Fulfilling Potential, Realising Aspirations:
A New Vision for Disabled People’s Services

A Public Policy Exchange Symposium

Tuesday 19th March 2013
10:15am – 4:30pm

Central London

Public Policy Exchange holds regular interactive seminars which provide an invaluable interface for policy discussion, debate and networking. These special events offer local practitioners, civil servants and other stakeholders not only an insight into current policy thinking, but also the opportunity to feed into future development across all areas of public policy.
Overview

In 2009, marking a fundamental shift in thinking, the UK ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of Disabled People to acknowledge that in every aspect of life, including employment, education, health and justice, disabled people have the same rights as anyone else.

Pledging to work with disabled people to transform their lives and to make independent living a reality, the Government launched ‘Fulfilling Potential’ in December 2011. ‘The Next Steps’, taken alongside ‘The Discussions So Far’ (September 2012), sets out the Government’s strategic priorities and a new framework for reform based on three themes: realising aspirations, individual control, and changing attitudes and behaviours.

In order to enable disabled people to realise their aspirations, the Government has committed to improving educational outcomes through providing a much more inclusive education that offers disabled people genuine choice, flexibility and support throughout schooling and further education and employment. Support at key life stages and to the wider family will also be strengthened, through joined-up, consistent services and more accessible information and advice.

The Government will also seek to empower disabled people to live independently and to have personal control over the services they receive and how support is delivered. Disabled people will be given greater financial control through personal budgets and will be able to access housing arrangements of their choice. Current barriers to health services, local transport and employment will be removed, whilst accountability at the local level will be improved.

Underlining the need to build more inclusive and accessible communities, the Government has stressed the importance of raising awareness and knowledge of disability and disabled people, to tackle the prejudices that continue to exist and to reverse the rise in hate crimes.

With the new cross-Government disability strategy due in the Spring, this symposium provides an invaluable opportunity for practitioners across the education, health, social care and policing sector and key stakeholders to examine the shared vision for disabled people’s services and consider the next steps to enable aspirations to be fulfilled and make independent living a reality.

The ‘Fulfilling Potential’ discussions show that disabled people have a strong appetite for change and reform in public services and in wider…They suggest that in order to make a reality of our vision and principles, we will need to further reform public services to support independence, develop a new partnership approach to designing and delivering change, and create a deeper understanding of disability in the UK today. This document outlines the actions we will take in these three areas, ensuring a strong legacy for disabled people from the 2012 Games.”

We want disabled people to be able to realise their aspirations…We will seek to ensure that communities are responsive to the needs of disabled people through stronger local accountability and increased decentralisation. We will reform public services to support independence and participation, delivering the right outcomes for disabled people and those that support them…All this will be built on a strong and effective rights framework.”

- Fulfilling Potential - Next Steps, Office for Disability Issues, September 2012

Why Attend?

✓ Assess how reforms to welfare and social care will enable greater choice and independence for disabled people
✓ Consider how to strengthen the commissioning, integration and delivery of local services to ensure joined-up care and support
✓ Examine how to improve education, employment and housing opportunities
✓ Discuss how to build more inclusive and accessible communities and change people’s attitudes towards disability

Who Should Attend?

• Disability Practitioners
• Adult Social Care Teams
• Health and Social Care Teams
• Heads of Procurement
• Heads of Innovation and Development
• Commissioning Managers
• Public Health Practitioners
• Private Health Services
• Health and Wellbeing Boards
• Family Health Teams and Outreach Workers
• Family Nurse Partnerships
• Mental Health Teams
• Safeguarding Adults Teams
• Supporting People Teams
• Personalisation and Individual Budgets Teams
• Housing Providers
• Sheltered and Supported Housing Teams
• Independent Living Teams
• Welfare and Benefits Teams
• Employment Support Workers
• Disability Employment Advisers
• HR Teams
• Employee Relations Advisers
• Equal Opportunities Officers
• Learning Disabilities Teams
• General Practitioners
• Families Services Officers
• Early Years Practitioners
• Access Officers
• Widening Participation Officers
• Local Education Authorities
• SEN Practitioners
• Teachers and Heads of Schools
• Specialist Schools
• Community Safety Officers
• Judges and Magistrates
• Police Service and Police Authorities
• Community Relations Advisers
• Hate Crime Units
• Neighbourhood Policing Teams
• Criminal Justice Practitioners
• Social Inclusion Officers
• Regulatory Bodies
• Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Practitioners
• Faith Organisations
• Charities, Social Enterprises and Cooperatives
• Academics, Analysts and Researchers
• Local Authority Officers and Councillors

Accommodation

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Programme

09:30 Registration and Morning Refreshments
10:15 Chair’s Welcome and Introduction
10:30 Panel Session One: Supporting Independence, Choice and Control – A New Vision for Disabled People’s Services
   • The National Picture – Understanding the Joint Vision, Latest Policy Developments and Working Towards a New Disability Strategy
   • Reforming Welfare to Support Independence and Reduce Dependency – Introducing Universal Credit and Personal Budgets, Enabling Choice in Housing
   • Improving the Commissioning and Integration of Services – Strengthening Multi-Agency Working to Provide Consistent, Joined-Up Care and Support
   • Working with Disabled People to Tailor Services – Providing Accessible Information and Advice, Improving Accountability and Encouraging User-led Organisations
11:15 Morning Refreshments
11:30 Open Floor Discussion and Debate with Panel One
12:30 Networking Lunch
13:30 Panel Session Two: Removing Barriers, Fulfilling Potential – Building Inclusive and Accessible Communities
   • Changing Attitudes and Behaviours Towards Disability – Promoting Positive Awareness and Understanding of Disability, Participation and Involvement
   • Improving Health Outcomes – Removing Barriers to Accessing Timely, Appropriate and Effective Health Services, Eliminating Health Inequalities
   • Strengthening the Voice of Disabled People within the Community – Ensuring Effective Rights and Duties and Participation in Public Life
   • Tackling Disability Hate Crime – Challenging Attitudes that Foster Hatred, Improving Early Intervention, Reporting of Incidents and Operational Responses
   • Working In Partnership to Improve Access to Good Low-level Support and Community Services - Developing ‘Lifetime Neighbourhoods’ and Better Local Transport
14:15 Afternoon Refreshments
14:30 Open Floor Discussion and Debate with Panel Two
15:30 Chair’s Summary and Closing Comments
15:40 Networking Reception
16:30 Close

**Please note that the programme is subject to change without notice**

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Forthcoming Events

Fit for the Future: The New Role of Local Authorities in Public Health
27th March 2013

The Future of Local Libraries and Cultural Services
16th April 2013

Implementing The New Early Years Foundation Stage Framework
17th April 2013

Drug Policy in Schools: Raising Awareness and Strengthening Early Intervention
18th April 2013

Pandemics and Infection Control: Meeting Tomorrow’s Threats and Challenges Today
23rd April 2013

Clamping Down on Dangerous Dogs: Protecting the Public and Promoting More Responsible Pet Ownership
24th April 2013

Fairness and Transparency: Towards a New Framework for Dealing with Rogue Bailiffs and Debt Collectors
25th April 2013

Domestic Violence and Young People: Tackling Teenage Relationship Abuse
30th April 2013

Preventing Deaths in Police Custody
1st May 2013

The Future of the High Street: The Next Steps Towards Revitalising Our Town Centres
2nd May 2013

Raising Standards in Hospitals and Care Homes: Safeguarding Adults from Neglect and Abuse
8th May 2013

Recruiting Non-UK Nationals: Understanding and Complying with the Points Based Immigration System
21st May 2013

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