

**Yorkshire and the Humber
2011 Partnership Board Reports
Good Practice and Innovation Guide**

Health

Barnsley	Screening – Through the use of annual health checks and health action plans increase the number of people with LD accessing routine screening programmes e.g. breast and bowel cancer screening.
Bradford	Development of a Matrons Forum at Bradford Teaching Hospital Trusts, where concerns can be raised, pathways discussed and good practice shared.
Calderdale	NHS Calderdale has developed an easy read complements, comments and complaints leaflet. This has pictorial symbols including pictures of local people, who were involved in development of the leaflet. . Karen.Midgley@calderdale.gov.uk
Doncaster	Falls awareness training. An educational and interactive session aimed at developing an awareness of everyday slip, trip and fall hazards, what action to take to reduce the risk of accidents and what to do in the event of a fall. Contact, Jackie Howe and Glynis Smith 01302 798442 Jackie.Howe@rdash.nhs.uk
East Riding	A Dementia Assessment Pathway has been developed for people with a learning disability. It is a multi disciplinary team which carries out an assessment of dementia for those people with a learning disability who are deemed at risk. trish.bailey@humber.nhs.uk
Hull	Home Health Scheme, Supports people in residential care settings to be supported through a focused approach to linking with their GP and improving their health status through improved access, greater Understanding by the surgery of the needs of the individual. Local Authority Hull City Council working in partnership with CTLD nurses Humber NHS Trust .Lead contacts are: Amanda.lambert@humber.nhs.uk and Marjorie.mansell.hullcc.gov.uk
Kirklees	Audit of best practice within high street dental practices
Leeds	Optometrists have received training to improve uptake of eye tests by people with learning disabilities as part of the Bridge to Vision Project. Together with vision awareness training for social care staff this has increased referrals. norman.campbell@nhsleeds.nhs.uk
North East Lincs	No-one from North East Lincolnshire has needed an assessment and treatment bed for the past 2 years since the Intensive Support Team was set up to support people with challenging behaviours. Lead Contact: Jayne.Moran@nhs.net

North Lincs	Dysphasia referral pathway, full screening , referral pathway and risk register being developed Lead Contact: Louise Metali, CTLD Clinical Manager Email louise.metali@rdash.nhs.uk
North Yorkshire	<p>Early liaison with GP surgeries to establish learning disability registers (R&H)</p> <p>Health Facilitation has formed a working group to look at local health services it measures and audits Learning Disability services, GP's dentistry, Hospitals and campaigns for better and equal access to services for local people.(S,R,W)</p> <p>Promotion of DisDAT assessment tool with carers and mainstream health staff to highlight distress signals that may alert cares to health needs and/or inform health assessment. Cheryl Hallsworth / Dawn Walsh. (C&H).</p> <p>Appointment of a Learning Disability nurse for 18 months by the York Partnership Board has provided on-going training and awareness sessions on the health needs of people with learning disabilities. The post also included working with the Selby Partnership Board.</p>
Rotherham	NHS Rotherham and RMBC have been successful in achieving funding from the British Heart Foundation to deliver support to people who are at risk of CVD, through healthy eating and weight management programmes, including physical activity sessions. Contact: Alison.liff@rotherham.nhs.uk 01709 302845
Sheffield	Access to and awareness of bowel screening Work on improving access and awareness about bowel Screening. A Public health specialist has carried out training for staff, family and paid carers on recognising symptoms of bowel cancer (heather.burns@nhs.net and joanne.coy@nhs.net)
Wakefield	Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust have in place a bespoke service that identifies and manages individual patient requirements regarding appointment letters and making them accessible
York	Liaison Nurse at York Hospital – funded from LDDF for 16 months – improved experiences in use of hospital services for patients and their families Lead Nicola Cowley - Contact: Nicola.cowley@york.nhs.uk

