



Easy read summary of the Cabinet Paper and Presentation by the Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board



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What is the paper/presentation about?

In Kent there are around 4,200 people with learning disabilities who are supported through services provided by Kent County Council.



Partnership Board Organisation

To make sure that people with learning disabilities are listened to, the Families and Social Care directorate have the Learning Disability Partnership Board.

This helps KCC make services for people with learning disabilities better.



This paper and presentation lets the Cabinet know the issues that are important to people with learning disabilities.

Recommendations for the Cabinet



Make sure the Kent Partnership Board continues and is supported.

Look at how the Council can use the Kent Partnership Board to make life better for people with learning disabilities.

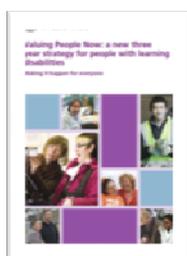
1. Introduction



It has always been important that the people with a learning disability are listened to when planning services.



It is also important that they are given information about health, social care, education, housing and democratic issues that we all encounter in life.



This was written about in Valuing People Now a strategy for people with Learning Disabilities.

It was published by the Department of Health in 2009.



Kent County Council works through the Learning Disability Partnership Board to make sure the aims of Valuing People Now are achieved and that people with learning disabilities are supported in leading independent lives.



2. The Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board

2.1 The Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board meets regularly and is made up of people with learning disabilities their family/carers, staff from KCC, health and voluntary groups.



The Board reports to the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Safeguarding Board in Kent.

The Board meets 4 times a year and it is open to the public.

2.2 Valuing People Now Cabinet

The role of the Cabinet is to co-ordinate the work of the 6 delivery groups and to check that things are done.



The Cabinet is made up of lead officers and a champion (a person with a learning disability for each of the delivery groups and 3 family carers).

The Cabinet is co-chaired by the Director of Learning Disability and Mental Health and a person with a learning disability.

2.3 Delivery Groups

The Kent Learning Disability Partnership is made up of 6 Delivery Groups that look at good health; housing; employment, education and training; transition from children's to adults' services; safeguarding; and advocacy.





Meeting minutes and information is in easy read and is on the Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board Website:
www.kentldpb.org.uk.



Kent County Council commission the Kent Valuing People Partnership to support the delivery of the work carried out by the Delivery Groups.

The Delivery Groups are:

- Becoming an Adult
- Good Health
- Keeping Safe
- What I Do
- Where I Live



An Advocacy Delivery Group will be set up during the course of this year.

2.4 District Partnership Groups (DPGs)

There are 11 District Partnership Groups which cover the 12 districts in Kent (Dartford and Gravesham work as one DPG).



These groups look at what issues people with a learning disability have locally.

If issues are felt to be important for all people in Kent, then information is fed-up through the relevant Delivery Group.



The DPGs have been named as an example of good practice in research done by the University of Kent, Kent Police, MCCH and Autism London. The research is called 'Living in Fear'.

The research highlighted the work that promoted community safety of people with learning disabilities.

2.5 The Joint Health and Social Care Self-Assessment Framework (SAF)



The Self Assessment Framework outlines the Partnership's work for the year ahead.

This is looked at annually. We will look at this again in November.

The Joint Health and Social Care SAF looks at how well we are providing services for people with a learning disability in Kent.



For the first time, the 2013 SAF was done jointly with the NHS to look at both Health and Social Care.



The information from the SAF is fed-back to Public Health England who check us against other authorities.



From this we will be able to see which of our services we do well and which we need to work on.



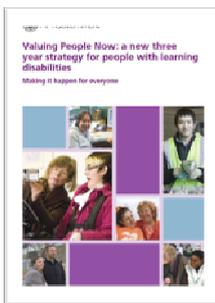
The responses from the 2013 SAF have yet to be published. We expect to hear back from Public Health England in March 2014.

3. Bold Steps for Kent and Policy Framework



The Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board works alongside 2 of the Kent County Council Ambition Boards: Tackling Disadvantage and Citizen in Control.

This makes sure actions taken by the Delivery Groups are the same as the County Council's approach to giving services.



The work of the Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board is also in line with Valuing People Now, published by the Department of Health as well as KCC's Active Lives, the Employment Strategy for people with Learning Disabilities and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

4. Recommendations

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5. Background Documents

5.1 - Summary of the Partnership Strategy for Learning Disability in Kent 2012-2015

5.2 How the Kent Learning Disability Partnership Works, 2013

6. Appendix

Presentation by the Kent Learning Disability Partnership to Cabinet.

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