

The North Learning Disability Partnership Board

Terms of Reference - What we do and why we meet



Why we have a Local Partnership Board

The Learning Disability Partnership Boards were set up following a Government report called Valuing People Now 2009 and Derbyshire County Council remains committed to these values.

It said that areas like Derbyshire should set up local Partnership Boards to look at making things better for people with a learning disability.

It also said there should be a County Partnership Board where Carer Reps and Learning Disability Reps from each of the Local Boards could get together.



What we want to see in the future



We want people with a learning disability to:

- Be included and to make other people aware of their rights, choices, and independence
- To have a strong voice
- Join in groups and meetings
- Use the facilities in their local community
- Help us make decisions
- Be included and be respected wherever they live.



What are the values of the board?



- People with learning disabilities should have choice and control over their services
- More people with learning disabilities will have a paid job if they would like to have a job
- Local Health will be planning services for people with learning disabilities through Local Partnership Boards
- More people with learning disabilities will be able to live in their own home if they want to
- To encourage active self-advocates in all areas
- Signpost family carers and people with learning disabilities who are carers
- People with complex needs and people from minority ethnic communities will have better services
- There will be more action to stop hate crime.

What is the job of the Local Partnership Board?



The Local Partnership Board should:

- Make sure that people with a learning disability take part in all areas of the meeting
- Make links with organisations and groups to get better access to activities and facilities for people with learning disabilities
- Work with groups and make sure people with a learning disability join in and have the same rights as everyone else
- Help to make sure that people with multiple disabilities can use their local community facilities
- Make sure people with a learning disability have an opportunity to shape services, advice and information with organisations within the Partnership.

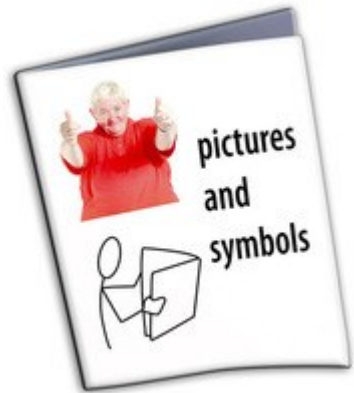


How does the Local Partnership Board work?



The Local Partnership Board should:

- Meet every other month
- Be Chaired by a Carer Rep and co-chaired by a Learning Disability Rep with support
- Have easy read notes, agendas, and reports
- Send out information at least two weeks before the date of a meeting for people to read and get ready for the meeting
- Share information to and from the County Board
- Adhere to the Code of Conduct which will be presented at each meeting by the Meeting Co-ordinator.



Who should be on the Board?

The Local Partnership Board should have:

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- 14 Learning Disability Reps
- 14 Carer Reps
- Reps that stay on the Board for a minimum of two years
- Representatives from Health, Adult Care, Advocacy, Voluntary Sector, Charities, Housing, Police, Local Councilors
- Have representatives from other local organisation that can make life better for people with learning disabilities.



Questions - Things to keep asking ourselves.



- Have we found the right people that we need on our Board?
- Have they been invited to meetings?
- What are the most important things we need to look at and how can we make sure that they are on our agenda?
- How can we make sure that something happens to make things better?
- How have we made it easier for people with learning disabilities to join in activities and use facilities in our community?
- Do we know what is good in our area?
- Do we know what we need to change?

Actions at the Local Partnership Board



Local Partnership Boards will decide what they would like their Carer Rep and Learning Disability Rep to talk about at the County Partnership Board.



If you want the Board to talk about something, tell your Stakeholder Engagement Team Representative before the next meeting who will put it on the agenda.