Housing

Barnsley	Re-modelling of Supported Living services to reflect a reduction in the number of 'tied in' properties and offering individuals more choice of where to live in the borough through direct access to a greater number of landlords.
Bradford	Real Tenancy Tests and Best Interest Meetings being held for all tenant currently living in BDCT supported accommodation to ensure all tenant hold a proper tenancy.
Calderdale	Strong tenancy based support scheme enabling people to live in the local community with support tailored to meet their individual needs.
Doncaster	Redeveloped a small sheltered housing scheme for older people that was not fit for purpose. This has involved a new build. The local community used to utilise some of the ground for meeting and social activities. This has been incorporated in to the new build development of flats.
East Riding	The Housing Options Group (HOG) which is a sub group of the LD Partnership Board has established good working links with the Landlord Liaison Officer who is responsible for the Council's Private Landlord Accreditation Scheme
Hull	The VP housing subgroup has additional links to Hulls VP Hate Crime Network, recognising the vulnerability of individuals living independently or as part of a small group in the community. The Humberside police Hate Crime CO-ordinator is closely linked into the sub group and the link with housing support needs. Contact: Zoe.golding@hullcc.gov.uk
Kirklees	Developed an accessible information pack 'A home of my own' to show people the real options they have. Available on the learning disability partnership board website; http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/community/ld/housing/rent-buy.shtml
Leeds	Produced a learning disability specific housing strategy that looks at the housing issues specific to people with learning disabilities. This has allowed barriers to be addressed, such as access to universal housing options. Simon.pickering@leeds.gov.uk
North East Lincs	The council and Care Trust have set up a Transitions Partnership Board to provide joint leadership of a Single transitions pathway. Lead contact Angie.Walker@nhs.net
North Lincs	Working in partnership with housing and support providers to re model a residential home

North Yorkshire	Priorities are for the partners involved, in providing housing care and support need, to continue to look for Creative solutions. This is to ensure that people with learning disabilities have access to all housing options Including Extra Care.
Rotherham	The Rotherham Housing Assessment Team have recently developed a Learning Disability Transition Officer (Housing) post. This post is aimed at addressing the future housing needs of young people with learning disability as they transition to Adult Services by: jan.frost@rotherham.gov.uk
Sheffield	Quality Development Advisors-2 people who have learning disabilities that are employed by the Sheffield City Council / Joint Learning Disability Service. These people will be offering support to providers and people with Learning Disabilities about good quality services and possibly providing a quality checking service
Wakefield	Jubilee House in Featherstone was an empty Victorian hotel until renovated by private developers and converted into 12 individually styled apartments and leased to Chevin Housing to provide the Registered social landlord function.
York	Development of Extra Care Housing Scheme focusing on enablement and promoting independence for customers. The use of Assistive Technology has reduced the need for paid support.

Employment

Barnsley	Placement Monitoring – Support to the employee/volunteer Checking the individuals understanding o f the induction programme, providing accessible information about systems of work, agreeing support networks for things like supervisions, training and other meetings, on-going support and advice to maintain the placement.
Bradford	Bottle Rescue. People are employed as part of a social firm to reduce land fill by recycling bottles.
Calderdale	Job carver developer posts have been established to support LA directorates to think creatively about job vacancies in Calderdale and to look at opportunities for disabled people.
Doncaster	Person centred reviews and plans have been introduced in the special schools which should form a basis for our 14 - 25 year olds. Connexions have invited the Doncaster Vocational Training Unit to their open events on a trial basis to better advertise and promote employment options.
East Riding	Worklink – Time Centred work experience placements (26 weeks) where the employer guarantees at least an interview for the next available vacancy should the person prove their competence during the 26 week period.

	Lead contact: Kevin.holder@eastriding.gov.uk
Hull	The Holiday Inn in Hull offered an opportunity to 30 individuals to experience in the hospitality business the event promoted the positive messages, that people with learning disabilities can be a valuable addition to any workforce.
Kirklees	Produced a DVD which featured peoples journeys and challenged many of the misconceptions around employing people with a learning disability. Seeing real people in real jobs, hearing first hand from real employers, gave a greater insight and understanding of the benefits to all involved.
Leeds	Re-configuring existing services so that they are better able to meet employment needs of people in line with Valuing Employment Now and Leeds Learning Disability Employment Strategy. Lisa.keenan@leeds.gov.uk .
North East Lincs	20 young people are currently taking part in the <i>Getting a Life</i> project. As a result 5 young people have been supported into employment and 3 into work placements. A further 3 young people are training to become sports coaches Lead contact wendy@jobs4all.org.uk .
North Lincs	LDDF project with Foresight is accepting referrals for employment & are setting up social enterprise with service users on the Board of Directors.
North Yorkshire	A social enterprise partner has been appointed by the Local Authority to provide training and employment Opportunities in extra care housing schemes for people with learning disabilities. This will give people access to training and/or paid employment in the following.
Rotherham	The work club for people with disabilities and a long term health conditions, helps people to build their Confidence and self-esteem when searching for work within a safe environment. Partnership working is through Job Centre Plus Disability Advisors, AD-PRO job coaches, Workers Educational Association tutors, Access All Areas team and other third sector employment agencies.
Sheffield	Good Job Group. Partnership Board employment task group which involves a range of organisations Providing supported employment, social work staff, local authority and people with a learning disability. Good engagement and enthusiasm to increase numbers of people with a learning disability in paid employment. (Ed.Sexton@sheffield.gov.uk).
Wakefield	A new service was created called Hidden Talents through grant funding, to support individuals with Autistic Spectrum Conditions and other hidden disabilities to gain and retain employment. This was managed by Mental Health Matters. Between July 2009 and March 2011, 10 job outcomes were achieved
York	Café and outside catering business where all customers access NVQ qualifications and the provider supports individuals into moving into appropriate open and paid employment. (Katie Brown – Katie.brown@york.gov.uk).

