

Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership

Outline strategic commissioning plan - learning disabilities

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Introduction



The Edinburgh Integrated Joint Board needs to make a plan for changing services for adults with learning disabilities, to make them better.



People with learning disabilities have lifelong conditions that mean they need help to:

- understand information
- learn skills
- live independently



Groups will be set up to work on the plan. They will make sure the plan is delivered. We want to work with people and other organisations to deliver the plan.

One of these groups will be a service user group so that we can involve and listen to people who have a learning disability.



People with a learning disability have used personalised support. The plan should increase this. The plan should create more inclusion and independence by using Self Directed Support. The plan has to make better use of the resources we have.

The plan must also give more support to Carers and their needs.

What services are like now

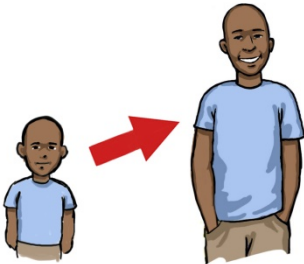


There are 8,584 people with a learning disability in Edinburgh that we know of. 1,335 of these people use services from Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership. This number will go up each year.



Voluntary organisations provide most of this care and support. Service users say they are happy with the quality of care and support they get.

Challenges for the future



More and more children are reaching the age when they need adult services. Services have to be given to more people with challenging behaviour and complex needs.



People with learning disabilities are also living longer. More services are needed for older people who might be living with elderly carers.



We will not be able to meet these needs unless we change the way we give services.



We are making changes to our hospitals so that people who used to live in hospital can now live in the community. To keep this working smoothly, we will need to spend more money on services in the community.

What we need to do:



- Move more people from the Royal Edinburgh Hospital into the community.



- Help children who have challenging behaviour earlier in their lives so that they move easily to adult services.



- Raise awareness so our services are better suited to older people's needs.



- Make our services better at supporting people with complex needs in the community. This means setting up groups to help support people to live in the community.



- Make more housing and support options, especially for young people.

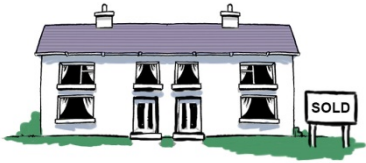


- Lower the cost of night care by setting up a night support service.



- Make better links between service users and organisations that provide accommodation.

Where do we want to be in 2022?



Housing is important to everyone. Finding accommodation for everyone who uses our services would be very difficult. Not only would it cost a lot of money but there aren't enough houses available at the moment.



First we need to give accommodation to the people who need it most – young people, people living in hospital and people living with aging carers.



We will work with the Affordable Housing Partnership and 21st Century Homes to make house available that can meet these people's needs.



The Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership will try to find better ways of doing things to save money. We can use that money to pay for other services.



There are around 4,850 people with Autism in Edinburgh and around half of those have autism but no learning disability. The Edinburgh Autism Plan was set out in 2013 and the Scottish Government is looking again at ways to make autism services even better. We will look at new priorities for people in Edinburgh.

Costs for 2018-2022



The two main demands are young people entering adult services and adults who need accommodation with support.



We have worked out that it will cost around £8 million to meet these needs between now and 2022.

What happens now?



We will set up a group (the reference board) to look at this outline and turn it into a full plan over the next 12 months. We will also set up a working group to start making the changes set out by the plan. We will meet with a lot of people who have a learning disability to get their ideas on making the full plan.

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