

Helping you take control of your Self-Directed Support

### **The Coming Home Fund**

Coming Home is a national Scottish Government and COSLA programme helping people who have learning disabilities and complex support needs to live in their communities with the right support. The fund has recently opened to applications.

It aims to support people with learning disabilities and complex support needs who are in

- hospital
- an inappropriate out of area placement
- their community but at imminent risk of a breakdown of support that could lead to hospital admission or an inappropriate out of area placement.



For more information please click on:

**[Coming Home Fund](#) | [ILF Scotland](#) or phone 0300 200 2022**

### **Wellbeing Drop In, Dunterlie Resource Centre, Stewart St Barrhead G78 1AL**

#### **Thursday 17th September 1pm till 2.30pm**

We're excited to be continuing with our Wellbeing Drop-In in partnership with RAMH.

If you'd like to take some time for yourself, find out what's available locally, or just enjoy a cuppa and a chat we would love to see you.

The drop-in is open to anyone who wants to look after their wellbeing and mental health. There's no pressure to talk or share anything personal—just come along, meet others, and find out about local support in a friendly, relaxed space. All welcome! If you'd like to know more, just get in touch

### **Drop In @ Redhurst Hotel Giffnock: Tuesday October 6th @ 1pm till 2.30pm**

We have been struggling a bit with numbers for some time so for October we will be moving this to the afternoon to see if that makes a difference/suits people better. No need to book, just pop in.

### **Ready for Tomorrow....still some spaces available.**

We are leading on another **4 week education course** in September. This aims to provide young people with a special educational need aged 14 and over - and their parents, guardians, carers - with all the information they need to make the transition to adult social care settings less intimidating and allow the family and young people to feel prepared for the journey ahead.

We will have presentations from a range of professionals as well as fun and interactive workshops for the young people.

The course starts on **Wednesday September 9<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm till 8pm** at **The Foundry, Main Street Barrhead**. Spaces are limited so for more information or to book a place please email **[bookings@sdsforumer.org](mailto:bookings@sdsforumer.org)** or phone **0141 638 2525**



**East Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership**  
are having another Ageing Well event on:

**Tuesday September 15th**  
**at Barrhead Foundry.**  
**from 10am till 2pm**

It's a great opportunity to find out about health and social care services, meet staff from various departments and other organisations and get lots of information in one place.

We will also be there so do come along and see us if you need any information or have any questions about self directed support.



## **Working together to improve communication and local services**

Back in June we hosted a meeting with clients to gather their views and experiences of how Self Directed Support (SDS) works in practice. One of the biggest issues raised was communication – both between services and with the people using them.

From there, we widened the conversation beyond SDS to look at the wider experience of accessing local services and how organisations could work better together.

In August, we met with clients again to explore possible solutions and what could make things work better. We then took these ideas to a meeting with senior HSCP staff and representatives from other third sector organisations on 1st September to talk through the suggestions and look at how feasible they are and any practical solutions.

Some of the ideas included clearer and simpler information, better and more appropriate signposting, more information in writing, clearer explanations of assessments and budgets, and improving how organisations share information and work together.

This is an ongoing conversation, with some clear actions identified. We will meet again in November to review progress and see what has changed.

The aim is simple: better communication, better joined-up working and a better experience for people using local services.

We will be getting back to those who attended on September 1st with the feedback as soon as possible. If you would also like a report of the discussions and/or are interested in the November meeting please contact us at **admin@sdsforumer.org**.

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