

Valuing People Now: The key policy objectives for 2009–12

All people with learning disabilities (and their families) will:

1. benefit from Valuing People Now;
2. have greater choice and control over their lives and have support to develop person-centred plans;
3. get the healthcare they need and the support they need to live healthy lives;
4. have an informed choice about where, and with whom, they live;
5. have a fulfilling life of their own, beyond services, which includes opportunities to study, work and enjoy leisure and social activities;
6. be supported into paid work (including those with more complex needs);
7. have the choice to have relationships, become parents and continue to be parents, and will be supported to do so;
8. be treated as equal citizens in society and supported to enact their rights and fulfil their responsibilities;
9. have the opportunity to speak up and be heard about what they want from their lives – the big decisions and the everyday choices. If they need support to do this, they should be able to get it;
10. be able to use public transport safely and easily and feel confident about doing so; and
11. be able to lead their lives in safe environments and feel confident that their right to live in safety is upheld by the criminal justice system.

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For services:

1. Leadership, delivery and partnership structures are put in place that will make sure the outcomes set out in this strategy are delivered.
2. Effective commissioning in a way that best supports the right outcomes for people with learning disabilities and their families is ensured.
3. The workforces across services are given the appropriate support and training to equip them with the values, skills and knowledge to deliver the Valuing People Now priorities for all people with learning disabilities.
4. Learning disabilities will have a clear position in the new performance frameworks for the NHS and local authorities, and there will be a comprehensive range of data sets and reporting mechanisms.