

# **Derbyshire County LD Partnership Board**

## **Annual Report 2014/2015**



## About Learning Disability Partnership Boards

The government wrote a (149 page) paper called "Valuing People, a New Strategy For The 21st Century (2001)". That paper told all local authorities to set up learning disability partnership boards. The paper said "These will build on existing partnership structures to bring together public, voluntary and independent agencies and the wider community within the overall framework of Local Strategic Partnerships. Partnership Boards will be responsible for implementation of the White Paper".

Valuing People says the Partnership Board should help "people with learning disabilities to do those ordinary things, make use of mainstream services and be fully included in the local community".

## Other Government Reports

In 2009 the government wrote another paper. It is called "Valuing People Now – a new 3 year strategy". The government gave the Partnership Boards more power and also expects more from us. We have to make a plan for making Valuing People Now happen in our County.

In December 2010 the government wrote a report about Learning Disability Partnership Boards and progress on Valuing People Now.

## Guiding Principles

There are four guiding principles set out in Valuing People and restated in Valuing People Now. These are:

### Rights:

- People with learning disabilities and their families have the same human rights as everyone else.

### Independent living:

- This does not mean living on your own or having to do everything yourself. All disabled people should have greater choice and control over the support they need to go about their daily lives; greater access to housing, education, employment, leisure and transport opportunities and to participation in family and community life.

### Control:

- This is about being involved in and in control of decisions made about your life. This is not usually doing exactly what you want, but is about having information and support to understand the different options and their implications and consequences, so people can make informed decisions about their own lives.

## **Inclusion:**

- This means being able to participate in all the aspects of community – to work, learn, get about and meet people, be part of social networks and access goods and services – and to have the support to do so.

## **Government Objectives**

The Government set out a number of objectives for learning disability services. These were:

**Maximising opportunities for Disabled Children** - To ensure that disabled children gain maximum life chance benefits from educational opportunities, health care and social care, while living with their families or in other appropriate settings in the community where their assessed needs are adequately met and reviewed.

**Transition** – As young people with learning disabilities move into adulthood, to ensure continuity of care and support for the young person and their family and to people as possible to participate in education, training or employment.

**Choice and Control** - To enable people with learning disabilities to have as much choice and control as possible over their lives through advocacy and a person-centred approach to planning the services they need

**Carers** - To increase the help and support carers receive from all local agencies in order to fulfil their family and caring roles effectively.

**Health** - To enable people with learning disabilities to access a health service designed around their individual needs, with fast and convenient care delivered to a consistently high standard, and with additional support where necessary.

**Housing** - To enable people with learning disabilities and their families to have greater choice and control over where, and how they live.

**Fulfilling Lives** - To enable people with learning disabilities to lead full and purposeful lives in their communities and to develop a range of friendships, activities and relationships.

**Employment** - To enable more people with learning disabilities to participate in all forms of employment, wherever possible in paid work and to make a valued contribution to the world of work.

**Quality** - To ensure that all agencies commission and provide high quality, evidence based and continuously improving services which promote both good outcomes and best value.

**Workforce training and planning** - To ensure that social and health care staff working with people with learning disabilities are appropriately skilled, trained and qualified, and to

promote a better understanding of the needs of people with learning disabilities amongst the wider workforce.

**Partnership Working** - To promote holistic services for people with learning disabilities through effective partnership working between all relevant local agencies in the commissioning and delivery of services.

### **Members of LD Partnership Boards**

Valuing People said that “Membership should include senior representatives from social services, health bodies (health authorities, Primary Care Trusts (PCTs)), education, housing, community development, leisure, independent providers, and the employment service. Representatives of people with learning disabilities and carers must be enabled to take part as full members. Minority ethnic representation will be important in view of the Government’s commitment that their needs should not be overlooked.”

## **About Learning Disability Partnership Boards in Derbyshire**

### **Structure**

We have a County LD Partnership Board and six local LD partnership boards spread around the County. The county and local boards bring together all the public services in Derbyshire including County, District and Borough councils, health services, housing agencies, police, education and community and voluntary groups.

The local LD partnership boards each have four places for learning disability representatives and four places for family carer representatives. One learning disability representative and one family carer representative from each of the local LD partnership boards attends the County LD Partnership Board.

The County LD Partnership Board and the local LD partnership boards meet 4 times each year, plus additional meetings to discuss particular topics as required. The County LD Partnership Board also uses a Taskforce group to discuss and consider specific topics in greater detail and report back. There is also a Good Health Group which draws on the learning disability representatives, family carer representatives and other interested parties to specifically discuss health issues in detail.