Other Local Developments/Good Practice

Barnsley	Bullying and Hate Crime – Marcus Cook, marcuscook@barnsley.gov.uk .The Hate Crime Group has just experienced its busiest year so far with Service User led presentations on, what constitutes and how to report a Hate Crime being given to Paradigm's National Conference in Manchester and the Community Care Conference in London. Work is now under way in partnership with Inclusion North to develop Nationally recognisable signage for the Safe Spaces identified within the Borough.
Bradford	Training and DVD to help people to know how to vote. Bradford People First 01274 744151
Calderdale	Partners in Policy Making has been embraced by Calderdale with support to families to attend national course and a locally run course for 20+ carers including carers of young people held over a number of months in Calderdale.
Doncaster	" Dig it n Grow " A social enterprise developed at Hayfield Social Education Centre, the team is made up of two Community Support Assistants and a small group of adults with a learning disability takes on gardening projects for members of the community who are unable to care for their gardens.
East Riding	In January and February 2011 the Council's Carers' Support Service held information sessions for Carers titled 'Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS) – Making Sense of it for me and mine'. Those carers who attended commented that they found the sessions easy to understand and very informative and it gave them a better understanding of the legislation.
Hull	Living well , a person centered approach to supporting individuals who have a life threatening or terminal illness to plan how to be supported to 'live well'. Tracy.meyerhoff@hullcc.gov.uk .
Kirklees	The Learning Disability Partnership Board website – providing people with the information they need to take greater control and make an informed choices. gary.wainwright@kirklees.gov.uk
Leeds	Mencap and Tenfold, in partnership with the Council, held a Council Takeover event. The event took place in the Council Chambers and gave people with learning disabilities the opportunity to learn more about local democracy. At the event people got to meet Councilors from around Leeds and find out what being a Councilors meant. The Councilors also got to hear about the experiences of people with learning disabilities kath@tenfold.org.uk
North East Lincs	The Person Centred Planning Team has been working closely with schools to support Person Centred Transition Reviews. Over 100 staff in education and children's services have been trained to carry out Person Centred Transition Reviews Lead Person Barry.Osborne@nhs.net

North Lincs	16 graduates have been presented with sports leadership qualifications. They are all now being offered voluntary placements to develop skills further within leisure services. It is hoped that some of these graduates will go on to seek employment in the sports and leisure field. Maureen Moore – maureen.moore@northlincs.gov.uk
North Yorkshire	Hambleton and Richmondshire.- One group member graduated from Tomorrow's Leaders, one is now a member of the Inclusion North Advisory Council and one member is the Health Task Group Co-Chair and has registered as a trainer of Doctor's at James Cook University Hospital. Scarborough, Whitby, Ryedale - Developed valuable links with numerous organisations in the statutory, voluntary and private sectors that provide services which affect the lives of people with learning disability through membership of local Task Groups. North Yorkshire have led on Telecare and a leaflet has been devised to tell people with a learning disability how assistive technology can help them to be more independent
Rotherham	The Shared Lives scheme has been expanded and new Shared Lives carers are currently being recruited. This scheme offers opportunities for adults to live or spend time with approved Shared Lives carers and their families as valued members of their own communities.
Sheffield	Communication Awareness Card – 'Help me talk to you' card. The Communication task group of the Learning Disabilities Partnership Board has produced a Communication Awareness Card, following a communication project to find out what needed to be done to improve communication for people with learning disabilities in the city
Wakefield	Peer Advocacy – We have trained people with learning disabilities to act as peer advocates for people with profound and multiple learning 20 disabilities. They give them the chance to have their voice heard by professionals on issues that affect their day to day lives.
York	People with learning disabilities and family carers now both have independent forums which have a direct link to the Partnership Board and its Priority Groups