Southern Rehab Forum – 14/11/2018

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| Jo Hook | East Susses County Council (ESX) |
| Chris Corker | Sight for Surrey (SFS) |
| Janet Soper | Sight for Surrey |
| Kevin Harris  | Brighton and Hove Council (B&H) |
| Richard Jones + Melissa Ratledge + Ashley Ayling  | West Sussex County Council (WSX) |
| Ruth Osborne | West Sussex County Council |
| Linda Paine-Winnett + Alison Pursglove +  | Hampshire County Council (HCC) |
| Bryan Kilburn | Blind Veterans (BV) |

Morning Session:

The Forum was mostly about lighting, unfortunately it was impossible to arrange a speaker as there was no one available, and Pocklington Trust charge therefore unrealistic.

People went into 3 groups and followed the discussion questions related to lighting, shared knowledge and gave examples: (see appendix 1)

* What lighting they have been able to provide to customers
* Assessments and case examples.
* Funding
* Alternative lighting
* Safety aspects of Compact Fluorescence lamps

See advice and information about how to recycle, why to recycle and dispose of CFLs safely, on this site ….

<https://www.recolight.co.uk/consumers-info/#allaboutbulbs>

Standard lighting provision: some examples for different services

* Portable twist LED task lamp and floor standing lamp
* Portable twist task lamp but not LED. But can request other lamps as Non Standard if there is an evidenced need, such as the Z light.
* BV provides most lamps if there is a need and only issue LEDs, including bulbs.
* ESX have a budget of £80 per customer to provide equipment to meet need.
* HCC provide a standard Twist and angle poise lamp

Non Standard:

WSX can provide most things as non-standard if there is an evidenced need.

BV has few restrictions, and if a Blind Veterans is being seen by another ROVI team and needs some equipment, it can be requested from BV.

Lighting assessments/ Environmental Audits:

Some teams do have a specific form to complete as an option. They can request lighting adaptations from Housing Associations (HA), Councils (LA).

HCC complete a DP50 which is a request for adaptations to a LA or HA.

Can be long delays before recommendations are put into place if through a LA or HA.

It is important to shows clinical reasoning and evidences need.

Funding:

If a large adaptation then a Disabled Facilities Grant <https://www.gov.uk/disabled-facilities-grants/what-youll-get>

can be applied for but can be time consuming and most adaptations are relatively low cost (under cup board lighting, ceiling strip light etc.)

Contacting a charity for a home owner unable to afford a low cost solution has been successful. (The Lions, Rotary, RBL, Percy Bilton Trust, any occupational benevolent fund). Take a look in <https://grants-search.turn2us.org.uk/>

Alternative lighting:

<https://www.mygreenlighting.co.uk/replacement_bulbs.html>

<https://www.amazon.co.uk> Cree Torches – no loss of beam when distance.

And outdoor light - LED Motion Sensor Floodlight 50W 4500LM CREE SMD5050 Chips, 6000K Daylight White.

Remote controlled lighting - <https://lightwaverf.com>

LED spot lights on a track which is moveable. <https://www.ledkia.com>

Magnetic spot lights <https://www.tlc-direct.co.uk>

Folding pocket LED light <http://visionaid.co.uk/product/travelbright_2/>

Window Film to cut down glare so curtains don’t need to be kept closed <https://www.windowfilm.co.uk/residential/glare> or <https://www.amazon.co.uk>

Afternoon session:

Via Speaker phone, Peter Cooke and Kirsty Jackson from BCU gave an update on the Apprentiship course starting in Sept 2019, the Habilitation and Complex needs modules and courses.

They explained time frames, content and costs for the courses and took questions from the group about pre-existing qualifications.

The Habilitation course first module can be done separately as a standalone, which covers ‘Children’s and Young people’s development’ and is 40 credits towards CPD.

<https://bcu.ac.uk/courses/habilitation-work-children-young-people-bsc-hons-top-up-2019-20>

and also….

<https://bcu.ac.uk/courses/special-complex-needs-rehab-work-visual-impairment-top-up-bsc-hons-2019-20>

Next Forum:

May 15th 2019

County Hall, Chichester.

Ideas for agenda – IT, AT (Elecsa, Eco, Hive etc.)

Any other suggestions let Ruth know.