



Community Services for Persons with an Acquired Brain Injury. Dumfries and Galloway

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Introducing the people: Joe

- ◆ 42 years old, single, cohabited with female partner for 12 years.
- ◆ History of drug use.
- ◆ Found outdoors: blunt trauma to face and brain
- ◆ 2 weeks in ITU
- ◆ 21 months in “rehab” - delayed discharge



Joe(2)

- ◆ Wheelchair user.
- ◆ Communication problems.
- ◆ Requires 24 hour observation.
- ◆ gastrostomy for feeding
- ◆ little/no speech, R sided weakness
- ◆ limited awareness/alertness



Introducing the people:Nicola.

- ◆ 24 years old, single, co-habited with male partner for 3 years.
- ◆ History of mental illness(schizophrenia).
- ◆ Overdose of prescribed medication.
- ◆ Hypoxic Encephalopathy(Cardiac arrest).
- ◆ 2 weeks in ITU
- ◆ 8 months in rehab



Nicola (2)

- ◆ Communication and mobility problems.
- ◆ Variable comprehension.
- ◆ Requires 24 hour observation
- ◆ walking with support, some speech
- ◆ PEG feeding
- ◆ normal alertness



Current Care Provision-Joe.

- ◆ Lives in own supported tenancy, wheelchair accessible, ground floor, two bed-roomed flat.(Housing Association).
- ◆ Special overhead hoist with tracking.
- ◆ Requires hospital bed for care.
- ◆ 24 hour contracted care with independent provider-(Turning Point)



Current Care Provision-Nicola.

- ◆ Lives in newly established young persons unit(6 persons)-WellCare.
- ◆ Individual room and toilet.
- ◆ Specially equipped ,fitted bathroom.
- ◆ Shared living and recreational rooms.
- ◆ 24 hour care provided by WellCare.



Costs and Funding Arrangements

- ◆ SSD commissioned 3 year contract.
- ◆ Dom C budget=£879.
- ◆ Per C budget=£794.
- ◆ Housing S=£794.
- ◆ =£2467.
- ◆ No ILF.
- ◆ Variable costs.Q £100
- ◆ Joe
- ◆ SSD commissioned 3 year contract.
- ◆ Block purchase-6-MH
- ◆ And PHD
- ◆ Residential care=£880
- ◆ Variable costs.Q –tbc
- ◆ Nicola



Planning.

- ◆ Project Team-Joe.
- ◆ Individual/Joint Assessment –Nicola.
- ◆ Not part of strategic development of services.
- ◆ Opportunistic negotiation with colleagues in Health and SSD.
- ◆ Commissioning with Independent sector providers.
- ◆ Trigger- Strategic Development.



Health Issues:

- ◆ Bed blocking
 - cost per day is £190 (approx £70,000 pa)
 - cost of specialist facility eg RFU higher
- ◆ failure to maximise patient's independence
- ◆ No mechanism for augmented care in community
 - GP support following discharge
 - Burden on Community Nursing
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