

Valuing People Now:

Summary Report

March 2009 - September 2010

Easy Read

Introduction



This is a report about making Valuing People Now happen for everyone with learning disabilities and for their family carers.



It is a summary of what the Learning Disability Partnership Board said about what they did from April 2009 to April 2010.

It also says what has happened since then up to September 2010.

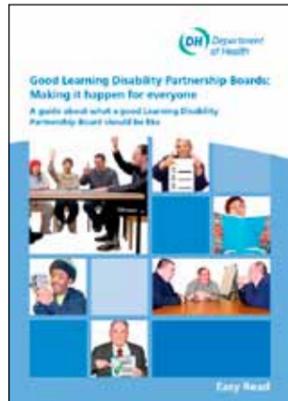


Valuing People Now is the name of the big plan the Government made. It talks about what needs to be done to make the lives of people with learning disabilities better.



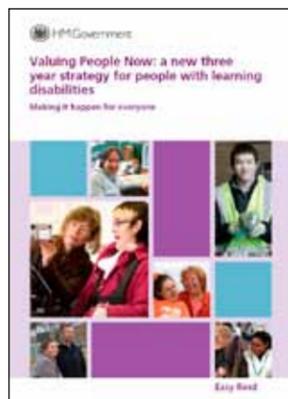
Partnership Board - It is a group of people from your local area. They meet to decide what needs to happen to make the lives of people with learning disabilities better by making the things in the Valuing People Now plan happen.

Background



In October 2009, the Department of Health sent good practice guidance to all Learning Disability Partnership Boards.

This said that Partnership Boards have an important role in making change.



Valuing People Now said that from April 2010 all Partnership Boards could make a report every year on their progress in making this happen.



The information from these reports showed the good work being done locally and where improvements needed to be made.



All Partnership Boards reported on progress made from April 2009-March 2010 and sent this to their Regional Programme Board by 31 March 2010.

Each Regional Board put all the local reports together and made a summary report about progress in their region.



The report gave Partnership Boards the chance to put together information they have locally about people with learning disabilities and their carers.



The main points from the regional summaries were discussed at the national Learning Disability Programme Board in June 2010.

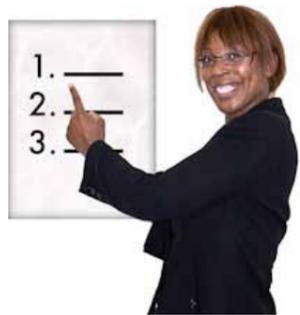
What the report is about:



- This report is based on the summary reports from the regions.



- The information in this report is up to September 2010.



- The report looks at the Valuing People Now key areas and these are:



- Health



- Housing



- Employment



This report also includes examples of good case stories at a regional and local level.

More about this report



All Partnership Boards completed a report:

- **152** out of 152 boards have sent in an annual report
- **117** out of 152 reports were signed off by people with learning disabilities
- **117** out of 152 reports were signed off by family carers.

People told us that they did not sign the report because



- there was not enough time,



- the report was too complicated to understand and

- Some family carers said they were only able to speak for themselves and not all local families.

All areas followed up the reports that were not signed.

What were the big successes in 2009/10?



- **All 9 regions** were pleased with their progress on health but said there was more to do

- **7 out of 9 regions** were pleased with the local progress on making change happen on jobs

5 out of 9 regions were very proud of the leadership from people with learning disabilities and families.

What were the problems faced in 2009/10 :



- **7 of 9 regions** said much more work is needed to make sure outcomes are achieved on jobs and housing

- **5 out of 9 regions** said closing NHS Campuses on time was difficult

- **4 out of 9** regions said a lot more work needed to be done to improve transition for young people.

Progress on Health:



Regions reported on the progress made on responding to the Ombudsman's Six Lives report big questions.

Health Self-Assessment Process:

- 8 Regions completed in 2009/10
- North West region will complete in Autumn 2010
- Every Region plans to carry on with the health self-assessment every year.

Better Health Care

All regions report improvements in healthcare, including more:

- acute liaison nurses
- annual health checks
- patient passports and communication books.





Health organisations told us they need to work on better systems to identify people with learning disabilities.



The number of people receiving an annual health check increased from around 27 thousand in 2008/09 to around 59 thousand in 2009/10. This is still not enough. Half of the people who can have an annual health check are still not getting one.

Progress on Housing:

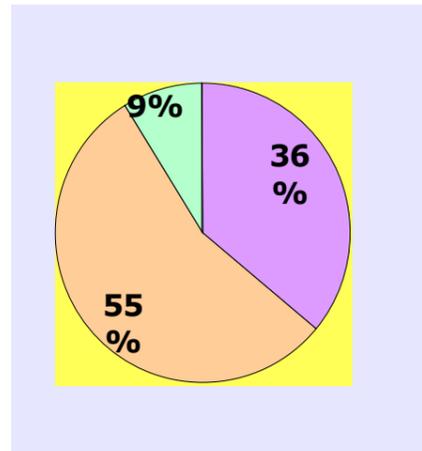


Good progress was made in closing Health Campus Homes:



- **947** people were living in NHS campuses at 30 **September 2009**
- **753** people were living in campuses at 26 **March 2010**
- **543** people were living in NHS campuses at **24 September 2010**.

Council Money for Learning Disabilities used on care homes in 2008/09



- **54** out of 148 councils spent less than 40 out of 100 percent
- **82** out of 148 councils spent between 40 out of 100 and 60 out of 100 percent on residential care
- **12** out 148 councils spent more than 60 out of 100 percent on residential care.

Housing – Regional programmes



All regions have regional teams working on a housing plan to improve housing including:



- The Department of Health's (Care Service Efficiency Directorate) support for some councils on value for money and an increase in housing choices



- workshops on housing and employment resources



- housing specialist support on a wider range of cost effective housing options.

Progress on Employment:



Our most up to date information shows:

- **6 out of 100** people with learning disabilities who use social services had a job in 2009/10.
- **87 out of 152** Partnership Boards reported they have **Employment strategies**. This is just over half.
- **64 out of 152** have **person centred reviews at transition**, which focus on **paid employment as an outcome**.
- improvements include: job coaching, helping people find jobs suited to their skills and abilities and support to set up their own business.



Employment and Transition 2010/11



All regions have agreed to a programme to:

- Support Partnership Boards with the tools in the Valuing People Now - Employment Resource Hub,
- Share learning on transition, including the Getting a Life and Project Search Programmes and
- Spread of learning from other best practice employment sites.

Making it happen for everyone

All regions reported lots of good local work on:



- tackling hate crime



- including all communities



- involving family carers



- People with complex needs



- offenders with learning disabilities.



Many regions reported progress and plans to increase the changing places facilities.

Other Regional Priorities

Regions were proud of their work on the regional priorities, which included:



- Transport



- Friends and relationships



- Advocacy



- Family carers



- Activities in day, evening and weekends.

Finally



Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this happen.

We would like to see Partnership Boards continue to do annual reports to show the progress they are making locally.



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