Housing with Support Strategy

Summary for Consultation – young people chapter

What is it?

This strategy is about accommodation which has some level of support attached to it. The strategy covers various types of housing for people with different kinds of needs. There are 5 main chapters, each one is about the housing needs of a particular group:

- older people
- people with learning difficulties
- people with mental health difficulties
- people with physical or sensory impairments
- young people including those leaving care

Some people have more than one kind of need but broadly speaking housing is arranged around needs in these categories.

The strategy aims to determine what housing with support needs there are in North Somerset now and in future.

The council wants to work with health and housing partners to plan what kinds of housing and support are developed in order to ensure that they meet the identified needs.

What are we asking you?

We want to know if we are planning the right types of housing for young people including those leaving care.

We want to know if we are planning the right types of support.

We will describe what we want to do and then ask some questions to find out what you think.

What does the strategy say?

The numbers of young people who need accommodation and support are not great but their needs are significant.

There is an urgent need to improve the supported accommodation options available for young people leaving care.
There is a need for emergency accommodation for young people which is not B&B or a hotel.

There is a clear need for more provision of accommodation with support for young people with complex needs on leaving care.

It is likely that there is a need to re-commission or vary existing contracts and adjust them to better meet needs.

Improvements are required to existing provision which is not adequate.

**What we will do?**

- Review existing provision and consider what remodelling can be achieved.
- Devise clear and accessible routes for young people to access accommodation.
- The needs of young people leaving care will be considered alongside other groups to maximise development opportunities.
- The existing provision for young people will be scrutinised and improvement measures put in place.

**Questions**

1. Do you think that some supported living could be appropriate for young people alongside people with other needs?

2. What kind of provision do you feel is needed for young people leaving care?

3. Do you think that the support for young people should be flexible to their needs wherever they are or attached to specific accommodation?

4. How can the quality of existing services be improved?

5. Are there any other comments or suggestions you have regarding this chapter?