

Developing Support Brokerage



A project actively assisting Local Authorities and Providers to develop a range of local Support Brokerage opportunities

Introduction

Support Brokerage is the term used to describe a range of support or assistance that people may need when directing their own support. In 2007 Putting People First established Support Brokerage as a key element of infrastructure to enable Personal Budgets and Self Directed Support to work.

Developing Support Brokerage is a comprehensive development project focused on the needs of Local Authorities, partner agencies, people who need support and families. The project will enable a Local Authority to create a range of Support Brokerage options in local communities. It is a cost effective project that will work for all citizens including those people who fund their own support.

This intensive one year project, offering a minimum of 21 days of experienced consultancy support, will build an understanding of local resources currently offering various elements of Support Brokerage and look to develop the skills of local people to offer additional brokerage support. The project will encourage the consideration of all approaches to Support Brokerage ensuring that a comprehensive range of local Support Brokerage is available with one model not dominating local provision.

This project is a must for those Authorities looking to transform social care.

Features

The project provides a comprehensive array of support, including:

- Developing and establishing a brokerage leadership group.
- Mapping and building an understanding of existing local resources.
- Training a core group of local people who can then offer a range of brokerage supports to local people.
- Establishing a local brokerage network and infrastructure to ensure a long term sustainable initiative.
- Support to ensure the brokerage network works for people and their families, and builds on the existing capacity.
- Developing a long term brokerage action plan identifying a clear way forward in the area, shared by key stakeholders.

This is a partnership project combining Paradigms' experience and knowledge from Support Brokerage across the UK and internationally, and the work of local people with an interest in Support Brokerage.

The Developing Support Brokerage Project will help you to:

- Develop a shared understanding of the principles of Support Brokerage and the various elements which make up Support Brokerage.
- Build a clear map of current local provision which provides some elements of Support Brokerage and a clear understanding of what other local resources are needed to create a community brokerage network.
- Have a clear understanding of what Support Brokerage is in practice, and the impact it can have on people's lives, together with its limitations.
- Identify any long term investment required to develop Support Brokerage.
- Maximise local potential and capacity.
- Encourage the development of partnership arrangements with the Local Authority and the local Independent Sector.

Benefits

- You will gain from Paradigms' extensive experience. Paradigm has led the development of Support Brokerage in the UK, including the writing of CSIP's *Good Practice in Brokerage and Support Planning* (2008) and most recently researching *Brokerage for Self Funders* (paper due for publication in summer 2009). We have extensive experience of supporting the development of brokerage and we have worked closely with 'In Control' and a range of leading Local Authorities.
- A project which will, at completion, have supported the development of a plan to develop a range of local Support Brokerage options, informed by a range of citizens, people who use services and local Statutory and Independent Sector staff.
- In summary you will be in a strong position to ensure that local people with Personal Budgets have access to a range of support and advice to maximise the positive impact of their support.



Outline of Programme

Stage	Content	Days
Stage 1 Preparation and development work with the local Support Brokerage leadership group.	Set up steering group Agree local programme Training for the leadership group	5 days (over the course of the project)
Stage 2 Community events (held throughout the project)	Independent sector awareness, consultation and scoping of current resources and identifying what's needed in the future.	4 days
Stage 3 Support Brokerage training programme – working with local people and families.	Participants are invited from across the independent sector to gain the skills and knowledge to offer brokerage support locally and as part of the network.	7 days
Stage 4 Action planning and development of the brokerage network.	Partnership agreement with local authority to develop a clear action plan to establish and develop the brokerage infrastructure.	5 days

Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Stage 1												
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Stage 3												
Stage 4												

Cost

The charge for the one year programme is **£20,000** plus VAT and expenses, representing fantastic value for money.

This includes:

- 21 days direct onsite expert consultancy and support, bespoke designed around your own needs and context.
- A comprehensive range of brokerage training.
- The design and facilitation of local workshops and events.
- The supply of all tools and templates for training in and providing Support Brokerage.
- The development of a long term plan to help ensure that a range of local Support Brokerage is available.

Start Date

Each Local authority can determine its own timetable, whilst at the same time, making the most of opportunities for sharing experiences and collaboration with other Local Authority members.

How to find out more

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About Paradigm

For over 10 years, Paradigm has been supporting statutory agencies, the independent sector, central and international governments, people using services and their families to help create services and systems so that people get the lives they want.

We have been at the forefront of introducing and supporting many of the leading social developments in the UK including: Supported Living, Person Centred Planning, Support Planning, Self Directed and Support Brokerage.

We played an active part in the creation of In Control, have produced a number of publications for the Department of Health including those on Support Brokerage, Self Funders, Autism, Finances, Respite and Person Centred Planning

This project will give you access to our full range of staff and associate consultants.

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