



Making Social Care
Better for People



Joint review of planning and buying of services and support for people with learning disabilities and complex needs



**Dorset County Council
Dorset Primary Care Trust
(NHS Dorset)**

**April 2009 Action Plan with updates for
December 2010**



EasyRead summary

In November 2008 there was a review of our support for people with a learning disability. The inspectors made 23 recommendations.



Dorset County Council and NHS Dorset have written a plan to make changes.



The plan is quite long and we have listed here the 10 most important things that we will do. In December 2010 we added more information about what is happening now.



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December 2010

1.

What we wanted

There are about 50 people from Dorset still living in NHS hospitals. We will do our best to make sure they are able to move by April 2010.

What is happening now

About half of the Dorset campus residents have moved to their new homes. We still hope everyone will move by March 2011 but there may be a few people who won't.



2.

What we wanted

We will make sure that staff in hospitals and doctors surgeries improve their knowledge and understanding of people with a learning disability.

What is happening now

We have talked to a lot of doctors and nurses about supporting people with a learning disability.



3.

What we wanted

Social workers, community nurses and other learning disability staff are part of Community Teams in Dorset. We will appoint more people to work in community teams and make sure they all work in the same way.



What is happening now

There will be a new Community Team in Weymouth and 10 more jobs for nurses.

4.

What we wanted

Our current plan for learning disability services runs out in 2010 (The Joint Commissioning Strategy). We will start work on a new plan to replace it in May 2009.



What is happening now

The new Joint Commissioning Strategy (2010-2013) has been written. There is an action plan on the LDPB website.

5.

What we wanted

Our new database will give us much better information about people with a learning disability in Dorset and help us plan for their needs.



What is happening now

The database has been very helpful. It will take some time to update it.

6.

What we wanted

We will try to make sure that Person Centred Plans are available for everyone.



What is happening now

A lot of people have Person Centred Reviews. We still need to do some more.

7.

What we wanted

We will get better at planning for young people leaving school. We will give them more information and look at ways in which they can be supported as adults.

What is happening now

There is better information about young people in transitions. There are now meetings for all young people and their carers in schools.



8.

What we wanted

We will carry out a review of short breaks for people with a learning disability and their family carers.

What is happening now

We have completed the short breaks review and there is an action plan. There will be 6 new places at The new Beeches.



9.

What we wanted

We will set targets for the Dorset Learning Disability Partnership Board and write a report every year on what the Board has done.



What is happening now

The LDPB has targets and an annual report that we talk about.

10.

What we wanted

We will talk with Dorset People First about what information needs to be in Easy Read and other accessible formats.



What is happening now

There is new national guidance on Easy to Read information that we need to talk about.