



Bigger & better lives now

Commissioning Strategy
for people with a learning disability

A SUMMARY



BIGGER AND BETTER LIVES NOW

- for people of North Lincolnshire with learning disabilities.

The aim of this leaflet is to give you a picture of our plans for health and social services over the next five years. These plans are for people living in North Lincolnshire with learning disabilities.

The plan **Bigger and better lives now** outlines the vision and outcomes for people with learning disabilities in order to deliver on the Valuing People Now agenda across North Lincolnshire.

In the next section we'll describe what we want to do in North Lincolnshire, and give you more information on our vision, **Bigger and better lives now**.

Our vision

...is to empower those of you with learning disabilities so that you can support yourselves and feel involved in life in North Lincolnshire.

The focus of **Bigger and better lives now** is to develop services and support that meet the needs of people in North Lincolnshire with a learning disability.

By 2025 we are committed to making sure that people with a learning disability will have access to the full range of opportunities and choices that are set out in Valuing People and Valuing People Now. Valuing People and Valuing People Now are the Government's strategies or plans for making the lives of people with a learning disability better.

We will work closely with our partners in the health service, voluntary agencies, private service providers and council services to make sure our vision is realised.

Priorities for change in North Lincolnshire...

North Lincolnshire Council and its partners will work towards...

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing local support. • Supporting you to live in your own home. • Providing opportunities for short breaks. 	<p>Independent You will have more options and opportunities.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with you and your family carers to improve standards of support services. • Using approaches and planning that are person centered. • Promoting equality in access. 	<p>Respect You can decide what your own needs are.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing support systems that will enable you to buy services to meet your needs. • Ensuring everyone knows about personal budgets and the benefits they may be entitled to. 	<p>In control Services are closer to your home making it easier for you to get what you need.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing you with information, support and ways to meet your needs at the right time and in the right way. • Encouraging family and community involvement linked to your needs. • Expanding the role and profile of the Learning Disability Partnership Board. 	<p>Involved Supporting you to identify and meet your own needs.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing high quality health and social services regardless of your level of need. • Expand numbers of annual health checks and health action plans. • Supporting the health and well being of family carers. 	<p>Healthy Promoting your life long health and well-being.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivering services that are centred round you and safe environments for all. • Increasing your independence by improving the range of housing options. • Promoting community safety issues and awareness of safeguarding vulnerable adults. 	<p>Safe You will feel safe and supported in a crisis.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting your aspirations through education, training and meaningful employment. • Supporting you to have a voice and be heard. • Improving our understanding of the needs of North Lincolnshire's diverse population. 	<p>Confident in the future You will feel able to pursue a fulfilling life.</p>

Some background...

Bigger and better lives now has been written after listening to you. The plan is supported by key national policy for health and social services. It focuses on services that promote and enhance well-being, independence and choice delivered through services centred around your needs. These themes also reflect local policies such as the Sustainable Community Strategy, 'Many Faces - One Community', the council's strategic plan, 'Going Forward Together' and the Adult Services strategy.

The Valuing People Learning Disability Partnership Board has a key role in making sure that **Bigger and better lives now** is delivered. It will also make sure that your views are central to developing services and in looking at how well they work. The Learning Disability Partnership Board is one of five expert Partnerships with a remit to:

- *Listen to you*
- *Support change*
- *Answer key questions – “what is life like?” and “what do you need?”*
- *Monitor “what works” for you.*

The Executive Strategic Commissioning Board is responsible for this plan and its implementation.

What is personalisation?

...personalisation means that you should receive services designed specifically for you, at times and places to suit you.

What is commissioning?

Our aim in commissioning is to put people at the centre of everything that we do, so that we actively support choice and enable you to have control over your own lives.

Commissioning is about enhancing the quality of your life by:

- *Making sure everyone's views are heard*
- *Finding out what you need*
- *Thinking about what people in North Lincolnshire need now and in the future*
- *Making sure the right services and solutions are available to you in the right place at the right time and at the right cost*
- *Checking to make sure that they do what you want them to do*

“...being what you want to be, doing what you want to do, being where you want to be...”

Needs led commissioning

As well as understanding you, **Bigger and better lives now** provides a wider picture of the needs of local people and sets some priorities for change in North Lincolnshire. **Bigger and better lives now** makes use of local information, your views and the views of professionals alongside facts and figures about the local population.

By working with you through the Learning Disability Board we found that the most important things to you include:

- *Person centred services*
- *Transition*
- *Housing*
- *Employment*
- *Leisure*
- *Feeling safe*
- *Health*

Helpful information about people with a learning disability who live in North Lincolnshire has been provided by the Learning Disability Health and Social Needs Assessment completed for North Lincolnshire (2005) and Communities Count

research (2006). Communities Count estimated that around 400 adults with a learning disability live in North Lincolnshire. Overall people are living longer and the number of people with a learning disability in North Lincolnshire is likely to increase in coming years. We expect that people will have different needs throughout their lives and they may need different services as they get older.

Local housing information tells us that:

- *45 per cent of all adults with a learning disability lived with a family member*
- *29 per cent lived in registered care homes*
- *23 per cent held a tenancy with support and three per cent with some form of health provision.*

We estimate that there are 44 fewer people living in care homes compared with six years ago. Since 2000 the number of people who are supported in their own tenancies has more than doubled.

Local data is currently being updated through work on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for North Lincolnshire. This information will feed the next version of “**Bigger and better lives now**”.

Next steps...

Bigger and better lives now will be reviewed and updated yearly. We are interested to hear what you think about **Bigger and better lives now**. What’s important to you, how should services look in North Lincolnshire and have we identified the right priorities for change?

Your views will help us to make sure that people in North Lincolnshire have a say in shaping Adult Services.

Let us know what you think. We want to hear your story.

Get in touch by: **Completing the short questionnaire overleaf and**

returning it to: Strategic Commissioning Team, Brumby Resource Centre, East Common Lane, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire, DN16 1QQ

Or email your views to: rebecca.hollis@northlincs.gov.uk

For more information: 01724 298227



Now tell us what you think...

Question 1: Does this leaflet help you to understand our vision for support and services in North Lincolnshire? Yes No

If you answered no, what would you find helpful?

Question 2: What do you think the 'priorities for change' should be for the next five years?

Independent	
Respect	
In control	
Involved	
Healthy	
Safe	
Confident in the future	

Question 3: What services would you like to see in North Lincolnshire over the next five years?

Question 4: What would you like to see in the updated Commissioning Strategy?

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