

PUTTING INDEPENDENT LIVING INTO MAINSTREAM SOCIAL CARE PRACTICE

Sue Bott
Chief Officer
Shropshire
Disability
Consortium



SUMMARY

- Culture
- Dependency or Independent Living
- Promoting Independent Living
- Who is Independent Living for?

Social Care Culture

- Language – talking the talk of Independent Living
- Attitudes – challenging the charitable
- Professionalism – who's in charge?
- Image – social care's image of itself

Dependency or Independent Living?

Let me illustrate how dependency becomes embedded in social care

- A social care issue
- Transport
- Users and Carers
- Risk aversion
- The weakness of the law

Promoting Independent Living

Will Promote

- ❖ Direct Payments
- ❖ Growing relationships with local disabled people's organisations
- ❖ Advocacy
- ❖ Shifting resources

Will not Promote

- ❖ Zone contracts/Tendering
- ❖ Impression management
- ❖ Bolting on Independent Living to other services
- ❖ Low priority

INDEPENDENT LIVING



O.K . . . I hear what you say
but . . .

It's not for everyone is it?



THANK YOU