

So much more than a roof

Strengthening identities, supporting independence and tackling the roots of marginalisation

An annual – and the only – regional conference on supported housing, homelessness and related services in the East of England

Tuesday 24th November 2009
Trinity Park Conference & Events Centre
Ipswich, Suffolk

Changes are in the air, with the shake-up of SP funding and an election in the offing to name just two, but supported housing services continue to have a significant impact on the lives of the homeless and vulnerably housed.

Come and join us for an information-packed day of workshops, discussions and networking to help strengthen your service, whatever the changes bring.

With high profile speakers contributing national, regional and local perspectives; lively discussion forums; a funding fair; an afternoon session on the personalisation agenda and a special presentation on branding supported housing, this event is not to be missed.

Space East's annual conference brings together individuals with strategic responsibilities and those with operational roles. This event should be attended by policy makers, service managers and support staff across:

- Not for profit service providers
- Housing Associations
- Supporting People Teams
- Adult Social Care and Children's Services
- Mental Health Services
- Drug and Alcohol Partnerships
- Probation teams
- Health agencies

Venue

Set in 300 acres on the outskirts of Ipswich, Trinity Park Conference and Events Centre is Suffolk's premier venue for conferences, business meetings and corporate or private events. Trinity Park is on the outskirts of Ipswich, just off the A14 and only a short taxi ride from Ipswich Railway Station. Free parking is in plentiful supply at the venue.

Costs

Space East members - £130

Non members - £150

Programme

09:30: This year's conference will be chaired by Simon Middleton, a motivational speaker and Brand Strategy Guru

09:45: **Tackling the roots of marginalisation – the work of the Cabinet Office on chronic exclusion**

Ann Watt, Deputy Director, Social Exclusion Task Force, Cabinet Office

Economic participation and individuals not in employment, education or training

Alison Webster, Executive Director, Enterprise and Skills, EEDA

Housing related support and its role in prevention

Domini Gunn, Audit Commission

The future of commissioning of housing related support

Eileen McMullan, Supporting People East of England Resource Team, Communities & Local Government

Capital investment in housing related support services

Scott Bailey, Investment Manager, Homes & Communities Agency (East of England)

11:15: **Discussion Forums**

1. Making the links between employment, training and supported housing

Christine Chalmers, Worklessness Development Office, Space East

Housing related support provides an essential foundation for individuals to develop their confidence and increase their motivation and skills. This workshop will explore the opportunities for housing related services to plan and expand on the training they offer people accessing their services.

2. Implementing Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) in short term services

Alison Lawrie, IAPT Programme Implementation Lead, NHS East of England

There is increased recognition that psychological therapies are an important aspect in supporting people and tackling chronic exclusion. This workshop will highlight the opportunities for staff and people accessing services to source mainstream psychological therapies.

3. Social investment in supported housing

Eastside Ltd

With increasing pressures on statutory and charitable funding, Eastside will provide advice and information on how providers can maximise social investment funds.

4. Working effectively with chronically excluded peer groups

Chris Sharpe

This workshop will offer good practical advice on the power and effectiveness of working with peer support groups in supported housing services.

5. Making the case for prevention: developing a joint strategic needs analysis on homelessness

Fay Haffenden, Public Health Consultant, NHS Cambridgeshire

Cambridgeshire has produced a comprehensive and detailed analysis of homelessness in the county. It is the first such document produced in the region. It sets out some common principles and provides recommendations such as making a strong case for joint commissioning of services. All very applicable in other areas of the region!

13:15: Funding fair

A range of funders and funding advisors will be available for individual five minute information gathering sessions. Bookable in advance.

Space East AGM.

14:30: Positive identities – tackling the roots of marginalisation

Empowering, enabling, informing choices - putting the principles into practice

We are familiar with the concepts. But what does it mean to put the principles of empowerment and personalising services into practice? Participants in a recent pilot in Cambridge will disseminate the results of their work. Dick Laban and the Centre for Empowering Practices team will facilitate a group discussion.

16:00: Getting the message out there!

Simon Middleton will capture the essence of the need to raise the profile and effectively brand supported housing within the preventative agenda and rapidly shifting policy and political environment.