

Cover Sheet Learning Disability Programme Board Papers

Report to
Learning Disability Programme Board Meeting

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Title of paper
Forward look on Strategic Issues

Summary
This paper is about looking ahead on the Department of Health's strategy for wider issues that affect people with learning disabilities.

Action required / recommendation
FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

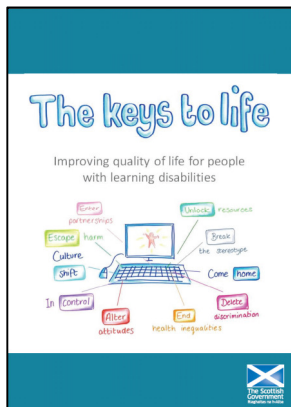
LDPB members are asked to:
- note the content of paper and ask any questions you have about it

Forward Look on Strategic Issues

At the last Learning Disability Programme Board, members said they wanted to think about wider strategic issues.

Scotland's Strategy

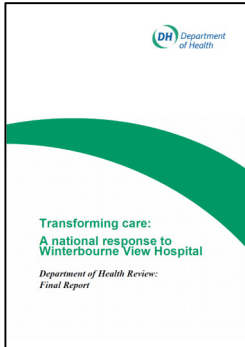
Members mentioned the recent Learning Disability Strategy in Scotland *The Keys to Life*. This was Scotland's first LD strategy since 2000. A lot of it is about healthcare issues but also looks at issues that help independent living like housing, travel and transport and to things like hate crime, discrimination, culture and relationships.



England published *Valuing People Now* in 2009. Some of the key things in this have now been included in the new system set up after changes to the health and care system since 2010. So, for example, housing and employment are included in the Adult Social Care and Public Health Outcomes Frameworks. This sets a clear strategic framework for local leadership and delivery of improvements for people.



Because of what you said to us at the LDPB meeting, we have looked at the Scottish strategy and also started talking to people about wider issues.



Our big programmes at the moment

At the moment we have two big programmes of action we have to deliver.

These are:

- The actions in *Transforming Care* and the *Concordat Programme of Action* to put right the things that we saw were wrong when we looked at what happened at Winterbourne View hospital
- The actions that people are leading on in different organisations after the Confidential Inquiry into the Premature Deaths of People with Learning Disability

We have to keep focussed on delivering these and make sure we progress the important action to make things better for people and do the things we all said we would do.

Some of these actions will help a smaller group of people with learning disability – those people whose behaviour people can find challenging or those with mental health problems.

Some of these actions will help a much bigger group such as anyone with learning disability who goes into a normal local hospital. For example, some of the good practice project work is about helping everyone.



Other work that is happening

There is also lots of good work happening on improving adult social care and children's health and care which will help people with learning disability. This includes:

- The Care Bill
- Integration work to bring together health and adults' social care
- The Children and Families Bill

NHS England with their new National Clinical Director for Learning Disability, Dr Dominic Slowie are looking at the issues and priorities for improving healthcare.

We also have lots of work we are doing to improve data and information generally, not just around Winterbourne View, looking at things like Health Survey for England, the dataset and what other research could be done as well as the other work which Public Health England do.

We are also at the moment:

- working with the Payment by Results team in DH on the project being run externally from DH around currencies/payment and pricing units for learning disability
- with the Developing Well child health policy team in DH, supporting the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health development of an e-learning portal on disability across children and adults
- starting to talk about projects with other groups on things like new



models for funding projects to support people with LD in the community called Social Impact Bonds.

- Starting discussions with groups like the National Valuing Families Forum and the National Forum about what work they could do with us.

What are People Telling Us

Some of the things that people have said to us they are concerned about at the moment are:

- Support for parents with LD and their children being taken into care
- The Mental Capacity Act - DH are looking at this at the moment
- Care coordination and case management.
- LA eligibility criteria
- How people with LD are getting older and there are more young people with complex needs and issues like dementia

We will keep on listening to this and want to hear from Board members so we can look for evidence and find out what is happening, what we know and what we don't know and if anyone is leading work to look at the problems.



Next steps

When the big programme of action which is happening after *Winterbourne View* is getting smaller because some actions have been finished, after the summer of 2014, we think it would be a good point at which to look at progress with the NHS, local government and key stakeholders, including people with learning disability and family carers, and think together about the main issues, what people are already doing, how we can make the most of this and what other is needed.

We think this would be a very good time to draw a wide range of people together for a broader discussion evaluating progress. We can look at different information, numbers and people's stories to get a better picture. At this point:

- Health and social care reforms should be more progressed, including the Bills which Parliament are looking at the moment
- CQC will have made big changes to the way it does things
- We should have data in some areas which will help us understand things better
- Groups like the National Valuing Families Forum and the National Forum will have had time to think together about their future work programme and strategic priorities.
- We also know that the ADASS LD networks are also very keen to do work and we want to talk to them about this.



We are also trying to make sure that there is time in the agenda at LDPB meetings to talk about some of these bigger issues.

Today we have included Housing and the Special Educational Needs changes. We are suggesting that in February we hear from the Forums and also cover Workforce, the Care Bill and Employment. We want to think ahead more about the agendas.

It is difficult to make sure there is time to include all the things that people want to talk about and make sure that we are doing the things we said we would on tackling people dying too early and on actions after *Winterbourne View* so we will have to agree what things we think are the most important.