

Strategy for Learning Disabilities 2010 -2013

Executive Summary



What is this strategy about?



Shropshire Council and Shropshire County PCT want to make sure that people with learning disabilities living in Shropshire have the chance to do all the things that other people do.



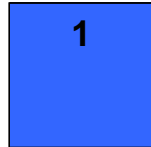
To help them do this they have a written a big plan for Shropshire. This is called the Learning Disability Strategy. The strategy says what will happen in the next 3 years.

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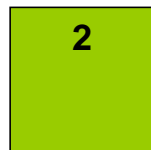


The strategy explains which services are included, the people who are involved in the strategy and what is covered. It says how we want to make services better for people with learning disabilities.

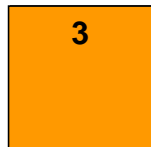
The strategy is in three parts.



The **blue** section tells us about what is happening now.



The **green** section explains what will happen and what we will do in the next 3 years.



The **orange** section explains how everyone will work together to make things happen.

Vision – how we want to change things



The big thing that Shropshire Council wants to do is improve the lives of people with a learning disability and their carers.



The big thing that Shropshire County PCT wants to do is provide better Health services for people with a Learning disability and their carers.



This strategy brings both of these visions together so that everyone works together to make things better for people with learning disabilities in Shropshire.

Who is this strategy for?



This strategy is for people with learning disabilities who are over 18 years old, living in Shropshire, their families and their carers.

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It is also for people and organisations that provide services so that they know what people with a learning disability need.

Things that are important



We have put in this strategy things that are important to everyone involved with people with learning disabilities.

This includes;



Making sure that people receive good health care



Making sure that people are treated well and can do things just like everyone else.



Making sure that people have somewhere to live.



Helping people to speak up for themselves and to make choices.



Giving people choices about what happens in their lives and helping them to do new things



Involving everyone in saying how things should be done

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Making sure that everyone knows what is happening



Making sure that everyone works together to make things better.

Part One :The blue section

This section provides lots of information about:



- How many people there are with a learning disability in Shropshire
- How many people with a learning disability there will be in the future
- Where people with a learning disability live in Shropshire
- How Shropshire is different to other areas.

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- Autism and Autistic spectrum conditions and how many people have an autistic spectrum condition in Shropshire.



- Advocacy and how these services help people to speak up for themselves and provide support for people who need help to speak up.



- How social workers and other people like learning disability nurses will support people with learning disabilities



- Money that people can get from benefits and how people are helped to get this.



- People from different backgrounds who may have different needs.

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- How people with a learning disability will be able to have choice and control over the services they have and how they are provided including more say in how the money is spent.



- People with a learning disability who are in prison and what health care they need when they are in prison.



- How young people leave school when they are 19 and how they are supported to be an adult.

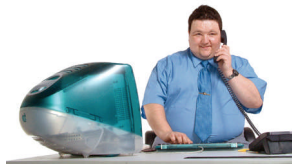


- How people can be looked after when they are going to die.



- Help and advice for family carers.

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- Getting a job and having paid employment



- How much money is spent on services for people with learning disabilities in Shropshire Council and the PCT.



- How poor health affects people with learning disabilities and what health care is available.



- Housing and accommodation so that people have somewhere to live. This also includes what people want and explains how many people are living in residential care or in their own homes.

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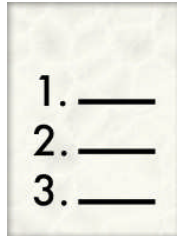


- How we will help people with a learning disability to live safely and be protected from crime and from being hurt.



- Things that can be done in the community and in free time and new things that can be learnt.

Part two: the green section



This section explains the most important things that we will do in Shropshire.



It includes information about Valuing People Now and how this is being put in place in Shropshire.

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It includes:



- Information on how everyone will be involved and listened to.



- How family carers will be involved and helped to continue caring



- The work we are doing in Shropshire so that everyone has choice and control over the things that matter to them.



- How we will work together to help people have better health and live healthy lives

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- What we are doing to make sure people have a home of their own



- Information on what we are doing to make sure people can learn new things and enjoy life and do things like everyone else



- What we are doing to help people with a learning disability make friends and have relationships and how we will support them if they become a parent

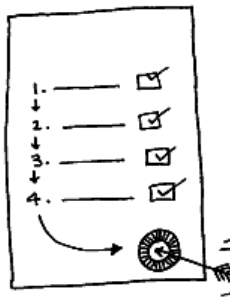
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- Everything else about being part of society and being a citizen. These are things like transport, work, and things to do in your spare time, making sure you have the right benefits, voting and speaking up.



Part three; the orange section



This section explains what we are going to do to make sure that everything in the blue section continues to happen and all the new bits in the green section happen over the next three years.

This includes:



- The work of the learning disability partnership boards, the area boards and the sub groups.

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- How people who buy services will use the information they have to make sure that services are right. This includes what people with learning disabilities say they need. to make sure that services are right.



- The training that will be provided for staff to make sure that people with a learning disability are helped and supported properly when and where they need it and that people are kept safe.

And finally



The last section includes some extra information that is linked to this strategy.

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