

A Sitra National Event

Local Area Agreements

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policy, training & consultancy
for housing with care and support

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Conference Information

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Independence and Opportunity, the national Supporting People (SP) strategy, set out the government's proposals for delivering housing related support services through Local Area Agreements (LAAs) from 2009. Providers and commissioners have been promised an evaluation of pilots in 2008 but with the Supporting People administration money transferred to the new Area Based Grant from April 2008, is there any possibility that the proposals will change? In any event, the whole landscape surrounding housing with care and support is set to change so how can we make LAAs work for Supporting People?

Target Audience

This conference will bring together policy makers, commissioners and practitioners from across the sector to look at the implications for SP funded services.

The Conference

We will look at how LAAs work, how they fit into the wider strategic agenda for Local Authority partnerships, the new performance framework and how to make them work for SP funded services.

Benefits of Attending

By the end of the day, delegates will:

- Understand the government's vision for LAAs and how they might work in practice
- Appreciate how Supporting People will fit into both the financial and performance management frameworks for LAAs
- Be able to share intelligence on how to engage with LAAs through Local Strategic Partnerships
- Appreciate the opportunities and threats facing providers of housing related support

Speakers

- Emma Daniel, Sitra (Chair)
- Officials from the CLG Housing Care and Support Division
- Phil Saunders, Sitra
- Peter Rush, Hampshire SP Team
- John Potts, Hartlepool Borough Council

Facilitators

- Fiona Cook, Sitra
- Clare Lucas, Sitra
- Glynis Sampey, Sitra
- Be Birmingham Local Strategic Partnership

Price

Sitra members	
25 staff or more	£150
24 staff or less	£80
Service users	£60
Non members	£200

A discount is available for small organisations, please call for further details.

Programme

09.30 – 10.00	Arrivals and coffee
10.00 – 10.15	Welcome and introductions: Chairs opening remarks
10.15 – 10.55	LAAs – The Government’s Vision – CLG Speaker The CLG will comment on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How LAAs fit into the wider strategic agenda and performance management agenda• Housing and LAAs• The role of government offices• The pilots, scope for change
10.55 – 11.35	LAAs and SP – A Local Authority Response Sharing their experiences on how SP can be integrated into the LAA at the strategic level. They will also look forward to 2009 and offer a perspective on how SP might fit into both the financial and performance management frameworks.
11.35 – 12.00	Break
12.00 – 13.00	Breakout sessions A. The Area Based Grant <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The financial aspects of LAAs and the implications for commissioning, procurement and contracting B. The Performance Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comprehensive Area Assessments, National Outcome Indicators in detail and the implications for SP• How do we evidence the value of SP?• What role for the national outcomes framework?• Social exclusion and local connection issues C. Local Strategic Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are LSPs?• What do they do?• Third sector engagement and how support providers can get involved• Social exclusion and local connection issues D. Partnership Responses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the implications of LAAs for provider partnerships?• LAAs provide an opportunity to forge new alliances, who might these be and how do you engage successfully to maximise opportunities for funding services?
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch and Sitra Annual General Meeting from 14.00 – Delegates welcome
14.30 – 15.30	Breakout sessions repeated
15.30 – 15.45	Refreshments
15.45 – 16.30	LAAs – A bright future for Supporting People? Many in the sector see LAAs as a major threat. Supporting People Grant will no longer be ring fenced and, with Local Authority funding tighter than ever, money may be re-directed to meet other priorities. On the other hand, LAAs may provide a framework for more efficient and effective multi agency working, with efforts being focussed on better outcomes for service users. This session will look at both points of view.

Booking Form

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Workshop Sessions

Please indicate your choice for both AM and PM sessions, in order of preference 1 – 4. Space will be limited and bookings are taken on a first come first serve basis. Sitra will endeavour to allocate your 1st option.

	AM	PM
A - Area Based Grant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B - Performance Framework	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C - Local Strategic Partnerships	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D - Partnership Responses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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