






national forum  
of people with  
learning disabilities



## Update for the Learning Disability Programme Board

	<p><b>Good news</b></p>
	<p>Many self advocates reported taking part in Big Health and Social Care days.</p> <p>They thought it was good that Councils and Clinical Commissioning Groups tried very hard to make them accessible.</p> <p>.</p>
	<p>National Forum reps have been asked by lots more people to help them with their work.</p> <p>We think this is good as it shows that people want to listen to our views and take us seriously.</p>

	<p><b>Issues that people with learning disabilities are worried about</b></p>
	<p>People are still very worried about changes to benefits, especially housing benefit and what it will mean for them.</p> <p>They are hearing stories of people having reviews of their support which has then been cut.</p> <p>Self advocacy groups are very concerned about cuts in the support that people get. They are telling us that people with mental health issues are turning to them to ask for advice.</p> <p>They are worried that more people receiving less support is making it difficult for everyone to live independently in the community.</p> <p>With people receiving less or no services they are becoming more isolated and this is making them more vulnerable. People are also telling us that loneliness is becoming more of an issue.</p>