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Refresh of Adult Learning Disability Strategy

March 2022

Background

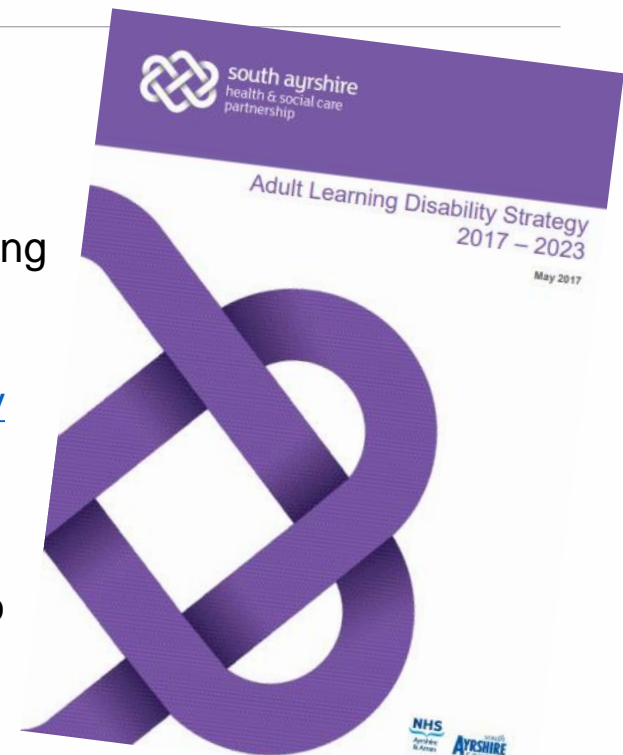
South Ayrshire IJB has delegated authority for all adult learning disability services within South Ayrshire.

Currently working under the existing [Adult Learning Disability Strategy](#).

The existing strategy applies to all adults with learning disabilities, including those aged from 16 years onwards who are in transition into adult services.

The Strategy sought to signal a change in what people can expect with a shift to being supported within the community and details how communities can support this shift.

It was developed with a clear reference to the 2013 Keys to Life national strategy for learning disability.

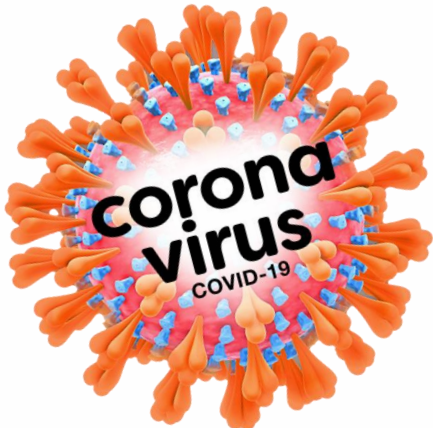


Strategy refresh



Integration Joint Board
Strategic Plan 2021-31

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and languages



The keys to life

Unlocking Futures for People with Learning Disabilities
Implementation framework and priorities 2019-2021



Strategy development

Strategy Development Group

- Wide range of partners including Health, Social Work, Housing, Employability and skills, Third Sector, Champions Board and Ayrshire College.
- Meets monthly
- Leads on consultation and writing

Steering Group

- Facilitated by SCLD to inform the development of the Strategy
- People with learning disabilities and carers
- Meets monthly prior to Strategy Development Group
- Only in place for the development of the strategy

League of Champions

- People with learning disabilities, parents, carers and providers
- Staff member seconded to support the group
- Remain in place after strategy has been approved
- Provide scrutiny on the implementation of the strategy



Engagement

Engagement took place to inform the refreshed strategy from August to November 2021 through a variety of methods:

- **Paper and online survey** - A total of 90 people with learning disabilities in South Ayrshire completed the survey.
- **Online and in-person focus groups** - 34 parents/family carers, 23 people with learning disabilities, and 18 employees of voluntary sector service providers.
- **Staff Survey** – 19 members of staff took part
- **Interviews** with HSCP, SAC and NHS Managers



Survey

Most people who answered the survey rated their happiness highly, were happy with the support they received and where they lived.

Important points to reflect on:

- Focus needed to make people's wellbeing return to pre-pandemic levels.
- Build on the success of digital inclusion for people, making sure that people are supported to acquire skills to use technology.
- Relationships with friends and family are very important to people and over a third of people currently don't see their loved ones as much as they like.
- Having the right to accommodate more varied and regular social activities.
- Ensuring that support is flexible enough to allow people to do the things they want when they want will be an important focus going forward.



Focus Groups

Important points raised in the focus group feedback included:

- The lack of information about the opportunities available
- Day activities and the opportunity to spend time with people
- More information on self-directed support
- Learning and employment opportunities
- The need to streamline the transitions process
- The need to provide a range of different housing models
- Awareness raising on hate crime



Feedback from Managers and Staff

We need to truly engage with people to find out what they want. Parents might want something different. Parents are very important, but we need to focus on what young people themselves are saying.

Working in a trauma informed way would help us support people regardless of how they are presenting.

Loneliness and isolation are massive issues... There is a high prevalence of people living on their own, with minimal support, and that model can easily lead to loneliness and isolation

Enhanced telecare has allowed us to offer support and keep people safe, without staff in each person's home 24/7.

We need to work towards commissioning for outcomes as Feeley recommends, and recognise that eligibility criteria need to change, because it doesn't meet everyone's needs.

Currently there is good communications, but this could do with being embedded (it's too much down to individuals just now.)

Draft Strategy

“Live your best life in the way that you choose”



League of Champions Message

Hello! We are...

Hello! My name is... Russell	Hello! My name is... Elissa	Hello! My name is... Luke	Hello! My name is... Ryan
Hello! My name is... Fiona	Hello! My name is... John	Hello! My name is... Mark	Hello! My name is... Roddy
Hello! My name is... Linda	Hello! My name is... David	Hello! My name is... Emma	Hello! My name is... Jane

And together, we are the **League of Champions!**

Priority Areas

Health and Wellbeing

- Covid Recovery
- Support in hospital
- Support with sexual health
- Support for older people
- Raise awareness of Hate Crime

Choice and Control

- Action plan for Self-Directed Support
- Focus on Transitions
- Promote local activities
- Support for carers

Living Independently

- Housing models and support
- Better use of telecare
- Improve employment and learning options
- Work closely with providers

Active Citizenship

- Range of support options
- Better use of IT
- Involvement in decision making
- Paperwork is easy to understand



Current consultation

Public consultation began on 4th March. This will run for 6 weeks and end on 15th April. A variety of methods is being used to gather feedback:

- Easy-read paper survey sent to everyone who receives support from Learning Disability Service
- Easy-read online survey
- Online and in-person focus groups supported by SCLD
- Provider's Forum through VASA
- Focus group with Carer's Centre
- Staff Sessions
- Elected Members Briefing
- Any other ideas?



Tell us your views!

To read the draft of the Adult Learning Disability Strategy and respond to the consultation click [here](#). You can respond as an LPP and/or individually.

Email danielle.rae@south-ayrshire.gov.uk with questions or ideas to gather feedback.

Share and encourage others to take part in the consultation.

Next steps

Public consultation for 6 weeks - ends 15 April

Analysis and final drafting with final version submitted to IJB in May 2022

Regular meetings with League of Champions to gather feedback on progress

Progress reported to Performance and Audit Committee on 6-monthly basis

Thank you!



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