Learning Disability Partnership Board
Annual Report 2011
What we have found in the West Midlands

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Introduction

The Association of Adult Social Services (ADASS) have asked for an update on progress with Valuing People Now.

equip 4 change has looked at the Partnership Board reports for 2010/11, and other reports.

They have also talked to self-advocates, family carers, commissioners and co-chairs of Learning Disability Partnership Boards.

This work has been done so that everyone knows what is happening in the West Midlands, and to find out what extra things need to happen.
1. In 2010/11, 14,204 people with learning disabilities age 18-65 were known to local authorities. This is an increase of 364 people from the previous year.

2. There were also 1,548 people aged 65+. These numbers were not reported the previous year.

3. Lots of areas reported that they are supporting more older people with learning disabilities, and they often have other health needs, such as dementia.

4. The budget for people with learning disabilities is £567,793,000 in 2011/12.
What have you found the most difficult?

1. Housing. All areas plan to increase housing options, but this is more difficult because of the changes in funding and benefits. There also needs to be more housing.

2. Managing the money. Partnership Boards are helping more people with the same amount of money as the previous year or less money.

3. Choice and control. There are not enough community options for people to buy with their direct payments.

4. Transitions. Having the right supports for young adults and older people. They often have higher support needs.
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The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment is often called the JSNA. The JSNA is a big plan about your local area and the people who live there.

Do the JSNA’s help areas to plan how they can make services and support for people with a learning disability good value?

7 Partnership Boards felt their JSNA helped them to make services and support for people with a learning disability good value.
The big priorities

The top priorities about people with learning disabilities included:

- Housing, so that fewer people live in residential care
- Employment and modernising day opportunities
- Managing with less money
- Choice and control
- Keeping safe
- Transition
- Autism
- Family carers
What are the budgets for services for adults with a learning disability?

In 2009/10, £609,810,501 was spent on social care and health services for people with learning disabilities.

In 2010/11 the budget for social care and health services for people with learning disabilities is £567,792,779.

This is about £42,000,000 less money.

BUT!! we will not know how much money has been spent until 2012.

It is possible that more money will be spent than the budget.
Personalisation

How many adults with learning disabilities have a personal budget?

2,8762 adults with a learning disability in the West Midlands had a personal budget in 2010/11.

This is an increase of 1,315 people from the year before.

BUT!! Some people say their supports have not changed. It is just a paper exercise.
### How many children’s services offer young people personal budgets?

- 5 out of 14 children’s services offer personal budgets.
- 6 out of 14 children’s services do not offer personal budgets.
- 3 areas did not answer the question.

### How many young people have a direct payment?

- In 2009/10 199 young people aged 16 to 18 had a direct payment.
- In 2010/11 229 young people aged 16 to 18 had a direct payment.

This is an increase of 30 young people. Two areas accounted for 15 of these.
1. All areas have done a lot of work for the health peer review. Self-advocates and family carers have been part of the team.

2. There are a lot of good things happening to make sure people keep healthy. These are some of them:

   - Self-advocates training doctors and other people
   - Looking after your teeth
   - Screening for dementia
   - Helping mothers with learning disabilities
   - Fair access to sexual health services
   - Quality of health standards
   - More people getting health checks
## Where People Live

In 2009/10, 58.6% of people with learning disabilities lived in their own home or with parents.

In 2010/11 this number fell to 54.9%. This is a reduction of 3.7%.

BUT!! Some people who did not have a review may not be counted in these numbers.

In 2009/10, the average regional spend on residential care was 44.7% of the budget.

In 2010/11, the predicted spend on residential care is 46.2%.

This is worrying and needs to reduce.
Some good things happening in housing are:

- Single point of access for housing support
- New houses, flats and bungalows are being built
- New “Key Ring” schemes
- Choice checkers
- More Extra Care Housing Schemes
Do the big plans about housing in local areas include the plans for people with a learning disability?

6 out of the 14 Partnership Boards have a big plan about housing for people with a learning disability that is part of the local big plan about housing for lots of people.

This means that only 6 out of 14 Partnership Boards have information about their housing plan included in their local Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.
It is getting harder to help people have their own homes.

Some of the reasons are:

- Less money to Supporting People
- New people can not claim ILF
- Not enough houses
- Changes to housing benefit
- Mortgages and shared ownership are harder to get
How much money is spent on care homes?

The private sector is paid 58% of the money spent on residential care.

In house services have about 20% of the money spent on residential care.

The voluntary sector is paid 12% of the money spent on residential care.

Partnership Boards want to change this reliance on private sector residential care.

There needs to be more housing options for people.
How many people are living out of area?

There are 1,653 adults living out of area.

This costs more than £82million a year.

Partnership Boards reported between 9 and 193 young people living in residential colleges. This is a big difference—it would be good to find out why this is.

Partnership Boards were shocked by the Panorama programme on Winterbourne View.

They all want to help people live in their local area.
Employment

8 areas said that they have an up to date employment plan

4 areas said they need to do more work on their plan

2 areas did not answer the question

NI 146 information shows that more people with learning disabilities have paid jobs in the West Midlands.

The number has gone up by 1.2%. Nationally the number has gone down by 0.2%

This is good news for the West Midlands
How much money is spent on day services and employment services?

Across the West Midlands, £51,363,000 is spent on day services for people with learning disabilities.

£3,904,000 is spent on employment services.

Two areas did not say how much they spend on employment services.
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<td>Learning Disability Partnership Boards need to make decisions and not just talk</td>
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Messages from family carers

We think having choice and control is a good idea, but it is not being introduced well.

We are worried that changes are made to Short Breaks and day services before reliable new services are developed.

Some carers have had cuts to services.

Staff need proper training so that people are safe and have good quality support.
Messages from commissioners

There are lots of changes happening that are making our jobs harder.

There are more people who need a lot of support, especially:
  • young people leaving school or college
  • older people who have extra health needs, like dementia

Does the Care Quality Commission support Valuing People Now? We don’t want big residential services.

The new clinical commissioning groups need to understand people with learning disabilities.

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