**Care group specific requirements and information**

**Acquired Brain Injury**

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| **Demographic Information** |
| It is estimated that in 2012 there were 6,067 people with an Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) for Buckinghamshire. This figure is projected to increase to 6,662 people by 2030. |
| **National Guidance** |
| ‘A Vision for Social Care’ (2010) expects Councils to consider other options to residential care, i.e supported housing and extra care housing which can offer flexible levels of support in a community setting, and can provide better outcomes at lower costs for people and their carers than traditional high cost nursing and residential care.  ‘Caring for our future: reforming care and support’ (2012) provides further emphasis for Councils to develop a wider range of specialised accommodation & support options for older and disabled people. |
| **Core Outcomes** |
| People will be able to access a wider range of purposeful services better aligned to their needs, which will lead to more fulfilling and independent lives in the community. Greater choice, independence and inclusion in the local community will achieve improved results on outcomes for Service Users as identified in *Putting People First*:   * Exercise maximum control over their own life and where appropriate the lives of their family members. * Sustain a family unit which avoids children being required to take on inappropriate caring roles. * Participate as active and equal. * Citizens, both economically and socially. * Have the best possible quality of life, irrespective of illness or disability. * Retain maximum dignity and respect. |
| **Key Requirements of Service Provision** |
| The provider will be expected to work with clients who have an ABI. It is likely the focus of services will be working with individuals whose needs can be met within supported living services. The support will usually be long term as the clients’ tenancies will be regarded as their homes.   * Flexible support through extended week days and week end provision and Services that are well connected with community based resources. * Sufficient capacity to meet demand for specialist provision for those with long term, complex support needs. * Choice to meet the needs of black, ethnic minority and isolated rural communities. * Opportunities exist to develop further partnership working with health to maximise effective use of resources across the whole system of health and social care. * Targeted towards the promotion of health and well-being, ‘rehabilitation and enablement’. * To develop or maintain existing social networks, community links and activities. * Carers receive respite/ short breaks in the evenings and at weekends. * Support with vocational and employment opportunities. * A menu offering personalised Services that can be purchased via individual budgets or direct payments. * Support with access to mainstream and community based services and activities.   This provision will specifically be aimed at:   * Clients with an ABI who meet Bucks County Council’s FACS eligibility or CHC thresholds of Critical or Substantial need; * Clients with an ABI in residential care placements or those who would be eligible for residential care if this kind of provision was not available. * Clients who have an ABI and an additional disability |
| **Specific staff skills, experience and training** |
| * Experience and expertise in working with ABI and associated disabilities * Able to meet all communication support requirements. * Awareness of the physical, intellectual, emotional and social needs of people with ABI * Knowledge and understanding of relevant legislation, guidance and protocols including, but not limited to, the Mental Capacity Act, Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards and Safeguarding. |
| **Service considerations** |
| (a) Support  The provider will be expected to demonstrate a person centred and outcome focus in their service delivery in a way that promotes individual choice and balanced risk for the client.  The provider will have an extensive awareness and experience of working with clients with an ABI to promote and support their independent living aspirations, particularly for those who have been in long term residential care placements and those who present complex challenging behaviour and cognition issues.  The provider will work with the client on an individual basis in helping to develop and increase their independent living skills within and outside their tenancies. This will include providing support with daily living and tenancy management tasks; and in enabling participation within their communities, e.g. local routes & public transport familiarisation, access to local amenities (including health & social care), college or training and employment facilities.  (b) Accommodation  The provider will work with clients who will have their own tenancies provided by a registered social landlord. The accommodation will either be fully self-contained or shared with another tenant. It is likely to be wheelchair accessible and adapted for disability use. Therefore the provider will need to be able to understand and support the use of equipment and adaptations by the client.  The provider will be expected to help maintain positive relationships between the client and landlord particularly in relation to tenancy management, e.g. payment of rent and any communal bills. Building positive relationships with other tenants and local neighbours will also be important and the provider will need to be proactive in ensuring this happens in a timely way, especially during the early stages of this new service.  The accommodation will be situated within an urban area, likely to be part of a town, with close access to local shops and amenities. head injury services within Aylesbury which The provider would need to make links with specialist head injury services should the client require their services. |