

Supporting People – The Purpose

"..... to enable vulnerable people to gain and retain independence by remaining in their own homes."



Supporting People timeline

- 1999 2000 Various legal challenges around abuse of Housing benefit
- 2003 Introduction of Supporting People dual funds – SPG and SPRG
- 2010 Aylward Review
- 2012 Introduction of SPPG (& Outcomes)
- 2017 Introduction of 15% funding flexibility
- 2018 Early Intervention, Prevention & Support pilot
- **2019** ????

Supporting People – Funding journey overview

- In 2003/4, total SP for MCC was £2.8m (pdv = £4.2m) administered and managed by 5.3 staff
- In 2013/14 following introduction of SSP, MCC funding £2.172m (pdv = £2.34m) managed by 3.4 staff
- In 2018/19 basic SPPG is £2.09m managed by 2 staff, but with flexibility option for a further £386k from Families First, Flying Start and Communities into Work



SPPG funding history

The main changes in SP focus since SPPG (Lead Need)

Client Categorisation	2012	2018
People with Mental health Issues	8.0%	28.6%
People over 55 years of age	55.7%	21.5%
Women experiencing Domestic Abuse	3.8%	12.1%
People with Physical &/or Sensory Disabilities	1.9%	7.9%
Young People with Support Needs (16-24)	2.3%	7.3%
People with Learning Disabilities	2.1%	4.2%
Families with Support Needs	0.1%	4.0%
Single parent Families with Support needs	1.4%	3.7%
Generic Floating support	22.2%	3.0%
Single people with Support Needs (25-54)	0.4%	2.2%





Performance Headlines

- In 2017/18:
 - □The average person was assessed as needing support towards 4 outcomes.(circa 5,000 outcomes at any one time) – complex needs
 - □ They positively progressed in 2.5 outcomes
 - □The average cost of a "step of progress" was £300, £1,500 per independent outcome involving circa 1.5 hours of support per week
 - □ Intervention and prevention services cost about 25% of the average to achieve the same progress



Performance

- Of note:
 - □ Having "Generic floating support" as a client categorisation confuses the statistics
 - □As a service, "Generic" ensures that services are accessible by all protected characteristics – really important with limited funding
 - Despite the considerable effective reduction in funding since 2012, the number of outcomes being supported at any one time has increased from 2,130 to 4,875, with the same number of people being supported (circa 1,200 at any one time)



Conclusions

- MCC's SP is developing into a place-based service, providing support based on need.
- The services address complex needs and do this is a cost effective way
- For the future, more resource may have to be focused on younger people and their accommodation, the impact of Universal Credits, homelessness prevention and mental health.





Funding Uncertainties

- To be resolved:
 - □SP as part of the EIPS flexible funding proposal
 - □SP as part of a housing-based grant with Homelessness
 - □SP a regionalised resource fully or more so
 - □ Budgetary pressure on the whole EIPS portfolio
 - □ Impact of increased childcare pilot





Opportunities

- Any developments in our funding streams present opportunities to:
 - Work more collaboratively across initiatives avoiding duplication of services, and offering business efficiency savings
 - □To further develop the place-based support model – towards the "one-stop-support-worker" concept
 - □ Ensure that the benefits achieved through the various funding streams optimises the outcomes for people in Monmouthshire.



MCC's Place-based model



