



Value Life Services
Ealing Mencap
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VALUE LIFE SERVICES UPDATE NOVEMBER 2011- March 2012

Value Life bases its work around the needs of people with learning disabilities by providing short break services.

Value Life is partly funded from Ealing Council from November 2011 and through individual payments via cash budgets/direct payments etc.

We have had to restructure our service, look at what has been working well, what not and make some changes to how we deliver our service from November, in line with new funding requirements.

These changes will be introduced gradually over the coming months and I will update as and when.

We are offering a core programme of quality activities.

This includes day and evening support. Sessions can be from 3 to 5 hours. One to one support can be provided if needed.

The decision about when the programme runs has been based on feedback from service users' and the popularity of planned activities.

Every week there are 2 building based sessions and 2 community based sessions, which gives variety and choice.

We will be piloting our new service from **Monday 7th November for 6 weeks, and reviewed in December**. We plan to re-launch the service from January 2012.

The Core programme is specifically for those who do **NOT** have or qualify for a cash budget/direct payment.

It is also possible to access the core programme, if you currently pay for your service and will be invoiced monthly.

‘Options Monday’ – these will be community trips/ activities, during the day

‘Sports and Leisure Tuesday’- from 4pm

‘Creative Wednesday’- based at Cowgate Day Centre, Greenford from 4.30pm

‘Learning Thursday’- building based in Southall, during the day

Funding permitted we may be able to offer extra sessions on other days/times during the week and possibly one off speciality events e.g a

Value Life is no longer in a position to subsidise its service, and although it is part-funded there will be some charges. For more information please visit www.ealingmencap.org.uk and look at the Value Life page in the Projects list. You will be able to download a full detailed list there.

Outside of the core programme we can support those who have a cash budget/ direct payment to access activities with or without direct support.

Value life will match staff to meet your needs.

We can support you to develop Life Skills, Getting Out and About, Trips to Museums, Football Games, Cinemas, Gym, Swimming, Religious Outings and Events, Music, DJ, Concerts, Nightclubs, Meals Out, Pubs, Exploring different places, Speciality events which might include Snooker Nights, Dinner Club, Flexible Fridays, also Leisure weekends, Supported holidays, other alternatives to overnight respite.

The List is endless!

This is ‘work in progress’ and we need to make so many changes in a short time frame. There will be many more updates!

If you have any questions, please phone Alison at the Hanwell office on 020 8567 9185.