

**Councillor Susan Jones**

**BY EMAIL**

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Dear Councillor Jones

Thank you for inviting me to panel meeting and for the letter sent on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022, I'm happy to respond to the questions you asked as follows:

**1. Confirmation of number of individuals with Learning Disabilities in Swansea in the same situation as person in public question, information on what the Authority has been able to do for them, and the range of need.**

Everyone the teams work with different requirements for accommodation and different approaches are taken to address each person's needs and outcomes.

As previously reported, there are a range of accommodation options, some individuals remain in their family home and may have additional on or off-site support. Some live independently with no accommodation related support. Other options include independent accommodation with floating support, accommodation with onsite support, shared supported living, shared lives, or residential care.

There are currently 62 individuals who currently require or will require accommodation with support in the next three years (e.g., including those who are due to transition between child and family services to adult services). All 62 will not be in the same situation as the person from the public question (currently living in the family home, wanting to live in shared accommodation in the same ward). Some will already be in accommodation with support, but their needs may have changed.

Accommodation Type	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Total
Flat with on-site support	2	1	2	5
Flat with floating support	0	0	1	1
Shared Lives	1	0	1	2
Shared supported living	18	19	6	43
Not confirmed et	5	4	2	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>62</b>

Priority 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Safeguarding related issues</li><li>· Hospital Discharge</li><li>· Immediate risk of family/care breakdown (1 – 3 months)</li><li>· Rapid deterioration in condition needing an alternative environment</li><li>· Transition from child and family services (within 12 months)</li></ul>
Priority 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Temporary accommodation</li><li>• Probable risk of family/care breakdown (3 – 12 months)</li><li>• Transition from child and family services (12 – 24 months)</li></ul>
Priority 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Possible risk of family/care breakdown (12 months +)</li><li>• Transition from child and family services (24 – 36 months)</li><li>• Planned Transfer from Residential Care</li><li>• Inappropriate accommodation or client mix</li></ul>

**2. Carers and Practitioners’ Leaflet to be circulated to the Panel when ready for publication.**

These are being co-produced and will be shared when finalised by the end of the financial year.

**3. Personal stories of how direct payments are used to be shared with the Panel when available.**

These are being collated and during the next 12 months case studies are being collated to demonstrate the possibilities and impact of Direct Payments. An example includes Friends United Together. IMPACT (Improving Adult Care Together – UK Centre for Evidence Implementation in Adult Social Care) local networks have met across the UK to discuss how choice and control can be enhanced for people with learning disabilities or mental health problems. Evidence from this research includes a case study, attached from Swansea about Friends United Together, a co-operative that has been set up by Direct Payment recipients to control and flexibly use their Direct Payments to meet their needs.

**4. Information in Performance monitoring report on categories of users of direct payment services to be refined and shared with the Panel.**

This work is in development and will be shared with Scrutiny via the Adult Services Performance Reports. This will include demographic information including, gender, age ranges of DP recipients under 18, 18 – 64, 65 – 74, 75 – 84 and over 85, monthly DP starters and finishers and use of Direct Payments.

## 5. Definition of 'Complex Care' to be provided to the Panel.

We do not use the label 'complex' to describe a person or a group of people. It is about a range of conditions for an individual that combine or interface to require partner agencies to work together to offer a non-standard intensive and prolonged package of care and support. Those people with complex care needs and those who care for them require us to work together to understand their specific situation and how we can best support them.

As Health and Social Care partners we recognise that the regular services we provide across the region do not always fit the needs of some people dealing with complex or challenging health, care, or wellbeing issues. For example, some (but not all) of the people in the list below might need 'out of the ordinary' responses from us due to the complexity of their issues or their situation:

- People with chronic conditions (including life-limiting conditions).
- People with physically disabilities and associated conditions.
- People with learning disabilities and autism.
- People with sensory impairment.
- People who display risky, challenging, or harmful behaviours.
- People with organic or functional mental health problems.
- People who have experienced substitute care, abuse, neglect, domestic violence, refugee status or asylum seekers.

Please let me know if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely



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