

HRS forum key points, 3rd June 2020

Please see below for the key points / actions. I've also attached a leaflet detailing MH services which are available. There are some hard copies of this available at present as well, so please let me know if you'd like us to try and secure some for you. (Leaflet – "Now we're talking")

Move-On:

- Overall projects seem to be seeing a slight increase in move-on opportunities
- Still waiting for a lot of vacant properties to come on line but more void works now happening
- Number of projects have individuals who are very ready to move-on

Track and Trace:

- Concerns around impact this could have on staffing if a resident or other staff member tests positive and multiple staff are instructed to self-isolate for the 14 day period
- Whilst maintaining the 2m distance should mean the risk is minimised, it was noted that not all projects are able to maintain this at all times or all areas of their services
- At present no one is considering increased use of PPE to minimise this risk
- Would be really useful to have more information about how 'Track and Trace' will work and whether there will be an option challenge requests to self-isolate if people do not believe they did have contact closer than 2m for more than 15 minutes
- Will staff asked to self-isolate be able to get tested so they could return to work if negative?
- **Action: LS to find out if there is any more detail available around "Track and Trace" that can be shared**
- In terms of 'households' providers are generally working on the basis that shared houses for 2 to 4 people are classed as a single household but larger schemes where staff are delivering regular support are not – some had considered whether to apply 'household' definition to larger projects but general consensus was that this would be unmanageable as people would not adhere and staff would still need to access site as well

Mental Health:

- Opening dialogue with lead MH Commissioner at CCG – looking at having a discussion on MH at Housing Board on June 12th with someone from CCG present
- Would be extremely helpful if HRS Providers could provide some examples and details in relation to MH positives and negatives to help inform this discussion – ideally it would be good to have;
 - some examples that illustrate what the barriers and issues are but also
 - any intelligence that can be offered around increased MH presentation either generally or specifically related to the Covid situation. It would also be good to get
 - some examples/thoughts about what is currently working/ or has worked really well
- **Action: Providers to try and provide some info / examples in relation to MH issues as above – please send to LS by Wednesday 10th June**

Covid HRS 'Short Stay Respite Accommodation':

- So far 5 x clients have used this accommodation
- Feedback from clients and providers has been positive
- Units are currently funded until 14th June with a possible option to extend if there continues to be demand for them
- **Please call or email LS if you think you have a suitable candidate for one of these**

(From Lisa Sparks.)