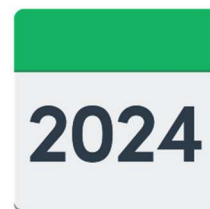
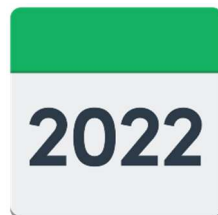


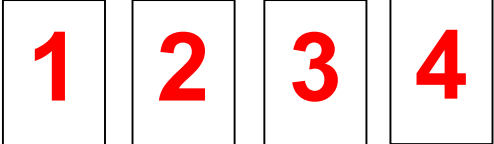

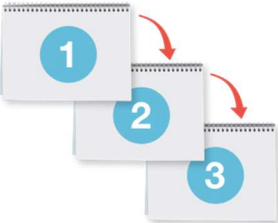



Adults Learning Disability Plan for Wakefield District 2022 - 2024



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1. Introduction

This plan has been co-produced by people who have Learning Disabilities.

We talked to people with lived experience, their families and carers to find out what was most important to them at this time.

We want services and support that is helpful for people and improves their lives.

We want organisations who provide support and services to spend money wisely focused on what people think is important.

We feel that if we can get services right for people with learning disabilities then this improves services for everyone.

This plan explains what our priorities are and how we will work together to make improvements.



Lift Up Friends Self Advocacy Group

2. Listening to Local People, Carers, Families and Professionals

We had a conversation with Lift Up Friends about how we could find out about what was important to people with learning disabilities, carers, families and professionals.

After the discussions, we created a survey that was available online and in paper version. This was in easy read format.

We heard from seven people with a learning disability, 24 carers and 20 professionals. This was 51 people in total.

The Lift Up Friends group looked at what people had said and recommended that the Learning Disabilities and Autism Board should concentrate on 4 main priorities.

We also identified 3 cross cutting themes that it is important to think about during everything we do.



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3. Our 4 Main Priorities

Health services and the Council work together to plan services

There are meaningful and enjoyable activities for people

What I would like is...



People have a choice over where and how they live

There are opportunities to learn new skills or the chance to get a job

Cross Cutting Themes...

Services are easy to use when they are needed.

Carers are supported and involved in people's care

People with learning disabilities are able to have their say and be involved in designing services

4. How we are going to Deliver the Plan

We organised an action planning event to get people's views about the work we need to do to meet each priority.



Health Services and the Council Working Together to Plan Services You told us...

There needs to be good support in the community so that people don't have to go into hospital.

Some people have had good experiences of reasonable adjustments being made and others have not.

Some staff are not well informed about hospital passports and the red bag scheme.

There is easy read information available.

Funding can be available to provide extra support for someone in hospital, but it takes time to approve.

Lots of people have had an annual health check.

Planning support and communication between services during transition from children's to adult's services could be better.



What we want to see...

We want staff in primary care and in hospitals to make reasonable adjustments for us when we need them.

We want funding to be made available for people who need extra support in hospitals.

We want all staff in hospital to know about things like hospital passports and the red bag scheme.

We want annual health checks to be good quality.

We want good support in the community so that people don't have to go into hospital.

There needs to be good support and advice for people who are transitioning between children's and adult's services.



There are meaningful and enjoyable activities for people. You told us...

There are lots of great activities that are available in the district.

There are some directories and websites, but no one knows about everything that is available.

A lot of groups have ended and there is a lack of funding for groups.



Some venues say that they are accessible but when you get there, they are not fully accessible.

Some places don't take cash, or you have to book online using a card which not everyone has.



What we want to see...

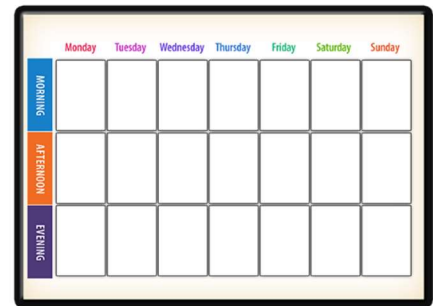
We want reasonable adjustments to be made and extra support so that we can access mainstream activities.

We want up to date information about the activities that are available.

We want venues to be accessible.

We want simple ways of finding out about and getting funding for groups and activities.

We want more activities for people with sensory needs.



People have a choice over where and how they live. You told us...

A lot of people who attended the event have choice and independence and were involved in choosing where to live.



Some people were not happy with where they lived or who they lived with.

People are able to book holidays and chose what activities they do.

People are able to change their support provider if they want to do so.

Some parents and carers were worried about the impact on their loved one if they made a complaint.

There needs to be more guided support to help people make choices.



What we want to see...

That we understand what types of housing and support people need and work towards meeting these needs.

People are able to raise concerns or complaints if they wish to do so.

Service users are aware of their options and there is more guided support to help them make choices.

That people who need respite care are able to access it.



There are opportunities to learn new skills or the chance to get a job. You told us...

STEP UP has learning programmes that are tailored to individual needs and can help service users to complete applications.

There are less activities and roles available since Covid.

Application forms can be complex and some people find it difficult to complete online applications.

Employers don't always have the time to train people for specific roles.



What we want to see...

We need better communication about what opportunities are available.

We want employers to think about how they can change jobs so that they are accessible to people with learning disabilities.

Better communication about how benefits are affected by jobs and training.

We want jobs, volunteering opportunities and training that are person centred linked to our skills and strengths.



5. What we will do Next

We will set up some groups to develop the action plans based on what people told us.

We will report on the progress of each piece of work in the action plan to the Learning Disabilities and Autism Board.

We will keep our plans flexible so that we can continue to build in new project ideas.

In 12 months' time we will hold a review meeting to talk about the priorities and decide if these are still the right ones to focus on.

We also want to look at the ways for more people to be involved in our work and tell us what they think.



6. Find Out More

To find out more about the work of the Partnership Board and how you can get involved please contact us: wycb-wak.ldandacommissioning@nhs.net

