



HEALTHCARE FOR ALL

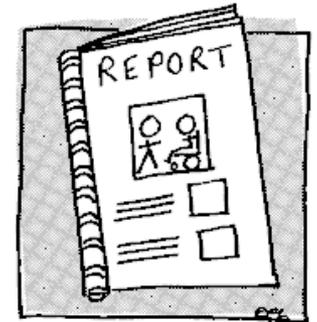
What is happening in Brighton & Hove?



Death by Indifference



- Mencap wrote a report in March 2007 called 'Death by Indifference'
- It was about 6 people with learning disabilities who died
- Their names were Emma, Martin, Mark, Ted, Tom and Warren
- Mencap said they died because the NHS did not give them proper care and treatment



Death by Indifference

Emma's story – doctors found out she had cancer but they did not do anything to stop it. The hospital did not help Emma with her pain. Emma's mum had to go to court to get doctors to help her.

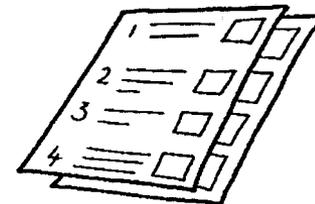
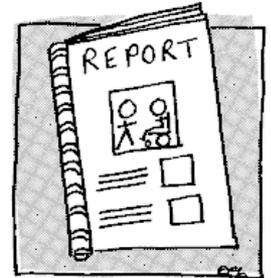


Martin's story – he had a stroke and went into hospital. Because of the stroke he could not swallow food or drink. Nobody made sure he was given food another way. He had no food for 26 days before he died.



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- 'Health Care for All' is a report about the quality of health care that people with learning disabilities get.
- It was written because of the 6 people Death by Indifference was about.
- The report found that people with learning disabilities don't always get the care they should from health services.
- It tells us about 10 things that can be done to make health care better.



The Ten Recommendations

1. “Core Standards for Better Health” so the National Health Service (NHS) have to change the way they do things to help people with a learning disability.



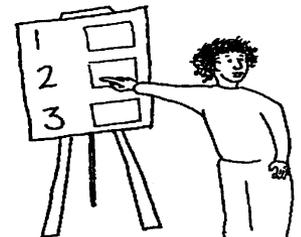
2. “Commission a Directed Enhanced Service for people with learning disabilities” - this is to get G.P's to give health checks once a year to people with a learning disability.



3. “The Department of Health should establish a learning disability Public Health Observatory” – this is a group of experts in the government who will check that services provided in the NHS are getting better.

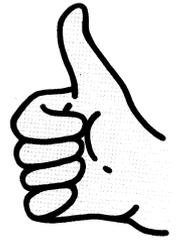


4. “Organisations that train health professionals should include training about learning disabilities”- so universities can give people better training about people with learning disabilities before they start work in the NHS.



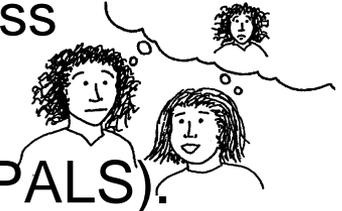
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5. “Local Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) should include information about people with learning disabilities in their Joint Strategic Needs Assessment” - so they can plan services better.



6. All health care organisations should collect better information about people with learning disabilities.

7. People with learning disabilities should have access to advocates to help them use health services if they need them, and have good access to services like Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS).



8. All NHS organisations should make sure they include the views of people with learning disabilities and their carers in all their plans about new services or changing services.



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9. Local NHS organisations should involve family and other carers in the provision of care and treatment for people with learning disabilities, and provide good support and joined up services



10. People who check health services are doing their job properly should make sure they work more often with the Commission for Equality and Human Rights, the National Patient Safety Agency, and the Office for Disability Issues to make sure people with a learning disability get good safe health care



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- Health checks and health action plans in GP practices – this work started in October 2007 and is still happening.



- JSNA been carried out to include People with a learning disability and will help to plan services.

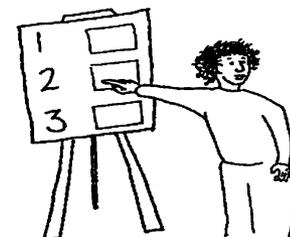


- Started to look at how to get better information about local learning disabled people and their health:

- Working with PCT public health team
- LD register & commitment in commissioning strategy to collecting better information
- Liaison nurses
- GP practice registers

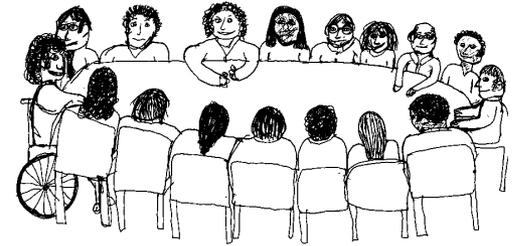


- Training – GP practices doing enhanced service, training at the local medical school, GPs working with LD psychiatrist, Hospital Liaison Nurses to provide training to hospital staff and medical students



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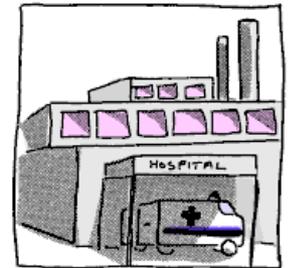
- Health Facilitator & local service users sit on PCT Disability Equality Scheme Steering Group



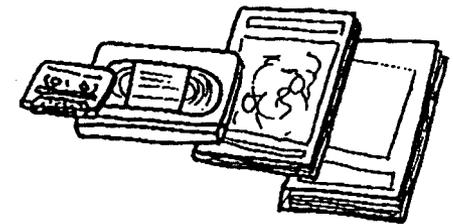
- Looking at better engagement with Local Involvement Network (LINK)

- “Green Light” work for mental health

- Hospital Liaison Nurses – to help with going in and out of Hospital



- Information or Resource Pack on the wards in Hospitals



- Making Valuing People and Valuing People Now happen through Partnership Board and Healthy Lives Sub Group

