**Developing Individual Service Funds (ISFs) in Dorset**

Dorset Council have been providing Individual Service Funds (ISFs) in Dorset for a number of years, and it’s time to refresh the Dorset offer!

Dorset Council are developing their Individual Service Fund (ISF) offer and we invite you to join us on **Tuesday 20th April 2021 at 11.00am – 12.30pm** to share your thoughts.

The engagement event will be held as a Microsoft Teams event, and if you would like to join us, please contact Angela Pavey (Commercial & Procurement) at angela.pavey@dorsetcc.gov.uk to register an interest and receive the link to join the event.

In Dorset we are refining our accreditation process with a view to extending our list of Individual Service Fund Providers and providing the individuals we support with choice.

Our ambition is to work with Providers and individuals to implement Individual Service Funds (ISFs) that are:

* Clear and have a simpler Provider Accreditation Process.
* arranged so that individuals can choose to manage their individual budget in partnership with an organisation who helps manage the ISF to support a good life, not just the purchase of a service.
* key to ensuring Self-Directed Support is available to as many people as possible regardless of how involved they can be, or want to be, in the decision-making process.
* designed to ensure that Individuals can have all the benefits of Self-Directed Support using an ISF without taking the responsibility for managing the budget or being an employer.
* Identify budget clearly related to the outcomes, specific to the individual and their plan.
* Require clear and transparent support planning, individuals need to be assured that their support needs will still be met and that they will be safe and well.

For those who are interested although unable to attend, if you register your details with Angela at angela.pavey@dorsetcc.gov.uk we will arrange to share a recording of the event, slides and notes.

In the meantime, if you have any questions following the event please contact Sarah Perrett at s.j.perrett@dorsetcc.gov.uk