**Care group specific requirements and information**

**Physical and Sensory Disabilities and Long Term Neurological Conditions**

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| **Demographic Information** |
| The numbers of people with long term neurological conditions and other physically disabling conditions are expected to grow sharply in the next two decades due to demographic changes and the ageing nature of the population in Buckinghamshire  It is estimated that in 2012 there were 31,644 adults aged 18-64 who have a moderate or serious physical disability living in Buckinghamshire. This figure is projected to rise by 3% in 2030 to a total of 32,537 people. |
| **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 a further emphasis for Councils to develop a wider range of specialised accommodation and 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 physical/sensory disabilities (PSD) and/or long term neurological conditions (LTNCs). 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. * Targeted towards the promotion of health and well-being, ‘rehabilitation and enablement’. * To develop or maintain existing social networks, community links and activities. Support with vocational and employment opportunities. * Support with access to mainstream and community based services and activities.   This provision will specifically be aimed at:   * Clients with PSD or LTNCs who meet Bucks County Council’s FACS or CHC eligibility thresholds of Critical or Substantial need; * Clients are likely to have more than one disability or condition, e.g. a physical disability and a sensory disability or a physical disability and Multiple Sclerosis. The service will not be disability or condition specific, i.e. sensory disability on its own will not be provided for. For those with an acquired brain injury this comes under a separate category of service and will not apply here. |
| **Specific staff skills, experience and training** |
| * Experience and expertise in working with disabilities and long term conditions. * Able to meet all communication support requirements. * Awareness of the physical, intellectual, emotional and social needs of people with disabilities and long term neurological conditions. * 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 a range of people with PSD and LTNCs, to promote and support their independent living aspirations, particularly for those who have been in long term residential care placements.  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, college or training and employment facilities.  B) Accommodation  Buildings must be safe and fully accessible and include the provision of appropriate equipment and adaptations to meet individual needs. The accommodation will either be fully self-contained or shared with other people . It will likely 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, but not in a way that would be regarded as a domiciliary care task.  The provider will be expected to help maintain positive relationships between the client and landlord where applicable, 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 a new service.  The accommodation will be situated within an urban area, with close access to local shops and amenities.  Assistance with transport will be required for those who do not have good access to or are unable to use public transport |