



Shropshire Council works with lots of organisations who provide information, advice or advocacy.



The council pays for these services in lots of different ways.



From October 2014 the council wants to change how it works with these organisations.



All the organisations that Shropshire Council works with are from the voluntary sector. Many of them work with people who have certain disabilities, are of a certain age or need specialist support with certain issues in their life.



All these organisations work only in Shropshire and some work in certain parts of the county.

The council likes this mix of smaller, larger and specialist organisations, who between them are able to offer what their clients want.



Shropshire Council, like all other councils, is having to save money. We have to look at how we spend our money to make sure that it goes as far as possible and is spent wisely.



Shropshire Council is working very closely with the organisations who already provide information, advice and advocacy services in Shropshire.

Together we are looking at what works well, how things could look different or work better so that these services can continue to be available in Shropshire.



By working together we can make sure that we provide what is needed in Shropshire for all the people who need information, advice and advocacy.



Next year there are further changes coming from the Government in the Care Bill.

Shropshire Council needs to make sure that it will provide all that is set out by the Care Bill.



We have to start looking now at what we have to do sooner rather than later. But this does not mean that people will see big changes in October 2014 – changes will happen over time.



We hope that by making these changes, then we will be able to continue paying for information, advice and advocacy services.



Shropshire Council wants the following to help change happen:

- Services to have good results and outcomes for people
- there is choice
- Services to improve and do more joined up work over time
- Help local communities and the county of Shropshire
- Services to be flexible to meet current needs and future changes



Shropshire Council sees this as a great opportunity to change the way that people are provided with information, advice and advocacy.



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