

Haley

Background Information

Haley has difficulties with language and communication (both expressive and receptive), vision, fine motor control, gross motor control, self help and independence skills and is unable to walk. In addition she has epilepsy, respiratory difficulties, her food intake is via a gastrostomy and she has cerebral palsy. Haley is entirely dependent on others to meet all of her needs.

Professional input for Haley include speech and language therapy, physiotherapy, OT, psychiatry, nursing and care management.

Needs and Eligibility

Eligibility is critical in all areas.

Haley needs purpose built adapted accommodation that is ground floor. She needs 24 hour support to ensure her basic safety as she is unable to keep herself safe. This is also needed to ensure she eats, hydrates is kept clean, changed when appropriate and both taken to bed and helped to rise on a morning. As stated Haley is unable to meet any of her needs at all.

Services and Costs

Residential care - £1679.00 p week, £87,308 per annum

Saddiq

Background Information

This young man has autism with challenging behaviour and a severe learning disability. His father does not have parental rights therefore mother is a single parent he also has a sister with a learning disability. His challenging behaviour falls into four areas, physical aggression, shouting, self injury and ritualistic behaviour. In addition Saddiq has a food obsession and will eat large amounts if not supervised, he requires very little sleep as he is also hyperactive – sleeping on average 3-4 hours per night. Each of these factors has a compounding effect on his autism and are significantly affected by his learning disability, resulting in a very complex picture.

Needs and Eligibility

Eligibility is critical in all areas.

Saddiq needs a service that is able to keep him safe and has a team of highly trained staff around him. He will also need waking night staff due to his pattern of going to bed late and rising early. Saddiq has a number of risk plans in place to ensure his support is timely and safe. These include plans to manage his rituals, his behaviour and eating soil. Saddiq is able to meet his own basic needs around food, toileting and dressing but requires supervision for his safety and his behaviour. This is a 24 hour service 365 days a year.

Services and costs

Saddiq is currently living at a residential placement with 24 hour staffing and waking nights, within the North Yorkshire area. His family is happy with this accommodation. He is currently proving a challenge to the team but we believe this is the correct option for this young man. A service was offered from the college where he has lived and studied until recently this would have been £3000 per week. This is not where Saddiq now lives. Current costs of placement are £1500 per week, £78,000 per annum rather than the potential £156,000

Angela

Background Information

This young lady is the middle of three girls and lives at home with her family. Angela had progressed normally until the age of 4 weeks when she sustained injuries from an acute shaking incident. This incident left her with severe brain damage and a severe learning disability. She has now received a compensation award from CICB. This is however not available to meet needs that are deemed Local Authority responsibility. Angela has very limited communication skills restricted to a few words and a small number of Makaton signs. The difficulties Angela experiences with her communication can result in her behaviour becoming very challenging. She also needs help with all aspects of her personal care though she will on occasions endeavour to assist the person aiding her. Whilst Angela can walk some short distances with support she does need to use a wheelchair for moving around. With regard to the risks Angela can pose for herself, she is unable to keep herself safe, she has no awareness of, for example traffic dangers, and she is at risk of choking. She is also vulnerable to the actions of other people. Angela cannot be left without supervision at all.

Needs and Eligibility

Eligibility is critical in all areas.

Angela needs 24 hour support and supervision with all activities of daily life such as washing, dressing, continence, teeth cleaning, bathing, meal preparation and some support with eating meals. She needs someone able to communicate with her which is a skilled role and someone who can interpret her needs as a result of her limited communication. She also needs someone to ensure she stays safe and to provide her with activities to do, other wise she would be unable to engage with her world.

Services and costs

It is currently the express wish of her family that she continues to live within the family home, but with appropriate support to do so. To keep Angela in her family home is currently costing approximately £525 per week, £27,300 Per annum. Should Angela need to move on from the family home it would cost approximately £1800 per week or £93,600 per annum

Lisa

Background Information

This young lady has Down Syndrome. She left the family home some years ago to live a life independent of her parents. She has for 2 years lived with another young lady with a learning disability. In the last few months the relationship between themselves and their families has irretrievably broken down. As a service we have embarked upon a number of activities to try and resolve this situation all ultimately to no avail. Lisa has a number of health issues to deal with as part of her Down syndrome, these include a visual impairment and an under active thyroid. She is able to do some things for herself but does require a large number of prompts to ensure basic safety, finance, domestic and personal issues are dealt with. This young lady has never spent any time alone at all during her life and at present the risks are perceived as too high to make this happen.

Needs and Eligibility

Eligibility is substantial in all areas.

Needs for Lisa include a 24 hour support package which is clearly structured in order to ascertain the level of independence that Lisa may have in the future. The team supporting her need to be clear about enabling Lisa in a supportive way that allows her to grow, develop and take some risks in a managed way.

Services and costs

Since Lisa left the previous service she has had a package of support built around her attendance at day services. This package is currently costing £1595 per week and £82,940 per annum. The previous package was approximately £45,000 for this lady and the other lady she lived with.