

Valuing People 2001 ~ 2011 Valuing People Now



Valuing People Now ends as a Department of Health funded programme on 31 March 2011.

Valuing People Now is still the Government's big plan for people with learning disabilities. But work in the future will be local.



You and your Partnership Board have the experience, knowledge and commitment to continue to make positive changes happen in your area.

We would like you to remember 5 things:



1. Be proud of the work you do

The good things you are doing in health, employment, housing and other things can help others in the future:

- older people with dementia
- people with mental health problems
- people with autism
- homeless people



2. Use your skills to tell people who make decisions what a difference you have made. Partnership Boards have clever ways of telling people what the important things are. Keep doing it. It makes people listen.



3. Make sure that the **voices of people with learning disability and family carers** continue to be heard at the highest level.

You need to connect with:

- a. Health and Wellbeing Partnership Boards
- b. Adult Services Scrutiny Committees
- c. Safeguarding Adults Partnership Boards



And help people with learning disabilities and families use ordinary ways of telling people what they think.



4. **Work with partners** across all social and health care, and the **voluntary sector**.

Good things will happen if you continue to work with people outside of learning disability services. Involve everyone you need to, to make things better.



5. **Have fun.**

Valuing People Now and you have done some very important work together. It's easier when it's fun.



We have made done so many things in the south-east and the whole country.

This was possible because of your hard work and commitment.

Thank you for 10 years of Valuing People and Valuing People Now.

We wish you the very best for the future. Valuing People for ever!



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