Adult Social Care is changing ......

What does that mean for Deaf People in Brighton & Hove
What can you expect?

One Single Point of Access

Phone: (01273) 29555
Minicom: (01273) 296388
Fax: (01273) 296372

Email: accesspoint@brighton-hove.gov.uk
Face to Face: City Direct
Services from here include:

- Information/Advice
- Sign-posting:
  - Benefits advice and how to maximise your income
  - Community meals; age concern; Sussex Deaf Assoc; RNID Deaf Blind UK
  - other services including; Housing, Community Specialist Team; Mental Health & Learning Disability Services
Access Point

Provide Simple Services

- Daily living equipment; for people who have problems at home ie bath lifts; grab rails
- Simple equipment ie flashing door bell; specialist equipment for tv etc
- If the Access Point can’t help you and your needs are greater then you will be passed to -
Assessment Teams

The Assessment process hasn’t changed.

You will still require an assessment to see if you have eligible needs under FACS. In the future we are looking at self assessment but for now people will be assessed alongside an assessor funded by Brighton & Hove.
How do I know if I am eligible for services

• What does Eligible mean – that you meet the level of need identified by the Local Authority.

• Only if you have an Eligible Need will you be able to receive financial support to meet that need
• Eligibility is determined on the level of need. In Brighton & Hove if it is a Critical or Substantial Need, you will meet the criteria for support. If it is Moderate Need or Low Need you will be given advice and information unless it is for equipment when you will also be eligible under all criteria.
How do we decide what level your need is?

- We use a Risk Assessment Chart where we look at the **Impact and Likelihood** of that risk happening to you.

- I.e. What Impact would it have

- I.e. What is the likelihood that it would happen.
EXAMPLE

Vulnerable Deaf Adult who has difficulty in understanding everyday living – bills/ actions and consequences etc

Impact
• Open to abuse
• Housing/Health

Likelihood
• Very likely    Substantial.
Some examples

• In Brighton & Hove we currently have 29 cases open to Social Services where the person is registered Deaf. Of these
• 9 Mental Health Services
• 3 Learning Disability Services.
• 17 receive support who just would not be able to cope with daily living and/or who are vulnerable and open to abuse.
If you have eligible needs you will be offered -Self Directed Support -

What this means for Deaf People

• Deaf People will have more Choice and Control over who provides their support

This can be done in 3 ways

• Council managed services where the Council has a contract with the provider ie RNID.

• You are given a Direct Payment (money) and go to any provider you want and pay them direct. You will be supported in this by the Federation for Disabled People.

• You can use the money to hire a Personal Assistant, again, this is supported by the Federation for Disabled People.
Questions you want answered

• In what situation would the ‘Personalisation agenda’ apply to deaf people.

• There is variation from Council to Council on whether Direct Payments apply to people who are assessed as Critical, substantial, moderate or low needs; which level will B&H support the Direct Payment Scheme

• Will the staff appointed for the needs assessment be competent in British Sign Language and knowledgeable of Deaf Issues

• Which agency(s) have you identified as potential service providers? Will they have adequate BSL Skills?

• Will the Sensory Team be assessing care packages and applications for Direct Payments?

• What information have you disseminated on Self Directed Support
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MANY THANKS