

HOUSING PLAN FOR SOUTHAMPTON LEARNING DISABILITY PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Executive Summary

Introduction

1. The members of the Southampton Learning Disability Partnership Board want to make sure that people can choose where they live. They are talking about how they can help people to choose how they want to live.
2. People do not need a special house just because they have a learning disability. The Partnership Board is looking at making sure people can choose what kind of house they want.
3. The Partnership Board is developing a plan. This is called a Housing and Support Options Strategy. It says:
 - what we need to do to make sure people have choice
 - when and how we are going to do it

Why we Need a Plan

4. People with a learning disability want to live ordinary lives in ordinary homes.
5. They do not have a lot of choice about where they can live or the type of support they may need.
6. We need to find out what sort of houses people would like to live in and the sort of support they need.

Housing and Support Options

7. Some people may want to buy a home. Their parents or carers can help to make the arrangements however the process is not always easy.

8. Other people may want to rent a home from the council or a housing association or a private landlord.
9. Some people may need to live in a residential or nursing care home after having been assessed by a Social Worker or Health professional.

Funding Issues

10. We need to find out how much money is being spent on housing and support at the moment and which organisation pays for it.
11. We then need to know what the cost of having the type of housing and support people would prefer to live in and then look at the different ways it could be paid for.
12. There is no new money available to have more choice in housing and support.

Advice, Information and Advocacy

13. More information about housing and support options will be available soon in a 'Housing Information Pack'.
14. This will help people with a learning disability to make a choice about where and how they live.

Maintaining Standards

15. People with a learning disability will be asked if the housing and support they have is helping them to make the choices they want about where and how they live their lives.

Working Together

16. The different groups working with people with a learning disability will work together better to make sure there is a good choice of housing and support.
17. This plan sets out what the Learning Disability Partnership Board would like to happen to make sure that the housing and support options will be the ones that people want.

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