
Report to West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board

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Learning Disability Awareness

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Summary

In January 2021 the Learning Disability Partnership Board gave a report to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The report was about low life expectancy, making reasonable adjustments and digital inclusion.

- Life expectancy is the age that most people die.
- Reasonable adjustments is changing the way we usually do things to make sure people can use services.
- Digital inclusion means being able go online and use digital devices.

The report was to tell the Board about some important issues for people with a learning disability.

Members of the Board were asked to report back on how their organisation is improving access and outcomes for people with a learning disability.

Reports came back from:

- West Sussex CCG and Adult services
- Age UK
- West Sussex Communities Team
- Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
- Queen Victoria Hospital Trust
- Sussex Police
- West Sussex Fire and Rescue
- Healthwatch

An easy read report brings all the responses together. This shows Members have a wide range of plans, ideas and promises which will improve outcomes for people with a learning disability.

Recommendation(s) to the Board

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to;

- (1) Note the content of this report.
 - (2) Ask organisations who did not send in a report to follow this up.
 - (3) To commit to hear again in 2022 about important issues coming from the Learning Disability Partnership Board.
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Relevance to [Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy](#)

The West Sussex Joint and Wellbeing Strategy has a priority to reduce health inequalities. This means giving everyone the same opportunities to lead a healthy life, no matter where they live or who they are. To tackle inequalities, we must give even more attention to those who are at greatest risk of poor health.

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Appendices

1. Learning Disability Awareness Report
2. Learning Disability Partnership Board Report