

# Better Housing Innovation....Choice....Partnerships

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## Housing needs analysis (2006)

- Inappropriate use of resources
- 20% people in supported accommodation would benefit from a change in where they live
- There are housing options out there
- People want to plan
- Not planning leads to inappropriate 'placements'
- The Hostel is outdated – it needs to change
- Home ownership is possible

# Housing Options Development Worker

- LDPB Housing Sub group – LDDF funding
- 2007 - 09, extended to 2011
- Working between Adult Services and Housing Strategy Team
- Develop innovative housing solutions and a menu of practical housing and support options
- Improve links and partnership working
- Promote choice, support and advocacy

# Ticking all the boxes!

- LDPB – using LDDF clearly in line with VP priorities
- Adult Services – fit with developing personalisation & Transforming Social Care
- Housing Strategy team – expanding their capacity to include a previously under represented group
- The council priorities e.g PSA 16 settled accommodation, meeting 3 out of 4 Local Area Agreement outcomes



# So what have we done?

- Learning Disability Housing Strategy
- Training
- Advice and Information
- Promoted a range of housing options
- Planning with people

# Our priorities



- Better information
- Expand variety of housing and support options
- More effective use of resources
- Better support and advice

# Action plan for Housing sub group 08-12

- Improve what we know about housing needs

People already supported in their own homes

Increase housing options

Are people over supported?

## • Individual Housing and Support Plans

Who else needs to know what we know?

- Better joint working/ co-ordination

Specific needs  
Inadequate housing

Training &  
awareness raising

# Getting 'best fit' housing solutions

- Working with Housing Associations: registered and unregistered
- Shared ownership with H.O.L.D
- Private sector: relationships  
leasing - Wigan Housing Solutions  
accreditation

# Contextual information

- Local information about housing
- For families, people with Learning Disabilities
- For professionals

# Housing hand in hand with support

- Better use of resources
- Housemates
- Living Support Networks
- Assistive Technology

# Expectations!

- To live alone or not to live alone!! That is the question!!
- The common sense approach
- Anyone for an ordinary life?

# Housing Brokerage

- Support to families.....  
.....by families!
- Shared learning
- Shared experiences
- When it matters

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Any questions?