The boards:

- improve the way public and community services support people with a learning disability; and
- promote the rights, independence, choice and inclusion of people with learning disabilities.

## **Membership of our County LD Partnership Board**

The Derbyshire County LD Partnership Board is made up of an Independent Chair, a Co-Chair (LD Representative), a Vice Chair (voluntary sector), a Vice Co-Chair (LD Representative), 6 LD Representatives (from the 6 local LD Partnership Boards), 6 Family Carers (from the 6 local LD Partnership Boards), the Deputy Cabinet Member for Adult Care Services, the Assistant Director of Adult Care Services, 2 Representatives of the Health bodies in the County and representatives of other organisations as business requires.

## **Information sharing**

The County LD Partnership Board has its own dedicated pages on the Derbyshire County Council website. Copies of the latest agendas and minutes are linked to the summary webpage along with the minutes of the Good Health Group and other reference material.

Links to other websites, including those for organisations supporting people with a learning disability and family carers, are also provided on the webpage.

## **What we have done in 2014/2015**

See separate PDF file (Powerpoint slides)

## **What do we plan to do in 2015/2016**

The Special Annual Report and Annual Planning meeting on 11 June 2015 will shape the program for the coming year.

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# VP and VPN Principles

- **Rights**
  - Same human rights as everyone else
- **Independent Living**
  - Access to housing, education, employment, leisure, transport and community life
- **Control**
  - Information to make informed decisions
- **Inclusion**
  - Appropriate support to be involved in community





# Government Objectives

- Maximising opportunities for disabled children
- Transition
- Choice and Control
- Carers
- Health
- Housing
- Fulfilling Lives
- Employment
- Quality
- Workforce Training and Planning
- Partnership Working



# Disabled Children and Transition

- P A N group
- AV transition carer rep



# Choice and Control



- Choice and Control Charter ( + Taskforce topic)
- Reps Issues
- Day Services and the Derbyshire Challenge
- Transforming care and repatriation
- The Big Event + Little Big Event
- People with a learning disability as Citizens (+ Taskforce topic)
- Day Centres and Community Lives
- “This is me”
- Amber First event
- Hate Crime and Safe Places ( + Taskforce topic)

# Carers



- Carers Issues
- Respite review
- HP Local PB carer reps support project
- Carers Reference Group
- DCHFT “Sharing information with carers”
- Carer contingency plans
- Co-funding forms
- Disability Related Expenditure and eligibility
- Carer Contributions and eligibility
- Shortage of carer reps in some areas

- Good Health Group
- “Your Health Matters” at Chesterfield FC
- NEDCCG 21<sup>st</sup> Century Consultation
- Self Assessment Framework feedback
- Chesterfield Royal Hospital videos
- LD Carers Group – Health check survey
- Taskforce “Enjoying a happy and healthy life”

# Housing

- Derbyshire Challenge survey
- Accommodation and support strategy



# Fulfilling Lives

- High Peak Speak and eat
- Glossop Chat and eat
- Chesterfield social group
- Quad film nights
- AV local Board disco
- Ashbourne Venture friends group
- Erewash dance and drumming sessions
- Fun to do Group
- Changing places toilets
- Transport Consultation submission
- High Peak Community Solutions project
- Taskforce's got talent
- Reps on Board review of Leisure Centres



# Employment

- High Peak Supported Employment
- Parkwood and Whitemoor garden projects
- Taskforce topic (June 2015)





# Quality

- Care Act information and staff workshops
- Self Assessment Framework feedback
- Annual Report
- County LDPB “calling to account”



# Workforce Planning and Training

- Care Act information and staff workshops
- Care Act implementation guidance



# Partnership Working

- Reps on Board
- Carers
- Advocacy
- County Council / District Councils
- CCGs
- Community Health
- Voluntary Sector
- Housing
- Police



# Other issues

- More effective Partnership Boards
  - Terms of Reference, Chair role, room layout, name cards, Reps on Board Top Tips, Easy Read round-up, annual report, annual work plan
- Taskforce topics
- Partnership Board Budgets
- Reps on Board annual report
- Local PB Laptops
- Local PB workplans
- Care Act
- Better Care Fund

*other stuff...*



# Derbyshire County Learning Disability Partnership Board

Annual Plan 2015-2016 –  
To be developed 11 June 2015