

Independence and Opportunity



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Conference Information

Independence and Opportunity is the national **Supporting People** strategy from the CLG launched on June 20 2007 by Phil Woolas, MP. The leading national infrastructure body, Sitra, supported by the CLG, will host a one day conference which will precede a series of regional seminars with the purpose of gaining a national perspective on the implementation of **Independence and Opportunity** and to facilitate feedback on the implications and barriers which need to be identified and managed.

This conference is INTERACTIVE – delegates should arrive prepared to discuss and debate the strategy. A post-conference report will be written as a Sitra Briefing. The conference briefing will be available to download from our website www.sitra.org after the event.

Target Audience

This event will bring together commissioners of housing, care and support services including: Supporting People, health, social care, probation, providers of housing, care and support services, senior managers and decision makers from housing associations, managing agents and other voluntary and private sector organisations, and service user representatives.

Why you should attend

This is an important national event for all those working within the housing with care and support sector. It will provide a forum for providers and commissioners of housing, care and support services to discuss and debate the burning issues from the strategy. All delegates will also receive feedback on the delivery of the strategy in the form of a post conference briefing and be offered the opportunity to:

- Hear the key messages and overview of the strategy from the CLG.
- Join the debate and discuss in detail the key elements of the strategy.
- Explore the key issues of the strategy and feedback on the implications for your organisation and stakeholders.
- Network with colleagues, suppliers and contactors.

About Sitra

Sitra is an umbrella organisation committed to raising standards in the housing with care and support sector and supported by the CLG. We are a membership organisation and a registered charity with over twenty years experience of offering practitioners a range of affordable policy, training, information, conference and capacity building services.

Venue

IET, Austin Court, 80 Cambridge Street, Birmingham, B1 2NP. For directions to the venue and information on transport links including parking visit: www.austincourt.co.uk or call Austin Court on 0121 600 7506

Speakers confirmed

Richard Clark – Chief Executive Officer, Midland Heart

Gary Lashko – Chief Executive Officer, Carr Gomm

Jenny Edwards – Chief Executive Officer, Homeless Link

Andrew Van Doorn – Acting Director, hact (The Housing Association Charitable Trust)

Maurice Condie – Chief Executive Officer, Byker Bridge Housing Association

Judy Weleminsky – Chief Executive, Mental Health Providers Forum

Emma Daniel – Chief Executive, Sitra

Eileen McMullan – Policy and Implementation Manager, Sitra

Mick Sanders – Principal Officer, Norfolk Supporting People Team

Jane Everton – Deputy Director, Communities and Local Government

Sue Ramsden – Policy Lead, National Housing Federation

Philip Williams – Mental Health and Substance Misuse Commissioner, Adult Social Services

Norfolk Representatives – Involving Service Users (ISU)

Programme

08.30 – 09.30	Registration and networking breakfast Come and relax before the start of the event and enjoy a continental breakfast and a chance to network with colleagues and speakers. On registering you will also receive a conference comfort gift pack courtesy of our sponsors.
09.30 – 09.45	Welcome and introductions: The Chair's opening remarks
09.45 – 10.15	Independence & Opportunity: The CLG Overview Jane Everton, Deputy Director Housing Care and Support Division Housing Strategy and Support Directorate
10.15 – 11.45	Mini Plenary sessions These sessions will feature a panel of experts including senior Sitra staff members and are intended to promote questions and discussion about the policy implications of implementing the strategy. Feedback and discussion will be noted for the post-conference briefing. Delegates' points will NOT be attributed in order to promote a safe space for detailed and critical debate. To confirm your choice please highlight your preference on the booking form.
Mini plenary A	Individual Budgets and mental health Chaired by Judy Weleminsky, Chief Executive, Mental Health Providers Forum Experts from the Norfolk Pilot will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Representatives - Involving Service Users (ISU)Philip Williams - Mental Health and Substance Misuse Commissioner, Adult Social Services, NorfolkSitra memberMick Sanders, Principal Officer, Norfolk Supporting People Team
Mini plenary B	Local Area Agreements and Deep Exclusion Chaired by Jenny Edwards, Chief Executive Officer, Homeless Link Experts from around the country will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ann Skinner, Lambeth Supporting People TeamRichard Clark, Chief Executive Officer, Midland HeartNick Howard, Stonham (South East)Phil Saunders, Head of Information and Marketing, Sitra
Mini plenary C	Outcomes Framework Chaired by Sue Ramsden, National Housing Federation Experts will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Representative, Communities and Local GovernmentEileen McMullen, Head of Policy and Implementation, Sitra
11.45 – 12.15	Refreshments served in the lounge bar with an opportunity to view the exhibition stands
12.15 – 13.45	Regional and local implementation of the strategy Speakers are invited to present their view of the strategy from a regional perspective followed by 30 minutes of questions. Speakers include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Richard Clark, Chief Executive Officer, Midland HeartGary Lashko, Chief Executive Officer, Carr GommAnn Skinner, Lambeth Supporting People TeamMick Sanders, Principal Officer, Norfolk Supporting People Team
13.45 – 14.45	Lunch served in the lounge bar with an opportunity for networking and to view the event stands
14.45 – 16.00	The Debate "This house believes that the original vision and values of the Supporting People programme are secured for the future by Independence and Opportunity." Speaking for the motion: Andrew van Doorn, Acting Director, hact (The Housing Association's Charitable Trust) and Sitra Board Member Speaking against the motion: Maurice Condie, Chief Executive, Byker Bridge Housing Association and Sitra Board Member
16.00 – 16.30	Refreshments and conference end

Booking Form

Please complete in **BLOCK CAPITALS**.

For multiple bookings please photocopy and complete one form per delegate.

About You

Delegate name: _____

Job title: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Post code: _____

Invoice address if different from above: _____

Post code: _____

Contact email: _____

Contact telephone: _____

Fax: _____

*Purchase Order Number: _____

Dietary requirements: e.g. vegan, gluten free

Access requirements:

e.g. wheel chair access, loop systems

Terms and Conditions

Bookings

On receipt of your booking Sitra will process your booking and you will receive joining instructions within 10 working days.

Cancellation

All cancellations must be made in writing. Conference fees will be refunded (minus a £20 administration charge) if you cancel a place more than 15 working days before the event. If less than 15 working days notice is given the full fee will be charged.

*All Local Authorities, NHS trusts or Government departments must quote a purchase order number to confirm their booking.

Mini plenary sessions: Please insert your choice in order of preference 1 – 3. Space will be limited and bookings are taken on a first come first serve basis. Sitra will endeavor to allocate your preferred option.

Mini plenary A: Individual Budgets and mental health

Mini plenary B: Local Area Agreements and Deep Exclusion

Mini plenary C: Outcomes framework

Charges

All Sitra members

25 staff or more: £120.00

24 staff or less: £50.00

Non members

Service users: £50.00

Other non members: £190.00

Cheque enclosed (made payable to SITRA Services)

Please invoice me

Please return bookings to:

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