
REPORT FOR HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SELECT COMMITTEE

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THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DUDLEY LEARNING DISABILITY PARTNERSHIP BOARD

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To present to Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee the Annual Report of the Dudley Learning Disability Partnership Board.

BACKGROUND

2. Valuing People Now, published in January 2008 by the Department of Health, identifies six priorities for local Learning Disability Partnership Boards:
 - To raise awareness of Valuing People Now across national and local government, the private and voluntary sector, and within wider society.
 - To have an effective Partnership Board
 - To secure access to and improvements in health care
 - To increase the range of housing options for people with learning disabilities and their families
 - To ensure that personalisation is embedded in all local authority services and developments and is underpinned by person-centred planning.
 - To improve employment opportunities for people with a learning disability.
3. Learning Disability Partnership Boards were set up in all local authority areas following publication of the Valuing People White Paper in 2001. Valuing People Now gave new responsibilities to Partnership Boards. The Department of Health has recently produced new guidance – ‘Good Learning Disability Partnership Boards – Making it happen for everyone’
4. The Learning Disability Partnership Board is central to the planning, commissioning, delivery and performance management of services for people with a learning disability. A key task is to monitor the delivery of the Valuing People Now priorities in Dudley, which are included in the Council's Strategy and Action Plan for Learning Disability Services, which was approved by Cabinet in March 2009.

5. For the first time, the Learning Disability Partnership Board has produced an annual report on its work. The annual report is now a requirement of the Department of Health and is produced as part of the Valuing People Self-Assessment, which is attached.
6. The annual report and self-assessment bring all the information about the needs of people with a learning disability and their carers, about services and the work of the Board together in one place. The report sets out what progress has been made during 2009.
7. The report also identifies areas for improvement which the Council and its partners will focus on during the coming year.
8. The Strategic Health Authority is carrying out its own self-assessment measuring progress in improving access to health care.
9. The report has been signed off by the Learning Disability Partnership Board at its meeting on 8th March.

FINANCE

10. The Council meets the costs of administering the Partnership Board which include support to people with a learning disability to take an effective part in Board meetings.

LAW

11. The Council has powers and duties to support persons with a learning disability under its welfare function contained in a number of statutes including the National Assistance Act 1948, the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970, the Community Care Act 1990 and the Mental Health Acts and may do anything incidental to conducive to or which facilitates the discharge of its functions under section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972.

EQUALITY

12. The Annual Report is consistent with the Equal Opportunities policy of the Council.

RECOMMENDATION

13. Select Committee is asked to consider and comment on the Annual Report.



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