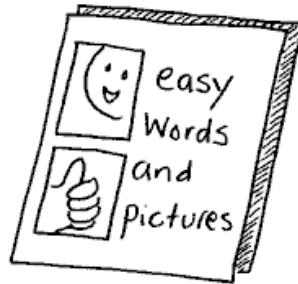


Best Value Review of Adults' Learning Disability Services



Easy read summary

April 2006

What is a Best Value Review?

A Best Value Review is carried out by a Project Board. This is a small group of County Councillors from all political parties. They check Council services to make sure the service:

- ✓ Works well
- ✓ Is worth the money it costs



The Best Value Review of Adults' Learning Disability Services looked at:

- ✓ Person Centred Plans and Approaches
- ✓ Employment
- ✓ Accommodation
- ✓ Plans for the future

Who was on the Project Board and what did they do?



Councillor John Livings (Chair)



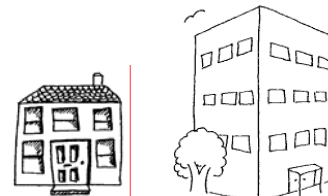
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Councillor Trevor Webb

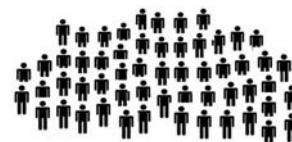
The Board:

- ✓ Visited lots of different places like day centres and residential accommodation
- ✓ Spoke to staff, service users, relatives and other organisations
- ✓ Read lots of different documents, like the 'Valuing People' White Paper and the East Sussex Transition Protocol.
- ✓ Sent out a questionnaire to all Learning Disability Services staff. 60 of these came back.



The Board found that it is getting harder for Learning Disability Services to deliver services because:

- Lots of new service users are coming through from Children's Services (This is called 'transition')
- People with learning disabilities are living longer
- More people with learning disabilities have complex needs

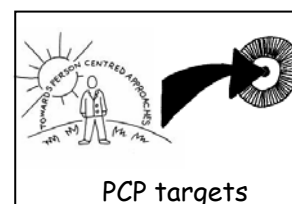


What needs to happen now?



The Board have made a list of recommendations. These are the things the Board thinks should happen.

1. Learning Disability Services should continue using Person Centred Approaches
2. Learning Disability Services should continue to work to its Person Centred Planning targets. More Person Centred Planning work should be done in these areas:



- Transition (moving from Children's services to Adults services)
- People living with elderly carers

3. Develop use of Person Centred Planning with other learning disability service providers in the county.



4. Some good work has happened in finding employment for people. Learning disability service providers need to try and make it easier for people with learning disabilities to find work and training.

5. Look at placements that cost a lot to see how well they work and if they are worth the money they cost.



6. Continue to use more supported accommodation and less residential accommodation.

7. Continue the use of Direct Payments



8. Ask the Audit and Best Value Scrutiny Committee to look at the transport the Council provides for all people with a disability.



9. A review of Health Pool Funding is happening. The Board would like an update on this in 6 months' time.

10. Carry on the work started by the Disability and Diversity Officer.

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A full report on the **Best Value Review into the Provision of Services for Adults with Learning Disabilities** can be found at:

www.eastsussex.gov.uk/yourcouncil/about/committees/meetingpapers/scrutinyaudit/2006/15march.htm