

# **Devon Learning Disability Partnership Board - Update**

Devon Health and Wellbeing Board

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# Introduction

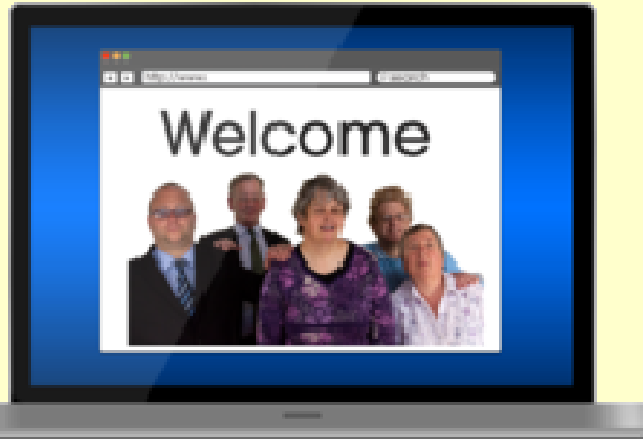


Firstly, we would like to thank you for inviting us to talk about the work of the Devon Learning Disability Partnership Board.

When we came to your December meeting we talked about the work we are doing to empower people with learning disabilities to become active citizens in their communities.

I am going to update the Board on how we are getting on.

# Accessible Website



The website, Learning Disability Devon, is now live and people are telling us how helpful it is to them.

We are receiving requests for more information to be available but it does take time as we have to make it accessible first.

The website address is

[www.learningdisabilitydevon.org.uk](http://www.learningdisabilitydevon.org.uk)

# Friendship Groups



Friendship groups continue to be set up.

In June I attended a Friendship group in Newton Abbott which we filmed.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WnbYpMhcsxE>

About 25 people attended and everyone enjoyed themselves. Its important for people to make new friends and be able to go out in their community.

The next group to be set up will be in Crediton.

# Citizenship Project

Devon People First are working with people with learning disabilities in their communities to empower them to enact their rights and become active citizens .

Together they will co-produce an easy read Citizenship pack that supports people with learning disabilities to become active citizens. The pack will also include information about local services like health and housing etc.

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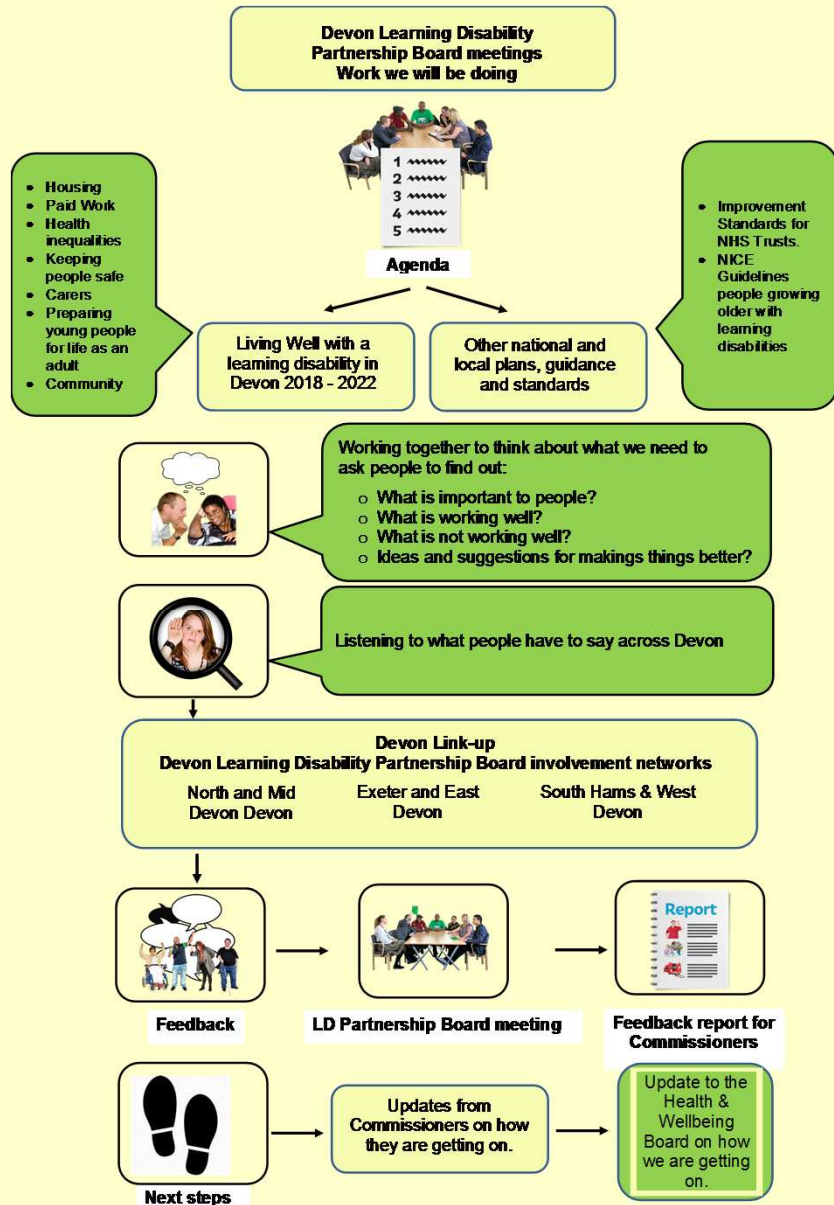
They will also co-produce a Citizenship pack that supports universal services, local groups and businesses to help them understand the needs and rights of people with a learning disability in their communities.

Both packs will be available on the Accessible website.

I am working with People First on this project and I attended the first meeting in Crediton in June.



# Making sure people's voices are heard



- The Board meets every two months.
- In between meetings, **Devon Link-Up** talk to people across Devon about the key areas of focus in the strategy.
- People's views are then shared with the Partnership Board.
- We feed back all the information to health and social care commissioners and would like to share this with the Health and Wellbeing Board as well.



# Employment and Tackling Health Inequalities



- We are working closely with the **Quality Checking team** who are hosted by Devon Link-Up.
- 14 people with learning disabilities and autism were recruited in January
- The team have developed 4 quality standards. They will check the delivery of health services in hospitals, GP and Dentist surgeries and make recommendations for improvements.
- The team were introduced to the Partnership Board in May and will report their progress at each meeting, starting in July.



# Our next key area of focus is housing

This is what people have told us....

*"I was able to choose where I live and I like living in Crediton."*

*"I want to know what options my son has to make the move to live independently"*

*"I like living with people my own age."*

*"We don't talk early enough about planning for when parents die. Its important to talk about options early on."*

*"It is not accessible and difficult for me to get what I need from the District Councils."*

*"I want a better house that is not cold and damp - I had to stay 2 nights in a Premier Inn as the conditions are so poor."*

*"I am worried about whether my grown up child can live by themselves. I worry that they will be vulnerable."*

# Devon Home Choice



Many people we told us they are not aware they can apply to go on the housing register. Those who have applied find the system difficult to manage, with some giving up.

We want to make sure that people with learning disabilities have the same rights and opportunities to access social housing as everyone else.

# **Thank you for listening**

Our aim is to ensure that the Learning Disability Partnership Board is visible and influential across the Health and Social Care system in Devon

We appreciate the Health and Wellbeing Board's support in making this happen.

Your views are welcome...