions with carers

Autonomy means able to make good decisions without having to ask a manager every time.
• Outcomes for supported people, carers and local authorities/HSCPs
Moving away from traditional model of eligibility thresholds

Personal and financial cost of having a crisis management approach

Crisis management means dealing with problems as they arise rather than planning to stop them from happening.

Benefits and value of earlier intervention
2.10pm Question and Answer Session with speakers

2.35pm Comfort Break

2.30pm Discussion Groups

3.10pm Final messages and next steps

3.30pm Close

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