

East Sussex LINK – Hastings Meeting in Public session looking at Mental Health concerns for local people

Some key concerns currently being asked about mental health services nationally are around:

Safe practice
Quality of patient care
People's experience of service
How people's human rights are protected?

But what affects local people using these services?
Here are some comments gathered.....

- 'Gaps in services for people with mental health and addiction issues'
- 'Availability of good housing resource to prevent people from long stay hospitalisation and or institutionalisation'
- 'Huge lack of resources generally, especially accommodation'
- 'Relevant/appropriate social care resources for people living in the community'
- 'Lack of resources for young people under 16 years especially in crisis'
- 'People with learning disabilities, who also have mental health issues, can not always access the right service because of lack of trained staff'
- 'Services in general not talking to each other'
- 'Misdiagnosis – often a problem for women, who become caught up in mental health services rather than the criminal justice system'
- The needs of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender community i.e. high rates of attempted suicide from young gay men'
- 'Lack of understanding of cultural beliefs by professionals in the black and ethnic minority communities, often means individuals get caught up in mental health services'

If you have a concern or an experience you want to add, please complete the form enclosed.