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Transforming Care for People with Learning Disabilities - Next Steps



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Progress we have made on “Next Steps”



Transforming Care for People with Learning Disabilities was set up to improve care for people with learning disabilities and autism.



Six organisations are working together to make improvements. These are:

- NHS England
- Department of Health
- All Local Authorities
- Directors of Adult Social Services
- Care Quality Commission
- Health Education England





We have made progress in making things better. We did this by working with professionals, families and people with learning disabilities. We need to continue this good work to make sure that more people will be able to live in their local communities with support.



We have improved the way in which information is kept about people with a learning disability. We have also looked at the way we share information.



Our information shows how good the support is that people are receiving. It also shows how we can support people to have the best life they can have.



We have supported a lot of people who were in hospital for a long time to move into community living. Some people had been living in hospital for 5 years or longer.



There are less people now being admitted to hospital who have learning disabilities and autism.

We cannot stop all people going into hospital, but we are working hard to make sure less people go into hospital.



Where people with learning disabilities are in hospital, we are making sure that they have enough support so they are moved back into the community.



Lots of people in hospital have had care and treatment reviews. Care and treatment reviews look at how people with learning disabilities and autism are being looked after.

The people who carry out the reviews include "experts by experience", and people who work in learning disability services. "Experts by Experience" are people with learning disabilities or a carer.

We are making sure that everyone who needs a care and treatment review will receive one.



A care and treatment reviews looks at:

- Is the person safe?
- How is the person getting good care now?
- What are their plans for the future?
- Does the person need to be in hospital or can their care and treatment be met in the community?

The commissioner is the person who is in charge of paying for services. The commissioner will follow up any changes that need to be made.

No voice unheard, no right ignored

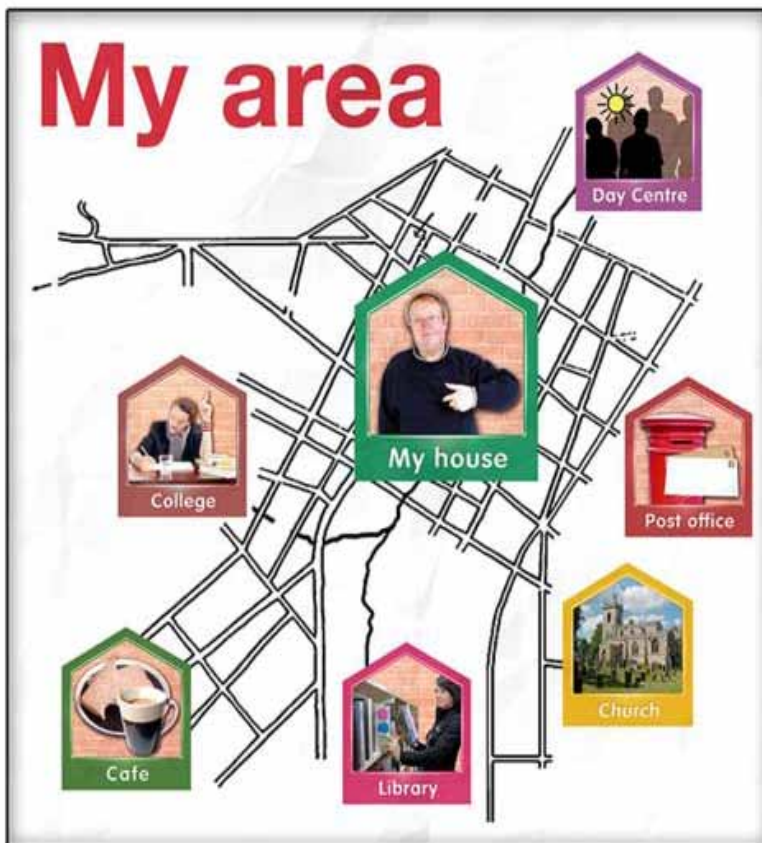
We asked a lot of people including people with learning disabilities and their carers, to let people know their rights about making choices about how and where they live.

