

REPORT TO: Health Policy and Performance Board
DATE: 8th June 2010
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Adults & Community
SUBJECT: Learning Disability Partnership Board Annual Self Assessment Report 2009/10
WARDS: Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To present the Board with the Valuing People Now: Partnership Board Annual Report Self Assessment 2009-10 and outline the process involved in its development.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board:

- (1) Note the contents of the report**
- (2) Comment on the priorities and recommendations for 2010/11 for the Halton Learning Disability Partnership Board**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Background

The Partnership Board Annual Report Self Assessment Report is an optional requirement for all Learning Disability Partnership Boards to complete in order to update the regional Valuing People Programme Board on progress towards implementing Valuing People Now. The Self Assessment report template was received in November 2009 with a submission date of 31st March 2010 and the Partnership Board decided that the report should be produced.

3.2 Project Group

A project group was established consisting of the Operational Director for Prevention & Commissioning; Commissioning Manager for Disabilities; Lead Officer, People & Communities Policy Team; Policy Officer, People & Communities Policy Team. Following which an action plan was developed in order to ensure that all aspects of the report were completed by the necessary lead officers. The lead officers included colleagues from Halton Borough Council Commissioning; Performance & Improvement; Adults with Learning Disabilities Team; Employment & Enterprise Team and colleagues from NHS Halton and St Helens.

3.3 Consultation Undertaken

Consultation on the contents of the report took place with carers and self advocates via two consultation events held at Stobart Stadium. The carers event was held in January, where the contents of the report was presented to carers by the Commissioning Manager for Disabilities and the Policy Officer for People & Communities.

The self-advocate event was held in February and was attended by adults with learning disabilities who access various services in Halton. An easy read version of the Self Assessment Report was developed for adults with learning

disabilities to refer to. Lead officers presented information to six groups of self-advocates and their opinions were recorded by graphic facilitators during the event. A report containing all responses was collated by Halton Speak Out. Following these consultation events, some minor amendments/additions were made to the report.

3.4 Sign Off

The report was required to be “signed off” by the Co-Chairs of the Partnership Board, a representative for family carers and a representative for adults with learning disabilities. In order to fulfil this requirement, an extraordinary Adults with Learning Disabilities Partnership Board was organised for 9th March 2010, where the annual report was discussed by all members of the Partnership Board. The annual report was then agreed and signed off at this meeting and the report was submitted to the Regional Valuing People Now Lead on 25th March 2010.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Linked to the implementation of Valuing People Now, a number of strategies/policies are to be developed and will be presented to the Adults & Community Directorate’s Senior Management Team as and when required.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None identified

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL’S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

The principles of Valuing People Now relate to adults with learning disabilities, however, adult social care starts to have contact with children at age 14 when they commence the transition period from Children Services to Adult social care. Therefore, the work priorities and recommendations of this report will have a positive impact for children in Halton with a learning disability.

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

Valuing Employment Now was published in June 2009, which is linked to the work progressing for Valuing People Now. As a result of this, a number of recommendations and priority areas were identified in Halton in order to identify further employment opportunities for adults with learning disabilities which would provide paid work rather than voluntary work placements.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

The successful implementation of Valuing People Now will have a positive impact for adults with learning disabilities and their families in Halton. Through completion of the annual self-assessment report, this will enable the Learning Disability Partnership Board to identify areas of best practice and identify any areas of weakness, which will require particular focus in the work priorities for the forthcoming year.

6.4 A Safer Halton

None

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 Even with the Annual Report being optional it was felt that undertaking the Self Assessment would provide valuable information in terms of progress towards implementation of Valuing People Now. If this wasn't completed it may have been perceived in a negative light for the Halton Learning Disability Partnership Board.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 None identified

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

9.1 There are no background documents under the meaning of this Act.