

Sinead Cregan
Commissioning Manager, Leeds Adult Social Care

Sinead gave an excellent presentation which really got across the complexities but also the real importance of commissioning as well as her personal passion and motivation for doing it.

The commissioning cycle:

Analyse of need

Plan for need

Deliver services to meet this need: "doing it"

Review.

Sinead reminded us that money for services is public money, and it must be targetted at the people with the greatest need, the most vulnerable people. Services need to reach out to those people, when they most need support.

Services will be reviewed, which is an important part of building a picture of what's needed. So organisations will have to show how effective their services are, and how they monitor outcomes. The reviews will be carried out jointly by Adult Social Care and Leeds PCT. There was a plea for reviews to be done thoroughly and well, with clear decisions, rather than putting services and people who use them through a drawn out period of uncertainty.

Commissioners are keen to understand the real needs amongst the population of Leeds, and want to build a picture of aspirations for services. They will be asking people who use services and service providers for views.

Finally, Sinead emphasised that commissioners are taking their role seriously and are welcoming the challenges that it brings.