




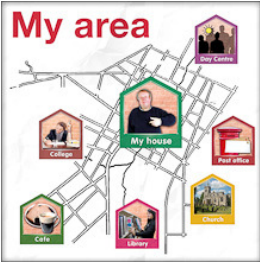
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Letter to Partnership Board Chairs







Cc Director of Adult Social Services







Dear Wakefield Partnership Board







I am writing to thank you and your partners across **Wakefield** for the Partnership Board Annual Report, which you sent us in March. Please find below our comments on your report and a copy of the Regional Overview Report and the good practice and innovation guide. For each part you answered, we have commented on what is good in your area, what areas need to be worked on and finally any other comments for you to go back and let your Partnership Board know about.






<b>Part from Report</b>	<b>What you are doing well</b> 	<b>Areas to work on</b> 	<b>Any other comments</b> 
<p>2 Local Picture</p> 	<p>Data gave an excellent picture of diversity and the structure of the population grouped around the urban settlements.</p> <p>It also demonstrates the issues around the lack of decent affordable housing.</p>		<p>A robust and comprehensive submission around data.</p> <p>Direct links to commissioning which has then</p>






<p>Local Picture continued</p>	<p>Good data including figures around the number of people in education.</p> <p>Demonstrates links with JSNA and how the Health performance assessment framework has influenced up to date information being included in the JSNA.</p> <p>Recognise the need to work with people in prisons.</p>		<p>shaped the future market.</p>
<p>3 Partnership Board arrangements</p> 	<p>Good wide representation on the partnership board and the sub groups which are in line with the VP Now agenda.</p> <p>Board structure includes the Director of Adult services.</p> <p>Research has shown that boards are more effective when they have direct links with senior managers.</p> <p>Good support to partnership board members and demonstrate real inclusion of people and families.</p>		<p>Delivery groups also have to demonstrate involvement of people and families.</p>




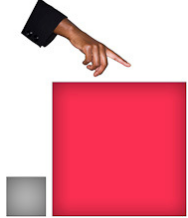

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<p>4 Overall budget</p> 	<p>Identified the budget for the board so that it is now in a position to see what the overall learning disability budget is spent on.</p>	<p>Continue to validate the figures for the board.</p>	
<p>5 The health of people with learning disabilities</p> 	<p>Performance and Self Assessment Framework demonstrates that you are green on 1 of the Top Targets and amber on the other three.</p> <p>The framework has given you a very detailed picture of the health needs of the population in Wakefield</p>	<p>Demonstrate a comprehensive action plan following the Performance and Self Assessment framework but recognise these may need to change in light of budget pressures.</p>	
<p>6 Where people live</p> 	<p>Good percentage of the people live in settled accommodation and 11 people who ownership or shared ownership.</p>	<p>Continue with the progress you have made.</p>	

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<p>7 Provider market</p> 	<p>Made progress with ensuring the provider market meets current and future demand.</p> <p>Large percentage of the provision is in the voluntary sector.</p>	<p>Continue to services for people with autism and people with complex needs.</p>	
<p>8 Employment</p> 	<p>Demonstrate commitment to improving the number of people with jobs and have a current and up to date strategy to help achieve this.</p>	<p>Continue to make progress in this area.</p>	
<p>9 Advocacy and leadership</p> 	<p>Demonstrate a commitment to advocacy and developing services</p> <p>Good links for self advocates to talk directly to the partnership board.</p> <p>Focus advocacy for those people with complex needs and for parents with a learning disability.</p>		

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<p>10 Family carers</p> 	<p>Family Carers are supported to have a voice and this is demonstrated in your commitment to investment in support workers for carers.</p> <p>Good links to the wider carers strategy and particularly like the Carers Alert Scheme.</p>	<p>You recognise the need to ensure the diversity of the board membership.</p>	
<p>11 Parents with learning disabilities</p> 	<p>Identified the number of parents with a learning disability.</p>	<p>Establish joint planning process with children and family services.</p>	
<p>12 Transition</p> 	<p>Nearly half the young people know will have a person centred plan. This will help inform future services of the needs and aspirations of these young people as they move towards adult hood.</p>	<p>Include paid employment as an outcome in the plan</p>	

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<p>13 Personalisation</p> 	<p>Checks in place to assess the quality of person centred planning.</p> <p>Good to see one of the priority areas is for people with complex needs and the partnership board strategy includes people from BME, complex needs and autism spectrum.</p>	<p>Continue to ensure these left out groups are included in the personalisation agenda.</p>	
<p>14 Workforce development</p> 	<p>Recognise the need to reach the entire workforce not just those know to statutory services.</p> <p>Demonstrate some progress on key workforce issues.</p>	<p>Develop or contribute to a Council wide workforce plan.</p>	

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<p>15 Hate crime</p> 	<p>You recognise your work on hate crime is in the early stages but it is good to see a work stream within the LSP</p>	<p>Make progress on the identified action plan and report regularly to the board.</p>	
<p>16 Quality assurance and monitoring</p> 	<p>People and families are included in the checking the quality of care through the partnership board and the delivery groups.</p> <p>Partnership Board receive reports from the Adult Safeguarding Board.</p> <p>People and families were involved in the writing and sign off this report.</p>	<p>Development of Equality Impact assessments for people with learning disabilities.</p> <p>Partnership board to be informed of poor performance.</p>	

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<p>17 Commissioning</p> 	<p>Have a joint commissioning strategy and highlight a number of improvements in commissioning services for people with learning disabilities, including more people into paid work and living in their own homes. These improvements are in line with VP Now and PSA Target 16.</p>		
<p>18 Future plans and targets</p> 	<p>The future plans include numerical targets, which will help the board to monitor progress on the plans.</p>		

Overall  
Comments:



The report has highlighted a number of good practice areas, which we have included in the Good Practice and Innovation Guide and will be shared across the region. The Wakefield Partnership board is making progress in a number of areas and has submitted a very robust report for the first year. This baseline report will help you monitor progress on the areas you have identified you wish to make improvements over the coming year.

We would like to thank you for all the hard work and commitment to submitting this return on time. We recognise that this is Year 1 of the process but believe this is a good baseline for you to move forward on in future years.

Best wishes

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