

Making health services better for people with learning disabilities



The Health Self Assessment Framework

What's it all about?

The government and the people who work in the NHS know that Health Services need to get better for people with Learning Disabilities.



All the different people and groups who work in health services have said they will work together to make those services better for people with Learning Disabilities.

To help those people check how they are doing they will fill in the Health Self Assessment Framework.



This is a list of all the things that need to be good in health services like:

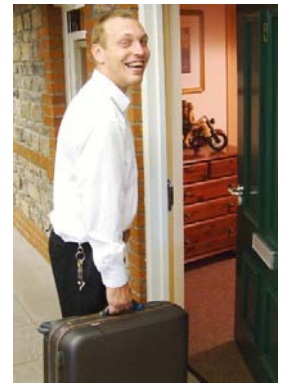
- Doctors
- Nurses
- Hospital staff
- Plans for the future



The Self Assessment includes 4 “Top Targets”.

These are:

1. Make sure campus homes are closed by 2010 and that people who lived in long stay hospitals have all moved.



2. Make sure people with learning disabilities can use the same health services, and get as good a service, as everyone else.



3. Make sure people are safe in our health services and that the service is learning from mistakes in the past.



4. Make sure we are doing the things that Valuing People Now says will help people’s health.

 HM Government
Valuing People Now: a new three year strategy for people with learning disabilities
Making it happen for everyone



Easy Read

All the Partnership Boards across the country are going to have meetings and talk about:

- how good health services are now
- what they will do to make them better



They will then fill in a big form that says how well they are doing on each of the 4 targets. This is the Self Assessment form.

This form is sent to the Strategic Health Authority.

The Strategic Health Authority is part of the NHS it works to make sure there are good health services that are right for people in each area. They also help other parts of the NHS make good plans for making health services better.



How people will be involved

In each area 4 things will happen as part of the Health Self Assessment

1. People with Learning Disabilities, their families and professionals will think about how health services work.

This could be at special 'Getting Ready' meetings or at group meetings that already happen.



2. There will be a Big Health Check meeting
At this meeting everyone will share what they have thought about and decide together how health services work now and how they can get better.



The decisions that were made at the Big Health Check meeting will be shared at the Partnership Board.

3. The lead person will fill in the Self Assessment Form and send it to the Strategic Health Authority.



What people said at the Big Health Check Day and the plans for making health services better will be part of NHS local plans as well as being sent to the Strategic Health Authority.



4. The Strategic Health Authority will arrange to meet with people to talk about their self assessment.

This is usually called a validation meeting.
After this meeting the Strategic Health Authority will write a letter to each area about their health services and plans for the future.

