



# Bedford Learning Disability Partnership Board

## Terms of Reference

### Purpose of the Board



Ensure people with learning disabilities have the same rights and choices as everyone else and are treated with dignity and respect.



Ensure that the Valuing People Now requirements are delivered in Bedford.

Help members and stakeholders make decisions that meet the aspirations of people with a learning disability.

### Aims & Objectives



The Board aims to:

Recognise what people with a learning disability contribute to the Health & Wellbeing Strategy.



Meet the needs of all people with a learning disability and other minority groups by working together with agencies and communities.



Provide information of a high standard in a range of formats and languages.



Ensure easy and fair access to services and support.



Plan and develop services for the future and respond to peoples changing needs.

# Role of the Board

The Board reports to the Adult Health and Wellbeing Thematic Partnership.



The Board needs to report on the Health & Wellbeing strategy and how this is delivered and is influenced by the views of people with a learning disability.



The Board needs to report on key performance targets and actions linked to services for people with a learning disability.



The Board will ensure people with a learning disability are involved as much as possible.



The Board will identify local priorities as well as meeting regional and national government targets.

# Membership of the Board

The Board is jointly Chaired by John Bruynseels, Assistant Director – Community Care Services and a person with a learning disability.

Membership of the Board is made up of the following:

- Key agencies / providers responsible for planning and commissioning services for people with a learning disability
- Local people who have been elected onto regional or national groups
- Portfolio Holder for Adult Services
- Representatives of service user groups, carers groups, voluntary sector groups and provider representatives. Service user groups will be supported by POhWER advocacy services.

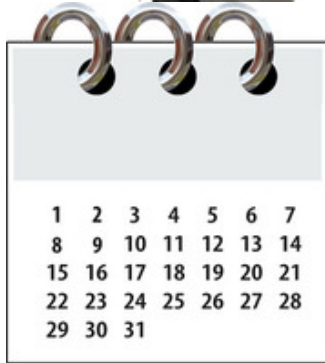


The Co-Chairs will make sure that meetings are fair and carried out in a business-like fashion.

The Co-Chairs will make sure decisions are clear and people are aware of their actions and the timescales to complete actions.



Members of the Board will attend meetings regularly to represent their views and report back on actions agreed by the Board.



The Board will meet at least 4 times a year at venues accessible to all members. The meetings will last approximately 2 hours.

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