



Easy Read
Executive Summary
(Gives you an idea about what is in the big plan)

**Learning Disability Service
Plan
2007 - 2010**

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1. What the service does

The Learning Disability Service helps adults with learning disabilities to:

- Be as independent as possible.
- Stay healthy.
- Do the things that are important to them.
- Be a part of their local community.

The service buys health and social care services for the City Council and the Primary Care Trust. The service also provides special services for people who need extra support for their care or health needs.



2. What we know about people with learning disabilities in Leicester.

The learning disability service needs to work to meet the changing needs of people with learning disabilities living in Leicester because:

- The number of people with Learning Disabilities is growing.
- The number of younger people with high support needs is growing.
- People are living longer so there are more older people.
- There are more people from different communities and backgrounds.
- There are a high number of people living with older family carers (aged over 65)



3. What the service wants to do?

- To help people with learning disabilities to be as independent as possible.
- To make sure people with learning disabilities have more choice and control in their lives.
- To help people with learning disabilities to be a part of their local community and feel safe.
- To help people with learning disabilities to think about their health and to stay healthy.

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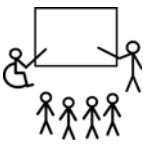
- To help carers in their day to day lives and also to be a part of planning services.
- To make sure that budgets and services are used properly to meet the needs of people with learning disabilities. This will help people become more independent and make less use of public services. This will only happen if people are given the right support.



4. How we will do this?

a) People who work for the service

We will continue to make sure to make sure that workers in our service have the right training and skills to work well with people with learning disabilities. We will make sure that there is a mix of workers made up of the different communities in Leicester.



b) Assessments and how we meet peoples health and social care needs

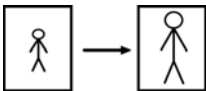
We will:

- Make it easier for people to access services
- Improve the way we gather information
- Improve the way we plan services



c) Transition planning

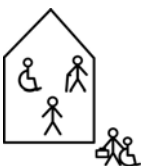
We will Work with young people, carers, schools and organisations to improve the way that we work with young people and their families.



d) Develop services that promote independence and involvement in local communities

We will:

- Continue the work to offer people “supported living” instead of choosing residential care.
- Make more use of “assistive technology” (This is equipment that can help people live more independently and be safe)
- Give people living in NHS Health Homes the support and chance to live in good housing in the community.
- Continue to develop services that support people to be active in their local communities.



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- Develop services that support people with learning disabilities to get around Leicester.
- Work with partner organisations to develop services for people who, without support, would need to be assessed to access special services under the “Fair Access to Care” rules. These are rules that tell us who can and cannot access services.

e) Support for carers



We will Improve service, or develop new services, that give people with learning disabilities and their family carers the chance to have a break from one another.

f) Better health services



We will:

- Make it easier to access health care with the support of specialist learning disability health staff.
- Develop a plan to provide local services for people who continue to need special health care.

g) Increase choice and control for users and carers



We will:

- Increase the use of Direct Payments and Individual Budgets.
- Increase the use of the Independent Living Fund, and find ways of giving people a greater say in the way they are supported within in-house services and those contracted out to other agencies.
- Develop a range of approaches that help individuals define their own needs and aspirations. These include Self Assessment, Person Centred Plans, Health Action Plans and Communication Passports.

h) Working with Partners



We will:

- Use the Learning Disability Partnership Board to work with a wide range of Council Departments and other organisations to meet the targets set out in the government white paper “Valuing People”.
- Improve the ways we work with and involve people with learning disabilities and carers.

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