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What people said would make things better

• The community is educated to help stop discrimination and prejudice against people with learning disabilities

• We are involved in planning future housing for when we need it

• There are supported living options for everyone including those with complex needs.

• There are supported living options near to our family and friends, if that is what we want.

• We have the right help to find the right place to live

• People who support us are well trained to understand our communication, however we communicate

• We know our rights and options, wherever we choose to live

• We have help to make choices about who we live with and where we live, even if we have complex needs

• We know what to do if we want to move on

• We have independence and control in our lives, even if we need help with this
We have the right equipment and changes made to our homes so that we can move around and be as independent as possible

**OUR PROMISES**

Working together we will make sure that people with learning disabilities are involved in future housing plans, know their housing rights and options, and are supported to make their own decisions over where and with whom they live.

**Adult Services and Health will make sure:**

- They work with others to ensure that no one is unfairly discriminated against because of their ability or disability
- People with learning disabilities are involved in the planning and design of new housing projects and support services
- They work with others, such as District Councils, housing providers and private landlords to make sure there are different choices for where people with learning disabilities live and the support they have
- They buy services to provide support to enable people with learning disabilities to live as part of the community
- They buy services to support people with learning disabilities to find the right place to live
- Where people with learning disabilities have a tenancy they buy services that provide housing related support, if needed
People with learning disabilities who are living away from their families are supported to move nearer if they want to.

They continue to work with others to check that the paid support which people with learning disabilities get is good.

People who have learning disabilities have support to move from care homes if they want to.

They continue to work with District Councils to ensure that equipment and changes to homes are made available to people with learning disabilities, and help people to apply for a Disabled Facilities Grant, if needed.

**Adult Services will also make sure:**

- Social care teams help people with learning disabilities to have good support plans so that providers know how best to support people.

- People with learning disabilities are supported to get equipment such as mobile phones and alarms, sometimes called Telecare, to help them be more independent in their own homes.

- It works with District Councils to ensure that all Older Persons Extra Care Housing schemes are available for people with learning disabilities, who are aged 55 and over who need it.
Adult and Children’s Services will make sure that:

• They work with families and young people to think about where they want to live when they are adults

Advocacy will make sure:

• People are able to tell local services what housing they want and need
• People know their rights and choices about where to live
• People are able to say where they want to live and who with

• It helps people who find it hard to speak out or do not use spoken words to have their rights and choices respected
• It helps people to challenge professionals and services if they are not getting their rights and choices about where they live

The Police will make sure:

• It works with others to continue to cut crime and protect people with learning disabilities, wherever they live
• People with learning disabilities who are witnesses or victims of crime are supported to speak out
• It works alongside people with learning disabilities to stop hate and mate crime
• People with learning disabilities will see the Police treat everyone fairly and with respect for their individual rights

Passenger Transport promise to make sure:
• The needs of people with learning disabilities are listened to and used in developing new passenger transport services, wherever possible
• Work with passenger transport providers on ways to make information clearer and easier to read
• That passenger transport information for people with learning disabilities is advertised as widely as possible
• It explores how it can develop the use of the Safe Journey Card
• Seek where it can get funding from, for more buses to be fitted with ‘next stop announcements’ and displays
Trading Standards will make sure:

• It helps people with a learning disability stop people knocking on their front door to sell things by giving out door stickers to any one who asks for one

• It gives a free Making Money Matter booklet and DVD to anyone who asks for one, to inform people with a learning disability how to deal with people knocking on their front door to sell things

The Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) is a Government Department and will make sure:

• It helps people with learning disabilities into work and pay benefits

• It will treat you fairly and with respect, helping people with a learning disability get the right support