The Fast Track programme was set up to test out new ways of delivering services.

It will look at:

- Future care for people with learning disabilities in local areas.
- Making sure people get the best support.





We will be making sure as many people as possible can live in their local community with the right level of support.

We will work with staff who support people with learning disabilities and autism to put changes in place.



The “Next Steps” report looked at:

- Reducing the number of people admitted to hospital.
- Reducing how long people stay in hospital.
- Better quality care for people in hospital and in the community.
- Better quality of life for people staying in hospital and in the community.



We will improve people's lives by making sure that:

- People have more choice and will be more involved in their care.
- We deliver the best services that we can now, and in the future.
- All services for people with learning disabilities and autism provide good quality services.
- All staff who support people with learning disabilities have the training and skills to provide high quality support.
- We record and share information in ways that are best for people.

We have set up methods of making sure that all organisations work in the same way.

We are working with a lot of organisations to:

- Look at what is needed in all areas.
- Plan the way we work in all areas.
- Gather and share information.
- Provide quality training.
- Feedback information.
- Provide advice.





High quality advocacy

We know that advocacy is very important to make sure people get the right support.

We have been asking people if they are getting advocacy support and if this is the right kind of support.

We have made an accessible booklet for people to plan for discharge from hospital and let people know how they can get advocacy support.

Staff who give support

We want to make sure that the people who give support have everything they need to support people in the best way.

We have leadership training so that the people who make the big decisions are looking after people in the best way.

We are checking that all staff meet the standards people should expect.

We want people to have the freedom to do as much as they can, but we also want to keep people safe. We are training staff in ways they support people to do this.

Improving health

We are working hard to bring in and keep good Doctors and nurses to look after people's health needs.

We are making sure we have enough training places so that the people who look after people's health can meet their needs now and in the future.





Inspecting our services

We need to make sure that our services are working well.

We do this by checking that our services are:

- Safe
- Caring
- Looking after your needs
- Are being managed well

How we inspect our services

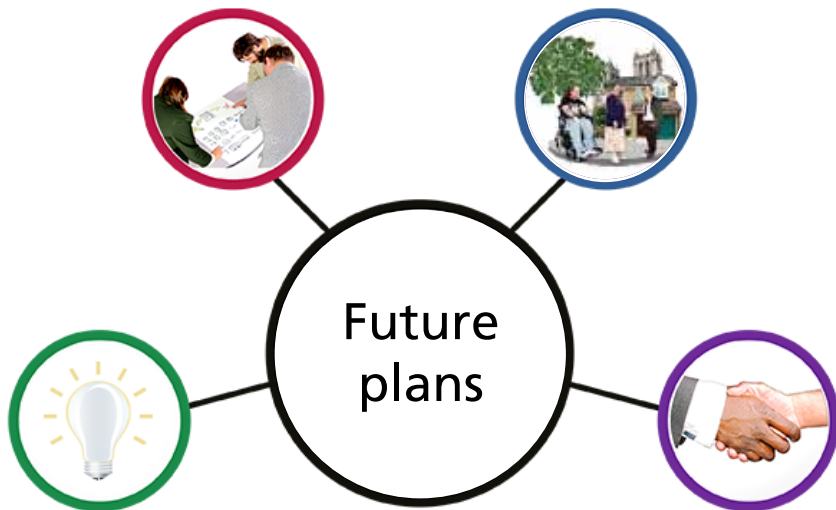
We make sure that “experts by experience” are involved in the checks.

We speak to people living in our services to see what they think about the support they are getting.



The Clinical Commissioning Group that buys services checks that all services are working the way that they should.

If people are not being looked after properly, the Clinical Commissioning Group will find another service to support people in the best way.



New services

All new services are checked to make sure that they know how to give the best support, and work in the way we want services to work now.

Future services

We are always planning ahead so that we can continue to improve lives for people with learning disabilities.



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