

DISABILITY FORUM

CONSULTATION

A MAJORITY OF H.C.N. MEMBERS SUPPORT A DISABILITY FORUM

ISSUES RAISED

- Clarification needed regarding the membership and role of the Forum.
- Have other organisations dealing with disability issues been consulted?
- Concern expressed around duplication as other Forums are discussing disability issues.
- It was felt that 'Disability' issues should be on the C.H.C.N. agenda twice a year and that prior to those meetings, issues should be discussed at District H.C.N. meetings.
- Only 13 disabled people consulted as part of research. It was felt that this is not enough.
- Other organisations dealing with disability issues should have been consulted.
- People with disabilities may be embarrassed by being labelled 'Disabled'.
- Some people may feel reluctant to speak out.
- People with mental health or learning difficulties may not wish their condition to be known.
- Need for continuity between OT and N.I.H.E.
- Need to talk to everyone about disability issues, not just the disabled. Carers, family members etc. need to be part of Forum.
- Forum needs to be meaningful.
- Section 2 of D.D.A. needs to be taken into account.
- If represented already on C.H.C.N. is there a need for a Forum.
- How can you ensure all disabilities represented.
- Need to be sensitive to allow people to come forward.
- Need to get Terms of Reference right.
- How do you pick members.



- Reps already on D.H.C.N./A.H.C.N. and C.H.C.N.
- Communication to other Forums important
- Will there be medical checks
- Should it be only tenants.
- Involve H. Associations/D.S.D.
- Many comments welcomed Forum especially as B.M.E./Rural Fora already exists.

