



# Leicestershire Learning Disabilities Partnership Board

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## **Annual Self Assessment 2011**

### **Why have we written an Annual Report?**

At the end of 2009 the Department of Health sent us a good practice guide for Partnership Boards. The guide is intended to help all Partnership Boards work as well as possible. One of the recommendations in the guide is for all Partnership Boards to write an annual self-assessment report. The Department of Health provided a template for Partnership Boards to complete.

The idea behind the reports is to help us know about people and services in Leicestershire, so we can take a more performance management approach. It will help us decide what is most important, and check what is changing.

Last year all 152 Partnership Boards filled in an Annual Report. The Government said the reports show that all Partnership Boards want to make life better for people with learning disabilities and their families. There were lots of good practice examples; something everyone said was really valuable.

However, there was a lot of feedback that the reports were too long and too complicated, making it impossible to meaningfully involve people with learning disabilities in writing and verifying the reports.

This year the template was considerably shorter, but the questions were still quite complex and difficult to make accessible.

This year the report reflects the key priority areas identified by the Coalition Government from Valuing People Now - Health, Housing and Employment. It also asks us for examples of good ideas and projects that we want to share with everyone.

Many of the questions ask for information slightly different from last year, so opportunities for comparison and performance monitoring are limited.



## 1. Local picture

### What is this about?

What information have we got in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and how does it help us plan the right services?

How many adults with learning disabilities and how many young people with learning disabilities are known to Leicestershire County Council?

How much money is spent on services for people with learning disabilities?

How many people are using personal budgets?

### What have we said?

There are 1369 adults with learning disabilities known to Leicestershire County Council at the end of March 2011.

Information from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment has helped get better value for money services for people with high support needs and for young people in transition.

There is still a lot of work to do to improve the quality of learning disability information in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

The numbers of people with learning disabilities using personal budgets is small but growing.

### Where did the information come from?

The information came from the people who plan and buy services and the people who collect information for the County Council.

## 2. The health of people with learning disabilities

### What is this about?

Did Leicestershire have a Big Health Day in 2010?

If we had a Big Health Day in 2010, what did we find out about health services for people with learning disabilities and did we write an action plan to make services better?

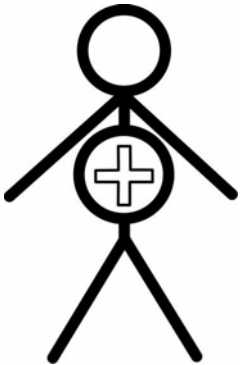
How many people with learning disabilities had an annual health check?

What are the examples of excellence in health in Leicestershire that we want to share with the rest of the country?

### What have we said?

We had a very good Big Health Day in 2010. It was well attended and a lot of information was gathered. The action plan from the Big Health day was agreed by the Strategic Health Authority

In the 4 main sections of the Big Health Day Leicestershire scored 3 greens and 1 amber (on a scale of red, amber green)





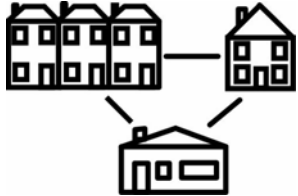
1264 people with learning disabilities had a health check in 2010-11. This is an increase of 240 on the previous year.

Lots of people said they get good services from community health services e.g. local doctors and dentists.

### **Where did the information come from?**

The information came from Sam Rich, Lead Health Facilitator  
We have included 6 examples of projects that work really well

### **3. Where people live**



#### **What is this about?**

Does the County Council have really good information about the housing and support needs of people with learning disabilities?

How many people with learning disabilities live in their own home or with family?

How much money is spent on residential and nursing homes?

How many people with learning disabilities from Leicestershire live in services outside of Leicestershire?

Do we have a plan to support more people into supported living?

What are the housing things we are doing really well in Leicestershire that we want to share with the rest of the country?

#### **What have we said?**

We have some good information about the housing and support needs of people with learning disabilities.

There are more a few people in supported living in 2010-11 than there were in 2009-10 and there is a bit less money being spent on residential and nursing homes.

There are 177 adults and 19 young people from Leicestershire in services outside of Leicestershire

Most services are provided by independent and voluntary sector providers

The County Council has plans to help more people get supported living, but they haven't said how many people. There are actions in the plan.

