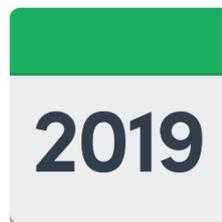




Report to Devon County Council's Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee.

Supporting adults with disabilities to be independent, safe and part of the community





This report is to Devon County Council's Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee.



The Scrutiny Committee helps the Council to develop new policies and plays a big role in checking how the Council is doing.



The report is from Tim Golby who is the Head of Adult Commissioning and Health.



The report is about supporting adults with disabilities to be independent, safe and part of the community.



This report will let the Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee know what work is being done to support people with disabilities in Devon to be as independent as possible and lead meaningful lives in the community.



Background information



People with disabilities include people with learning disabilities, physical disabilities, autism and or sensory needs.



There are about 15,000 people with a learning disability in Devon.



2,365 people with a learning disability get adult social care services. Many of these will also have autism.



There are 1,300 people aged 18 to 64 with physical disabilities and or sensory needs who get social care services in Devon.



602 adults with Autism as their main care need receive social care services in Devon.



People with learning disabilities have poorer physical and mental health than people who do not have learning disabilities.



The number of people with a learning disability in paid employment in Devon is very low.



Many young people with disabilities need health and care support as adults.

They told us that moving from children's services to adult services is a very worrying time for them.



Support to adults with disabilities uses about half of all the Councils money they spend on adult social care.



We have a joint strategy (plan) Living Well with a Learning Disability in Devon 2018 – 2022 that sets out how we will support people with disabilities to be confident, strong and connected to their communities.



Why we need to change how we work



People with disabilities and their families/carers tell us that they want to live with and/or be supported by their family and friends in the community.



They want to have a paid job and be an active member of their community.



We know that adult social care needs to work in a way that supports people to achieve their life goals.



This means we need to listen to what people want to happen in their lives.



We want Devon to be a place where all adults can benefit from every opportunity that a great place like Devon has to offer.



We want to keep people well and part of the community.



This means working with voluntary and community partners to;

- Stop people feeling lonely;
- Develop different housing options;
- Provide more job opportunities for everyone;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build a strong health and care workforce (health and care workers); and • Support people with ongoing health and care needs to be as independent as possible, and part of the community.
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	<p>Key areas of focus (what we need to work on)</p>
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	<p>Helping people to meet their life goals. We will work with people and families to support them to develop independent living skills.</p>
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	<p>We will work to develop housing options that support people to be independent, safe and part of the community.</p>
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	<p>We will understand how people are currently supported in market towns in Devon.</p> <p>We will work with providers (organisations who provide care) and communities to support achievement of outcomes and for people to be part of the community.</p>
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Workplace

We will continue our work to support more people with disabilities to have a job.



We will make sure that people with a learning disability get good health care.



We will support young people to develop independent life skills and to plan for the future.



Next Steps



To make this work happen we will work with people and communities, and a range of partners across Devon.



Our work will support people to be more independent, safe and part of the community.



We will check how our work is improving the lives of people and their families.



We will update the Adult Care and Health Scrutiny Committee and the Health & Wellbeing Board on how we are getting on.

End of report