



**Complex  
Needs  
Sub Group**

**Terms of Reference**

# What we will try to do



In 2009 there was a report about people with a learning disability and complex needs in Dorset. We will make sure Dorset does what the report says.



Give information and advice to family carers, support staff and managers



Try out new ways to deal with challenging behaviour, autism and Intensive Interaction



Make sure people with complex needs are looked after.

# How often we will meet



Every 3 months  
for 2 hours

## Who we are

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Council

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Community Teams for  
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Residential Care Services,  
Dorset County Council

Learning and Development,  
Dorset County Council

Wessex Autistic Society

Dorset Healthcare Foundation  
Trust

Day Services, Dorset County  
Council

Strategic Health Facilitator,  
NHS Dorset

Occupational Therapist

Speech and Language  
Therapist

Parent Carer

# What we mean by 'people with learning disabilities and complex needs'

- People over 16 years old who need support from health or social care organizations.
- They may have difficulties because of;



Challenging behaviour



an autistic spectrum condition



complex health needs, a physical disability or sensory disability



mental health needs



a criminal history

# Glossary

## **Autism or Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD)**

A disability that affects the way a person communicates and relates to people around them

## **Challenging Behaviour**

When the way in which a person acts makes it difficult for other people to help them.

## **Complex Health Needs**

Having more than 1 disability.

## **Criminal History**

Having been in trouble with the police.

## **Intensive Interaction**

Communicating with people with Learning Disabilities who do not find it easy communicating or being social.

## **Mental Health Needs**

Difficulties with emotions.

## **Physical Disability**

A disability to do with the body.

## **Sensory Disability**

This can be when people find it difficult to see or hear.