



## ## BULLETIN No. 5 ##

# The National Toolkit

for making decisions about purchasing residential care  
and supported living

The National toolkit is being developed by the Regional Centres of Excellence to support local authority commissioners to ensure improved outcomes for service users and the best use of resources.

The toolkit aims to help providers and local authorities by achieving a better understanding of the market for accommodation-based care for adults with a learning disability.

The toolkit will include a version for use by service users and their carers under individualised budgets.

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### **PILOT**

- Follow-up sessions are taking place within each region to collect information on use of the toolkit, issues arising and discuss progress within participating authorities.
- 36 completed residential models, and 25 Supported living models have been returned so far, and analysis of these is beginning.

### **PROJECT BOARD**

- The next meeting of the Project Board will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> December in London.



## **WORKING GROUP**

- Carol Robinson will be retiring as Chair of the working group as she is leaving her role with the SW Centre of Excellence. A new chair will be appointed following discussion by the working group.
- Agenda for the next meeting working group meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December includes a discussion of how to support regional Centres of Excellence in launching the toolkit; reports on progress in piloting authorities; progress on web-enabling the toolkit.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

- A press release has been issued to the media to raise awareness of the toolkit at this piloting stage.
- An article appeared in Laing & Buisson's 'Community Care Market News' issue Nov. 07.
- Community Care magazine will be running an article on the Toolkit, with interviews by Colm O'Flynn of Sutton Local authority, John Adams of Provider group VODG and Project Manager Amanda Lloyd.
- The toolkit was presented at the Local Government Chronicle conference on 27/11 by Amanda Lloyd.
- A further communications push is planned to coincide with the launch of the toolkit in Spring 08.

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