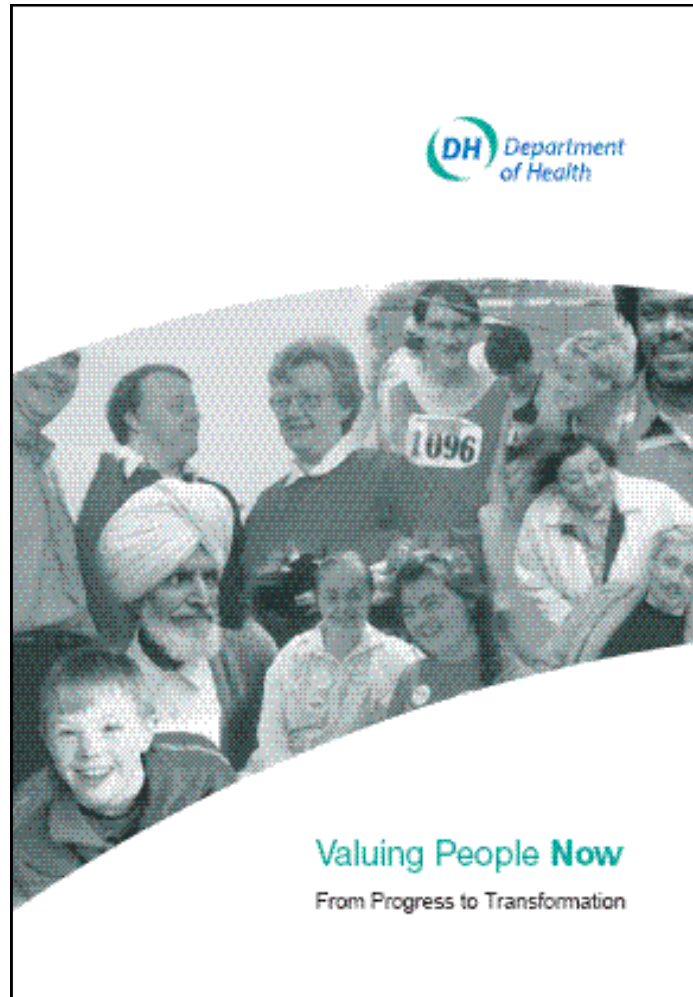


ADASS response to Valuing People Now



The Big Priorities – are they right

- Personalisation ✓ **Yes**
- What people do in the day (including work) ✓ **Yes**
- Better health ✓ **Yes**
- More choice about housing ✓ **Yes**
- Making Valuing People happen ✓ **Yes**

What's missing from the priorities

- Employment for working age should be a priority on its own.
- Support for carers seems underplayed

General issues

- 4 first priorities are outcomes
- Making VP Now happen isn't an outcome but is a priority they should be one or the other, need to cross ref better with original VP and OHOCOS
- Nothing on funding implications or demographic issues being faced by LA's.
- PCP vs Support Planning

What People do during the day

- This section does not specifically mention those with very complex needs and community access
- Very little mentioned about wider response needed from other services and wider community to support those with LD.
- Jobs – need to reinforce quality not quantity
- Public sector not mentioned as role model for jobs
- More emphasis needed on key role of further education and DWP in employment preparation.

Better Health

- Needs to reinforce place shaping role and wider role of DASS for health and well being.
- Reference needs to be made to “ A Life Like No Other”
- Need to focus on local H&WB strategies to promote positive health for people with LD not just illness focus.
- Greater emphasis needed on PBC and other primary health care roles e.g. dentistry

Housing

- Section overly focussed on tenancies
- Need to also focus on home ownership and housing corp. involvement on the development of mixed tenure schemes.
- Could learn from extra care schemes for elders.
- The Supporting People reference should mention the importance of floating support.

Advocacy and Rights

- Focus on self advocacy is welcomed.
- More info on advocacy improvement programme is needed.
- Should strengthen the need for a key requirement to ensure enduring and effective local self advocacy is supported and funded.
- Risk of developing expert regional and national self advocacy to detriment of the development of local expertise.

Partnership with Families

- Generally very positive section
- Need more reference to the role of very elderly carers and the need for dedicated outreach
- Needs to recommend local leadership programmes such as Partners in Policy Making are mainstreamed across the country.

Including Everyone

- This section is very welcome as there is a general sense through VP Now that the very specific needs of those with very complex needs and those from BMEC are overlooked.
- The role of the probation service in respect of offenders with LD needs to be highlighted and strengthened.

People as Local Citizens

- What about voting rights?
- Focus on hate crime is very welcome but it should highlight need for better joint working through local safeguarding boards.
- Transport - personalisation should improve access to transport if it works.
- Little mention of the internet in assisting relationships – e.g. Facebook

Transition and Workforce

- Section only focuses on moving to adulthood nothing about transition for older people or into other areas e.g. MH. Equally important
- Need to link workforce issue across adult and children's services.
- Need to focus on a good quality PA workforce and use of VCS as brokers – CSCI guidance.

National and Local Leadership

- Future role of VPST confusing. Regional team and core team??
- Very positive on specific indicators for LD and clarity re health role via NHS Operating Framework.
- Agree with suggestion re statutory duty for public bodies to consult with LDPB.

Better Commissioning

- ADASS agree with principles behind the NHS transfer but have specific worries re current NHS under funding issues (as mentioned in a Life Like No Other.)
- Need to make specific reference to user led commissioning activity and skills and the need for full involvement in strategic commissioning activities.
- ADASS supports LD Coalition call for Wanless type review for LD services.