ANGUS
Health & Social Care
Partnership

LEARNING DISABILITIES PRIORITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2021 – 2024



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1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE



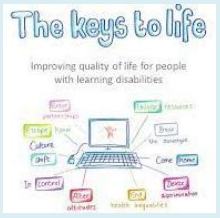


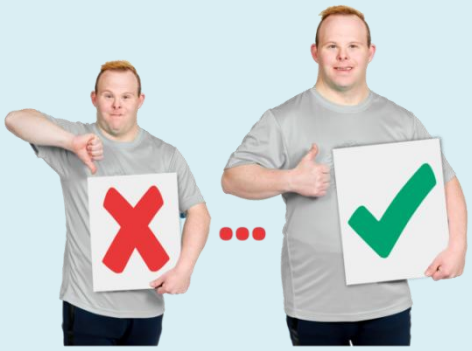
This is the second learning disability improvement plan which looks at -

- changes to the population of Angus
- more people are needing support
- new reasons why people need support
- the cost of support and the amount of money available
- providing a quality service that can carry on into the future, making the best use of the money we have

2. BACKGROUND







The Scottish Government have written reports on how services across Scotland should be supporting people with a learning disability. These were – 2000 ‘The Same and You?’ and 2013 ‘Keys to Life’.

In Angus, a lot of changes to services have been made on the advice of these reports.

The first plan to improve services in Angus was made from 2017 – 2020 and it looked at the following:

- Planning the replacement of the Gables Care Home with a supported housing development
- Looking at peoples care and support packages to see if we can improve them
- Looking at the college support service to see if it could improve





- Looking at the respite facilities available to see if they could improve
- Looking at how we provide overnight support to see if we could do this in different ways
- Introducing a Social Care Worker post to some of our staffing services so we could provide better support
- Finding accommodation in the community for people who had been living in hospital for a long time
- Looking at the people from Angus who lived in other areas of the country who wanted to come back to Angus and starting to plan how we could support them to do that.





The Scottish Government published another report in 2018 called ‘Coming home: complex care needs and out of area placements. There are still too many people with a learning disability and/or autism who live far away from their families or in a hospital because their needs can’t be met in Angus.

This new learning disability improvement plan will focus on finding places for people to live in Angus. People have told us they would like some things to change.











We have written this plan because:

- Scottish Government legislation and policies say we must act
- There are new reasons why people need support
- We aim to provide a quality service that makes the best use of the money we have
- Services are expensive and the amount of money we have may not increase much and may be cut/reduced
- More people need support
- Of the Advances in Technology Enabled Care. (The term technology enabled care (TEC) refers to technologies that may help people engage in and control their own support and care)
- We want to help people do more for themselves
- We want to help people achieve things and use new ideas and new ways of working
- We have to work within our budget of money to pay staff and provide services across Angus



It is very important that these learning disability priority improvement actions are taken forward

Service needing Improvement		What will Happen
 The number of people needing support (Demographics)		Alter how we do things to accommodate more people as no extra funding available.
 Autism and Learning Disabilities		Provide places for people to live that have the right resources and staff in place so that people don't need to move out of Angus. Allow those who have had to move out of Angus to move back.
 Support and Care		Keep reviewing everyone's care package to make sure everyone is getting the best that can be provided.
 Personal Care		Keep reviewing everyone's care package to make sure everyone is getting the best that can be provided.



Carers and Respite



Make more developments in respite for all those who need it.



Accommodation



Provide places for people to live that have the right resources and staff in place so that people don't need to move out of Angus. Allow those who have had to move out of Angus to move back.



Day Centres and Community Opportunities



Look at day centres and see if they need to be changed in any way to make them better. Create more capacity in day centres.



Health Inequalities



Develop a health promotion plan so that people can get healthcare more easily.