



10th October 2018

UPDATE ON CHANGES TO HOME WORKS

Dear Stakeholder,

As a result of ESCC having to make savings within ASC, Cabinet agreed reductions to the Home Works budget. Cabinet used an additional government funding allocation to reduce the initial proposed saving of 50% to a saving of 28%.

The saving means:

- around 1,000 less individuals will receive a Home Works service each year.
- Home Works must prioritise reducing the need for a more costly statutory intervention
- Home Works must support those clients who are facing a crisis

The reduction occurs in the context of demand for Home Works exceeding capacity. The previous Home Works access arrangements of open referrals including self-referrals, is not sustainable

The decision has been made to rationalise the referral pathways to ASC and Children's Services, and the five district and borough housing authorities.

From 15 October 2018, ASC (including Health and Social Care Connect), Children's Services, and the housing authorities, will make referrals where appropriate. Therefore, from this date referrals from the public and other agencies will no longer be accepted.

Accessing Home Works in the future:

1. If your clients have care and support needs or care for someone who does, Health and Social Care Connect (HSCC) offers both the public and professionals a single point of access for adult health and social care enquiries, assessments, services and referrals.
2. If your clients have a child/children and their housing problems are placing the child/children at risk, contact the Single Point of Advice (SPOA), in Children's Services to discuss your/your clients' concerns.
3. If your clients, including those with children, (whether or not they have care and support needs), are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, they should make an appointment with their local Housing Options team who may be able to help them to stay in their current home or to find a new one.

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(Please look online for the contact details for each of these services or visit the Home Works page at www.southdown.org.)

This change will not affect clients currently receiving a Home Works service; they will continue to be supported in the usual way.

Please cascade this message to relevant colleagues and remove any out of date Home Works publicity material from your services.

Yours sincerely,



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