



A Place to Live in Brighton & Hove



Housing Options for People
with Learning Disabilities

What this session is about



Information – 5 talks



Local information and local contacts



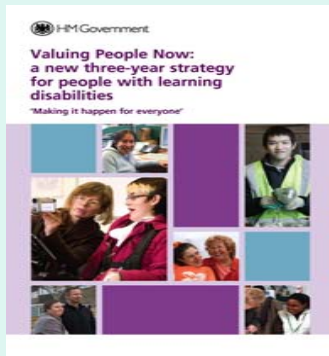
Ask questions and feed back
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Valuing People Now

“All people with learning disabilities and their families have the opportunity to make an informed choice about where, and with whom, they live.”

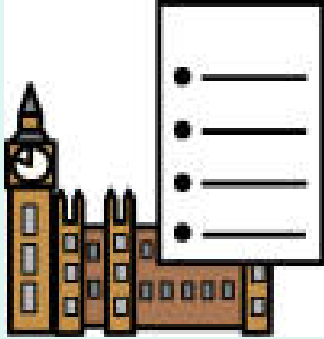
- Everyone should know their housing rights
- Everyone should know about all their housing options
- Promote home ownership and tenancies



Valuing People Now

- More people should have direct payments and personal budgets
- Care managers should focus more on tenancies and home ownership (not just residential care)
- Work with people living with their families to make sure this is what they want

A New National Target (PSA 16)



A national government target to increase the amount of people with learning disabilities in ‘settled accommodation’

- ‘Settled accommodation’ includes supported living, tenancies, shared lives, living with family, home ownership
- ‘Unsettled accommodation’ includes residential care, acute/long-stay health care, temporary accommodation



Local Housing Plans

Enabling healthy homes, healthy lives and a healthy city that reduces inequality and offers independence, choice and a high quality of life

- Improving Housing Supply
- Improving Housing Quality
- Improving Housing Support

Local Housing Plans

- More affordable housing
- Improve 1,000 private sector homes every year
- An Accessible Housing Register of adapted and wheelchair homes
- Raise funding to help improve the quality of council housing
- Excellence in housing management services
- Provide support to 4,000 people every year to help them maintain their independence



Local Learning Disability plans

We want people to have more choice over where they live and more people to have their own home.



Increase the options people have, with more extra care, supported living, shared lives and floating support.



All new accommodation services to have some accessible units.



Local Learning Disability plans



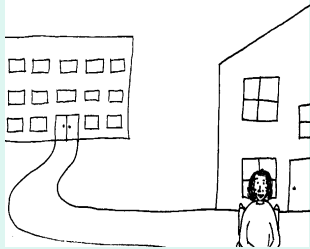
Improve information on housing options for people with learning disabilities, making key information available in accessible versions.



Work with services to improve how they meet people's needs and improve value for money.



Local Learning Disability plans



Develop the opportunities for people with learning disabilities to learn the skills they need to live more independently.



Make sure that carers are involved in making plans and can access support and information.

What we are doing now.

- ✓ Housing staff are working with care managers to support people to move on
- ✓ Improve planning through better information – looking at properties, checking service user needs and ability to move on
- ✓ Working with all people with learning disabilities – Housing Options Officer

What we are doing now.

- ✓ People have been using Self Directed Support to choose independent living.
- ✓ Westbourne Development will be ready in November 2009. This will have Short Breaks (14 units), and supported accommodation (10 units).
- ✓ New Extra Care housing at Wellington Road



A Place to Live sub-group

Better Information

- Guide to housing options
- Easy read versions of important housing information
- Extra information to the Learning Disability Partnership Board website
- Information sessions



A Place to Live sub-group

Fair access to housing

- Check that the housing needs of all people are met
- Check access to housing options is fair
- Make sure housing plans include people with learning disabilities



A Place to Live sub-group

Working with and learning from others

- Care managers
- Other councils
- Local and regional events

A Place to Live members

- Mark Hendriks (Commissioning Team, chair)
- Diana Bernhardt (Lead Commissioner)
- Andy Staniford (Housing Strategy Manager)
- Aideen Jones (Chief Executive, Southdown)
- Natalya Garzon (Housing Options)
- Stephen Wraige (Housing Options)
- Lou Aish (B&HCC Learning Disability services)
- Steve Hook (Manager, CLDT)



Learning Disability Development Fund

- £4,400 for 2009/10
- About £1,000 to produce and print 500 copies of the local booklet on housing options in an easy read format
- The rest could be used for a DVD to go with the booklet



Learning Disability Development Fund

- Larger amount for next year (TBC)
- Ideas include independent living training/support for people with learning disabilities & fair access assessments
- Suggestions welcomed

What info is available

- Booklet – please feed back
- Information and contacts from today
- www.brightpart.org – A Place to Live
- DVD – early 2010?