



Learning Disability Partnership Board 'What We Do'



Valuing People Now says the Director of Adult Social Services in the City Council and the Chief Executive of the Primary Care Trust must make sure that we have a Learning Disability Partnership Board. We are the Partnership Board and this is what we do:

We want Valuing People Now to happen



We act as champion for all people with learning disabilities in the city.

We work to influence the decisions makers to make Valuing People Now happen in our city.

We work to the principles of Valuing People and Valuing People Now and we check how we are doing using Valuing People toolkits and reports.

We report to the Regional Valuing People Programme Board, the city's Joint Commissioning Board and to the council's cabinet on the work we are doing.

We involve everyone



People with learning disabilities and their carers make a real contribution and make up at least half of the membership of the board and represent people in the local community.

Local organisations, providers of services and people responsible for services are also members.

We speak for others



Partnership Board Members speak on behalf of the people and organisations they represent.

Members take information from the Partnership Board and share it with the people and organisations they represent.

We speak out



We make the issues for people with learning disabilities known to people who make the decisions.

Members who represent organisations use their influence to make changes and to make Valuing People Now happen.

We check how well Adult Social Services & Health Services are doing at helping people with learning disabilities

We share ideas



We act as a resource and source of information and we identify, promote and share good practice ideas.

We have a website at www.brightpart.org.



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We have sub groups



Much of our work is done in our sub groups.
We receive advice, recommendations and reports from the sub groups.
Our sub groups have a 'Make It Happen' plan.
We support and advise the Partnership Board Development Worker.

We have meetings



We meet every second month.
We talk about the 'Big Questions' at our meetings.
We invite other people to attend our meetings when needed.
Our meetings are open to the public and the notes of our meetings are put on our website for all to see.

We make decisions together



All members share responsibility for decisions made by the Partnership Board.
We respect honest and straightforward thinking and will respect confidentiality at all times.
If a member has a conflict of interest in a discussion then the member must declare their interest. This will be recorded and the member will not be part of the decision making process.
If a member strongly disagrees with a decision made by the Partnership Board the member can choose to have this disagreement formally recorded.

We make decisions by voting



We often make decisions by voting at a meeting, using voting cards. The decision goes with the majority of the votes. The meeting notes will say how many members present voted for and against and how many chose not to vote at all.
If there are an equal number of votes for and against an idea then the Chair has a second vote. If the Chair does not use that second vote then the 'no' votes win.
At least ten members are needed at a meeting to make a decision, even if some of them choose not to vote.