



Personalisation-the implications for deaf children

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What is personalisation ?

- For children and young people
- Person centred planning approaches
- Personalisation within service delivery
- Across education , social care and health

But.....

Often becomes just direct payments and individual budgets as its about money !

This presentation will

- Look at key current initiatives on Individual Budgets
- Discuss some emerging issues
- Look at some thoughts for the future

Taking Control

- Arose out of In Control, but specifically for children
- 35 local authorities engaged
- 220 individual budgets in operation
- Linked to work in BHLP areas , with that 2000 budgets
- First budgets for health coming through

AHDC Short breaks programme

- **900% rise in Individual Budgets for pathfinder authorities**
- **71% rise in Individual Budgets for non pathfinder authorities**
- **“The great majority of LAs provide support services for parents such as**
- **with finances and book-keeping with payroll and inland revenue issues with their employer responsibilities (including safeguarding/CRB)with health and safety aspects in making decisions about care options Many LAs commission local third sector organisations to provide this support” together for disabled children January 2010**

AHDC IB pilots

- Six pilot areas operating since last summer;
- Newcastle
- Gateshead
- Gloucestershire
- Coventry
- Essex
- Derbyshire

Key questions for pilots

- Safeguarding issues
- Which pots of money
- Equity
- Learning and difference from adult approaches
- Outcomes

Findings so far

- Approaches still in early stages of development
- Areas with previous experience of personalisation making fastest progress
- Some extension of funding into health, extended services and transport

Findings so far 2

- Still needing work to engage the widest range of partners
- Support planning / advocacy etc under discussion

Now...

- Thematic reviews established
- Safeguarding and Individual Budgets
- Engaging hard to reach families
- Resource allocation, different models
- Service planning and brokerage

Future?

- All major parties committed to increasing speed and range of personalisation approaches
- Early days for children but likely to be rolled out very quickly

Issues for deaf children

- Access – eligibility criteria and access routes do not change
- Availability of appropriate support ... building the marketplace
- The impact on current organisations , supports and structures

What is CDC doing ?

- Chairs the IB reference group
- Working with third sector organisations on implications for children's services
- Working with ADCS on looking at issues from a local authority perspective
- Working with DH on personal health budgets

Final thoughts

- This is an amazing opportunity to change lives but
- Are we clear how it will work , whether there is enough money to meet need , whether there will be equitable distribution and whether we have a skilled workforce... the time for children's services to engage is now