

Manchester Learning Disability Partnership Board

Housing and Support Plan



2003-2006

About



▶ Introduction

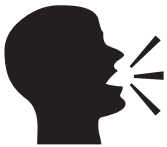
We want to give adults with a learning disability more choice over where they live, what kind of place they live in, and who supports them to live there. We want to plan things better and help learning disabled people, parents and advocates to say what they want and need.

Manchester Learning Disability Partnership Board set up a group to look at how to do this over the next 3 years.

▶ We believe

The government says in 'Valuing People' they want legal and civil rights, independence, choice and inclusion for learning disabled people. We agree, and believe in:

- ▶ A housing service that respects learning disabled people.
- ▶ Giving people the help they need to be as independent as they can.
- ▶ Giving people a real say in where they live and helping them choose.
- ▶ Making ordinary housing open to everybody.



▶ What people want

We asked people about housing and support for learning disabled people. People told us they wanted:

- ▶ More choice about the area they live in and who they live with.
- ▶ More choice about what kind of property they live in.
- ▶ More time getting to know people they might share with.
- ▶ More accessible and adapted housing.
- ▶ Paid carers to help people have independence.
- ▶ The choice to stay at home.
- ▶ To be safe and secure.
- ▶ Better vetting and training of staff.
- ▶ More information on what choices they can make about housing.
- ▶ To be able to own their own home.
- ▶ Extensions and changes to people's current homes.



Better quality and more choice

What we will do:

- ▶ Make sure people know about these plans.

What will change:

- ▶ There will be more information about what housing and support is available. People will have more chance to tell us how well we are doing this.

What we will do:

- ▶ Give a leaflet to learning disabled people, parents and carers that says what sort of housing and support they can choose.

What will change:

- ▶ It will help people with a learning disability choose what they want.

What we will do:

- ▶ See if people with a learning disability can own their own house or rent from a landlord.

What will change:

- ▶ People will have more choice.

What we will do:

- ▶ Train care and support workers to know about different housing and support choices.

What will change:

- ▶ Better advice will be given.



Better planning of services

▶ What we will do:

- ▶ Get better information about the housing (including adaptations) and support needs of learning disabled people, and see if we are giving people the support they need.

What will change:

- ▶ We will get better at seeing what people need.

▶ What we will do:

- ▶ Carry on working with partners to develop services that are needed.

What will change:

- ▶ This information will help us get funding.

▶ What we will do:

- ▶ Look at how different sorts of housing work and check how much people like them.

What will change:

- ▶ We will look at what we have done and plan changes better. This will help us when we bid for money.



Getting funding

What we will do:

- ▶ Work with the 'Supporting People Programme' to get as much money as we can to pay for running supported housing.

What will change:

- ▶ It will help pay for services and might let us provide new services.

What we will do:

- ▶ Make people think more about learning disabled people in regeneration areas and on estates that are being taken out of council control.

What will change:

- ▶ We will plan what to do about housing and support needs when we are improving areas or moving estates out of council control.

What we will do:

- ▶ Help groups build new homes or make the ones we have better.

What will change:

- ▶ Houses that will better suit people's needs.

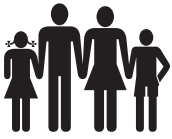
What we will do:

- ▶ Help more people to get money from the Independent Living Fund and have Direct Payments.

What will change:

- ▶ More people with a learning disability will live independently and have control over who supports them in their own home.

Plans



Involving learning disabled people

What we will do:

- Make sure people know about housing and support choices as part of person centred planning.

What will change:

- People with a learning disability, carers and staff will know more about how to choose what they want.

What we will do:

- Think about how to ask learning disabled people, parents, carers and advocates about what housing and support they want.

What will change:

- We will know more about what people want.



What we will do:

- Support learning disabled people to tell us what they think.

What will change:

- Housing and support services will be more like people tell us they want them to be.



Locally

In Manchester since the 1970's, institutions such as hostels and long-stay hospitals have been shut and people have moved into normal houses. Council services like domiciliary and respite care have helped people live at home with their family and the adult placement service has helped people live with families or carers. Since the 1990s, more services have come from the independent sector.

Today

In Manchester:

- ▶ 539 learning disabled people live with 24-hour support.
- ▶ 394 of them live in housing paid for by housing benefit.
- ▶ 145 are in registered accommodation.
- ▶ 373 are in the independent sector.
- ▶ 166 are in the statutory sector.
- ▶ 96 people get support outside Manchester funded by the Council.
- ▶ 27 more people each year will need 24 hour support.

Tomorrow

Over the next 10 years:

- ▶ Big rise in over 40 year olds.
- ▶ 9% more learning disabled people.
- ▶ 15% more people will have the highest needs.

Funding the plans

Social services and the health service pay for nursing and residential care, and for social care in supported housing. The 'Supporting People Fund' helps to pay for supported housing services such as sheltered housing and homeless hostels.

Registered Social Landlords such as housing associations can ask the Housing Corporation to pay for building homes.

Your view



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