

West Sussex Learning Disability Partnership Board

What it does and how it does it.....

Why do we have a Partnership Board?

To meet together to talk about important issues for people with learning disabilities and their family and friend carers.



To make sure people with learning disabilities get their rights.

To make sure people who provide services make their services available to people with learning disabilities and make them easy to use.



To tell services what people want and how to make things better. This will help services make decisions.



Keep an up to date Learning Disability Commissioning Plan for West Sussex and check it regularly.

What do Members need to do?

If you become a member of the Partnership Board you must try to come to the meetings.



If you can't come you must make sure somebody else comes for you – so they can tell people what you wanted to say and keep you up to date.

Service Providers must come when they are invited to answer questions. If they cannot come themselves they must send somebody else.

When people come to the meeting they must stick to the point and speak in language everybody can understand.

Minutes which are easy to read will be sent to members within 3 weeks of the next Partnership Board meeting.

The agenda for the Partnership Board and any presentations that are to be given will be sent to the members 2 weeks before the Partnership Board meeting.



What is the job of the Partnership Board?

1. To work to make change happen.
2. To listen to people with learning disabilities and their family and friend carers.
3. To stick to the values of Valuing People (2001) and The Care Act 2014.
4. To find out what needs to happen.
5. To work on the most important things.
6. To challenge things that aren't good.



7. Checking how well things are improving.
8. To include everybody including people with complex needs and people from minority groups.
9. Work with the Provider Forum (people who provide services for people with a learning disability) and also services for other people.
10. To make sure service providers are explain actions to the Board.
11. To let people know what the Board is working on and how they can get involved.



Where can I find more information?

A record of the Board meetings is on the council's website: www.westsussex.gov.uk (search for 'Learning Disability Partnership Board').

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