

**In Control Cymru Provider Network Launch Event
05/12/08**

Partnership between KeyRing and Wrexham County Borough Council

KeyRing and Wrexham County Borough Council have established a partnership to promote the development of Individual Budgets (IB's) in Wrexham.

The purpose of the project is to enable IB holders to decide how to spend their budget and to maximise low cost, community based solutions.

The project will employ a fulltime broker/manager who will be responsible for providing brokerage services and for the overall management of the project. The project will provide a range of brokerage services including planning, risk assessment, linking people to services, developing community connections, supporting people to recruit their own staff, costing, managing Individual Service Funds and reviewing support packages.

The project will also employ people with learning disabilities, and other vulnerable adults, who have overcome barriers to inclusion in their own lives and are able to share their experience and knowledge of their local communities to enable others to develop community connections and become active citizens. These people would be employed as Community Guides on a sessional basis.

The aim of this project is to establish a brokerage service in Wrexham. This would offer brokerage for Individual Budget holders, focussing on mainstream community-based solutions that enable people to become or remain active citizens in their local community.

The project will be seeking grant funding to cover set up costs but will be sustained through charging for services through IB's. There is an agreement from Wrexham to "match fund in kind" which will be key to the project. In addition to this Keyring are forging links with key brokers and are also investigating Shop 4 Support.

The partnership between KeyRing and Wrexham CBC is supported by the in Control Cymru Providers' Forum. This will provide guidance through training days and learning sets. In return, KeyRing and Wrexham CBC will be expected to share their learning through the Forum to add to the growing body of knowledge about how to make IB's work and to inform practice in other local authorities and organisations.

The project aims:

- To establish a brokerage service for vulnerable adults in Wrexham
- To establish a community connections service for vulnerable adults in Wrexham

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