#### **Where did the information come from?**

Some information came from the person who is working on a project to get more supported living for people in Leicestershire.

Some information came from the people who plan and buy services.

Some information came from the people who pay for special college places

Some information came from workers in the learning disability services

Some of the information came from the big plan for supported living



## 4. Employment

### What is this about?

How many of the people with learning disabilities, known to the County Council, are working? This is broken down into paid work and voluntary work. And people working more than 16 hours a week and less than 16 hours a week.

Do we have an up to date plan for Valuing Employment Now?

Is there a real plan for each young person to get a job when they leave education?

How much the County Council spends on day services?

How much the County Council spends on employment services?

What are the employment things we are doing really well in Leicestershire that we want to share with the rest of the country?

### What have we said?

In 2010-11 there were 37 people with paid jobs. This is 17 less people than last year

In 2010-11 there were 133 people doing voluntary work, including 11 that were doing paid work and voluntary work. This is 40 less people than last year.

We have an up to date plan for Valuing Employment Now. The Head of Service who oversees the Community Life Choices services has been given responsibility for ensuring these actions are progressed.

There is some excellent work for young people who have person centred reviews from the age of 14. This does not happen in all the special schools. The County Council spends over 9 million pounds all together on day and employment services

### Where did the information come from?

The information came from the people who collect information for the County Council, the people who look after the money and the Valuing People team



## 5. Other local developments / good practice of note

### What is this about?

What are the projects and examples of really good working that we want to share with the rest of the country?

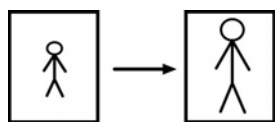
For each thing we put in this part of the report we had to include the name of someone people could contact to find out more.

The report asked us to try and include examples that include family carers

### What have we said?

We included 5 examples of excellence from Leicestershire.

We didn't include any of the things we put in this section of the report last year, even though they are all still working well.



The examples we included are

**The Transition Pathway** – used in special schools to help everyone agree how to make transition (the change from children's to adult's services) as good as possible.



**The Family Leadership training** – a series of workshops for parents and carers. The workshops included things like national laws and policies that affect the lives of people with learning disabilities, and how to present information in a meeting.



**Keeping Safe CD** – the interactive CD to help people with learning disabilities be safe in their own homes.



**Acute Liaison Nurses** – the 3 specialist nurses supporting hospitals to improve the support they offer to people with learning disabilities and their families.



**Changing Places** – these are very accessible toilets and changing facilities suitable for adults with very complex needs. There are now 2 Changing Places facilities in Melton Mowbray, including new facilities opened in the Carnegie Museum. There is a commitment to build more Changing Places in Leicestershire.

## 6. Declaration

### What is this about?

The Annual Report is the Partnership Board's report. It is not the County Council's report, or the Primary Care Trust's report, even though a lot of the information was provided by them. The Partnership Board had to review the information collected for the report and agree that it presented a fair assessment of the lives of people with learning disabilities and their families in Leicestershire and the services available to them. The Board were encouraged to consider where the report shows good progress and where there are areas of concern.

The Co Chairs had to sign the report, along with agreed representatives from the self-advocates and family carers.

### What have we said?

The Board agreed with the content of the report.

They asked that these 3 points be added:

1. It is very hard for us to see what is getting better and what is getting worse when the questions change every year. Please keep the questions the same for the next couple of years so we can use the Annual Report as much as possible to help us decide what to do.
2. It is very hard for people with learning disabilities, their families and carers to be properly involved in writing the report when we do not have enough time. Please give us longer next time.
3. It is very hard for people with learning disabilities, their families and carers to be properly involved in writing the report when the questions are written using complicated words. Please use easier words to write the questions.

The report was submitted to the Learning Disabilities Observatory funded by the Department of Health.

All the annual reports received by the Observatory are now on their website

<http://www.improvinghealthandlives.org.uk/projects/partnershipboards/ports/findings>

The Observatory has produced a report showing how many Partnership Boards submitted their annual reports and how many answered each question.

They will be producing some detailed analysis from the annual reports, but this has been delayed.

