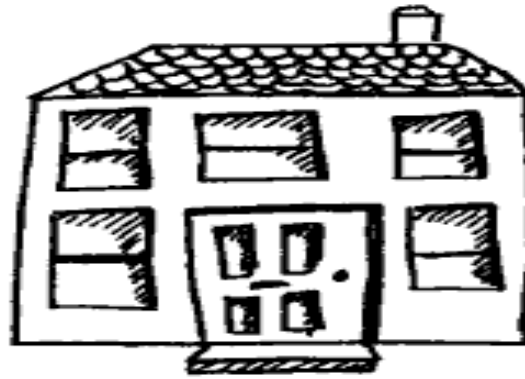




Local housing plan for people with learning disabilities



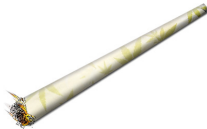


What we know about housing for people with learning disabilities

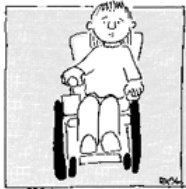


The number of people with learning disabilities is going up, especially people with the highest needs

There are gaps in services:

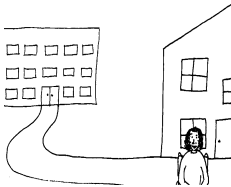


People with low support needs and mental health problems or drink/drugs problems (15-20 people need this)



People with challenging behaviour and complex needs (6-10 people)

People moving on from residential care or from their family home (10-15 people).

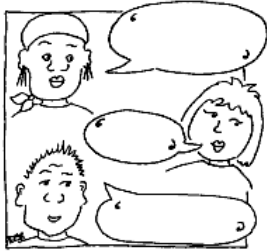


Older people with learning disabilities, particularly for people with dementia (about 15 people)

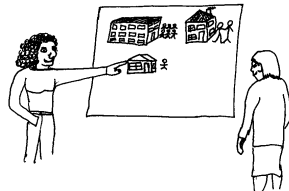


People who live in locally need more opportunity to learn life skills to be independent living and work

We need to know more information particularly about what people cared for by their families need



People with learning disabilities and family carers have told us:



People want to choose who they live with

People want to choose if they share or live on their own



People who share still need some space of their own

People want to live as part of the community



Most people are happy with where they live and do not want to move

People who want to move on need more choice and a quicker and easier process



People want housing that they can afford if they are working



Here are our plans for the future:

(1) To increase the number of local specialist services:



We will tender to increase the range of services for people with complex needs and challenging behaviour



We will check the cost and quality of out of area placements



We will help people who could be better supported locally



We will work with housing to find and design the right housing for people with higher needs and challenging behaviour



Our draft plans

(2) To support local services to better meet local need:



We will make sure providers know what is needed locally



We will work with local providers to change their services

We will tender for new services that are still needed

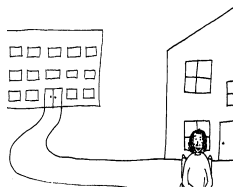


We will arrange for accommodation services to support people to access day options and to develop life skills



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(3) To support people to be as independent as possible :



We will provide more low level support services for people who can move on from residential care



We will improve access to supported living services for people with mild learning disabilities and additional needs



We will change the council's Community Support Service to provide short term crisis support