

Disability Law Service Strategic Plan 2008 - 2011

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Summary of Projects

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1. Project Title: Better Access - Englandwide Project

Funder: Big Lottery Fund

Timescale: 1st February 2008 to 31st January 2013

Brief details: The project covers all England regions with 3 distinct yet linked activities:

Legal Access: A first port of call for disabled people seeking advice. Offering triage, information, signposting to other agencies, and DLS legal team.

Specialist Legal Advice: Providing specialist legal advice for one day per week in each of employment, community care, welfare benefits, disability discrimination in education and consumer law.

Englandwide Development: Undertaking research and mapping exercise of local/regional organisations of disabled people and legal advice provision leading to a planned 4 year rolling programme of regional contact to build up resource database for cross referral for advice. Development of income generating activities such as training and subscription specialist support.

2. Project Title: Reach Out Project

Funder: Community Legal Service

Timescale: 1st April 2008 to 31st March 2011

Brief details: The project covers all England regions and Wales.

In England it adds capacity to BLF project through providing 1 FT triage worker and a part time development officer.

In Wales an 18 month pilot project undertaking research and mapping exercise of local/regional organisations of disabled people and legal advice provision including a consultation and survey of service users and Organisations leading to a published Report on findings.

3. Project Title: MS project

Funder: MS Society

Timescale: 1st January 2008 to 31st December 2010

Brief Details: The project covers the whole of England and provides for a new post of MS Legal Officer based at DLS.

The MS Legal Officer will provide a first port of call for people with MS seeking legal advice and staff and volunteers from the MS Society; specialist legal advice for people with MS in community care and employment law.

4. Service Title: Enabling Choice In London

Funder: London Councils - Commissioned Service

Timescale: 1st July 2008 to 31st June 2012

Brief Details: The service covers all London Boroughs providing specialist legal service to help disabled people and carers throughout Greater London to take up direct payments, benefit entitlements and community care services.

Capacity building via training and specialist information will be provided to advocates and advisers to organizations working with disabled people.

5. Service Title: Disability Discrimination Representation Service for London

Funder: London Councils - Commissioned Service

Timescale: 1st July 2008 to 31st June 2012

Brief Details: The service covers all London boroughs providing a specialist legal service to meet the needs of disabled people in Greater London.

The project provides service users with casework, and where appropriate represen-

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tation at court or tribunal; to challenge discrimination and assert their legal rights. Capacity building via training and specialist information will also be provided to advocates and advisers.

6. Project Title: Disability Rights Project

Funder: EHRC

Timescale: 1st April 2008 to 30th April 2009

Brief Details: The project covers the SE region of England and will provide legal advice, casework and representation in all parts of the DDA as well as Age Discrimination law.

7. Project Title: Activate

Funder: Lloyds TSB Foundation

Timescale: 1st April 2007 to 31st March 2009

Brief details: An innovative pilot project to provide a fully accessible website designed by and specifically for young disabled adults.

Activate will offer instant message advice lines with fully qualified solicitors and caseworkers; a community forum for moderated peer to peer discussion and problem solving; a host of disability rights information in the accessible formats.

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