



Medway Learning Disability Partnership Board



Priority 2010/11 Housing - Update

The reason for this update is to:



1. Share with the Learning Disability Partnership Board - results of the April 2011 Housing exercise and the actions taken because of the findings.



2. Share with the Learning Disability Partnership Board the next steps for the Medway Housing Strategy



3. Share with the Learning Disability Partnership what action is going to happen because of the results of the April 2011 Medway Learning Disability Partnership Board Housing activity?

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1. Results of the Medway Learning Disability Partnership Board April 19 2011 activity to do with housing?



Top 3 things that people felt were pleased about in last 5 years to do with housing:



1. We are all talking about housing and people with learning disabilities - at all levels.



2. Housing rights of people with a learning disability are seen as a human rights issue in Medway.



3. Person Centred Planning is happening for some families to do with their housing needs

Other housing issues people identified:



- There is more information available and more choice
- More people being and living independently
- Medway has a Disabled Facilities Grant scheme to help people live independently in their own homes



Top 3 reasons why people thought the good things in housing happened in Medway:



1. Housing task group work has helped people stick up for their rights.



2. Medway Learning Disability Partnership Board gets regular housing updates.



3. Less money in Medway means that people have to think differently about housing.

Other housing issues people identifies



- Person Centred Planning is happening for some families to do with their housing needs



Top 3 things reasons that people thought were not working for people with a learning disability in Medway over the last 5 years:



1. Poor planning for future housing needs of people with a learning disability - no housing planning what might happen when Mum and Dad die.



2. People do not know how to support people to move on from residential care.



3. People are confused about what are 'housing' or support need.

Other housing issues people identifies



- Person Centred Planning is happening for some families to do with their housing needs
- Don't always get the information you need
- 700 people on the LD Register but only 41 on the HomeChoice Register - why is this?
- HomeChoice is not easy to understand



3 reasons why people felt things were not working to do with housing



1. There is not a clear housing pathway that works for people with a learning disability.



2. There needs to be face-to-face support for bidding on Home Choice.



3. People with social workers and care managers need support to get people on the housing register.

Other housing issues people identifies



- Person Centred Planning is happening for some families to do with their housing needs
- More accessible housing for those with Physical Disabilities



2. Share with the Learning Disability Partnership Board the next steps for the Medway Housing Strategy

These are:

- Throughout May and June 2011, continue to talk to people about their housing needs
- In July, meet with Service Providers to set actions to go into the Housing Strategy
- Draft Housing Strategy circulated for consultation by end of July 2011
- Housing Strategy to be approved by the Council in September 2011
- Easy read version of the Medway Housing Strategy will be made.





3. Share with the Learning Disability Partnership what action is going to happen because of the results of the April 2011 Medway Learning Disability Partnership Board Housing activity?



Top 3 things reasons that people thought were not working for people with a learning disability in Medway over the last 5 years:



What action is going to happen to improve this?



1. Poor planning for future housing needs of people with a learning disability - no housing planning for what might happen when Mum and Dad die.

- Develop a Housing Pathway
- Work with the Carers Partnership Board
- Work with the Learning Disability service



2. People do not know how to support people to move on from residential care.

- Check information on the amount of people in residential care and report these to the Learning Disability Partnership Board
- Find out if there is a plan to support people with a learning disability not to live in residential care.



3. People are confused about what are 'housing' and support needs.

- Develop a training programme with service providers and clients



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- Workshop to look at making a 'flowchart' showing the way that people with learning disabilities in Medway go into residential care, supported living, owning your own home and Homechoice. 13 May 2011 at 14-15pm Gun Wharf
- Work with the HomeChoice Team to develop a training programme to give the support needed
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