

The Learning Disability BigPlan

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**A Plan for adults with learning disability in
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole**



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What is the Learning Disability Big Plan?



The Learning Disability Big Plan is about the work of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council and NHS Dorset.



It is about how we want to work together on health and social care services for adults with learning disabilities.

In this document the Learning Disability Big Plan will be known as The Big Plan. It tells you -



The work that BCP Council and NHS Dorset do in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole.

This work is listed under 7 Big Aims.



Background information about Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole and Dorset.



What is the Learning Disability Big Plan?



You can find out more about the Big Plan on the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Learning Disability Partnership Board web pages at:



www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/adult-social-care-and-health/support-for-adults-with-a-disability/support-for-adults-with-a-learning-disability/bcp-learning-disability-partnership-board-ldpb



Our Vision

This is what we want:



Everyone with a learning disability treated with dignity and respect.



Services making sure that people with a learning disability and their families are at the centre of everything.



People have choices and rights and are responsible for their own lives.



Accessible information for people with a learning disability including easy read and digital access.



People's lives are getting better with services supporting them to reach their hopes and dreams.



The 7 Big Aims



In 2024 we began by asking people with learning disabilities, carers, providers and the Learning Disability Partnership Board what they thought was most important.

We then chose these 7 Big Aims as our main areas of work:





The 7 Big Aims

Each Big Aim is linked to:



The Transforming Care Programme. This is about making care and support better for people with learning disabilities and/or autism.



The Bill of Rights Charter for people with learning disabilities in Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole.



The Quality-of-Life Framework.



Fulfilled Lives – Adult Social Care Transformation Programme.



NHS Frameworks including the 10 Year Plan. This is about the 3 stages from treatment to prevention, hospital to community and analogue to digital.



The 7 Big Aims

Each Big Aim tells you:



What we have been doing

Some of this work is done, but some of this work will carry on.



What we are still working on



What new work we want to do



The 7 Big Aims



In 2024 we reviewed the 7 Big Aims in the Big Plan, and we asked people again what they thought.



The Big Plan has been now updated and includes the things that people told us they thought were most important.



Big Aim: Where I live



What have we been doing?



Relying on fewer residential homes for new placements.

Look at more independent living options for people as a first choice for their accommodation.



Work on housing and care for people. To include people with complex needs, whose behavior may challenge services.

- This means behaviour that might cause harm, damage or might stop people from doing things.



Big Aim: Where I live



What are we still working on?



Continue to work with housing associations and private landlords.



Review of housing related support accommodation.

Increase the Shared Lives services.



- This service matches people to carers who they then live with.
- To also include other services Shared Lives offer.



Big Aim: Where I live

What are we still working on?



Helping to make it easier for people to search for different types of accommodation.



Big Aim: Where I live



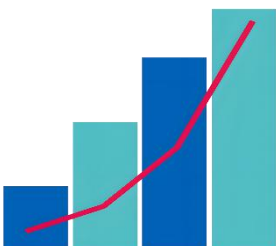
What new work do we want to do?



Increase the use of Care Technology when you are out and about.



Use Care Technology when you are at home.



Increase the choice of where you live. In particular, supported living and shared lives.



Big Aim: Staying healthy



What have we been doing?



Helping people to have health checks and make sure they have health checks every year.

Make sure health checks are of a good quality.

- Check their consistency in GP practices.

Make sure outcomes are met.



Planning and checking that mental health services work for people with learning disabilities.



Improved information for patients in acute and mental health hospitals with input from learning disability champions.



Big Aim: Staying healthy



What are we still working on?

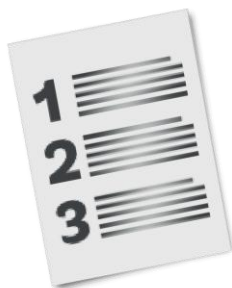


Making sure more people have Health Action Plans.

Helping people to have health checks.



Look at using Experts by Experience to check health services. These are people with learning disabilities or carers who have their own experience of health services.



Keep a list of people who are at risk of going into a specialist hospital.



Checking Community Mental Health services meets the needs of those with a Learning Disability and Mental Health condition.



Big Aim: Staying healthy



What new work do we want to do?



Increased advice and guidance on healthy eating. Including how to prepare and cook food.



Help and advice on ways to keep fit.



Making it easier and more comfortable when you go for a vaccination.



Big Aim: Staying healthy



What new work do we want to do?



Help make health services for people with learning disabilities better so that fewer people die early. **This is called prevention.**



Training Room

- To improve training and understanding for staff who carry out screening for people with learning disabilities:



Reduce the number of people with a learning disability going into mental health services.



Big Aim: Having a good life



What have we been doing?



Supporting people to use Day Opportunities. Including greater flexibility of opening times, choice and options for older people.



Supporting people to do activities in the community that are for everyone.



Helping more people get information about relationships and sexual health.

Holding courses on sexual health.



Big Aim: Having a good life



What are we still working on?



Putting in better toilets and more Changing Places. Changing Places are large, accessible toilets that have extra equipment.



Checking the quality of day opportunities and carrying out the new Day Opportunities plans.



Supporting people into work.
Designing and planning for this work.



Helping people to have safe relationships.



Big Aim: Having a good life



What new work do we want to do?



Support and share information for those people with a learning disability who want to set up their own business.



Helping people to have better access to the community.

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Help to find and keep a job.
Help to find paid work
Help to find voluntary work



Big Aim: Having a good life



What new work do we want to do?



More access to the community in the evenings and at weekends.



Helping to make new friends and meet new people.



Big Aim: The right care and support when I need it



What have we been doing?



Making sure there is better information for people with learning disabilities and their families.



Paying for services to help people speak up.



Using our 3 Conversations Model. We use 3 conversations to help us understand what really matters to people and to help people to live their best lives.



Supporting communication in a way that is right for each person.



Big Aim: The right care and support when I need it



What have we been doing?



We also support people and their families if they have complex needs.



Supporting people with a Learning disability who may have done a crime.



Big Aim: The right care and support when I need it



What are we still working on?



Increasing the number of people who have personal budgets and personal health budgets. This is money to spend on social care or health needs.



Make sure we use person centered planning. This is where we place the person at the centre of all that we do for them.



Support the use of Intensive Interaction. This is a way to help people with complex needs learn to communicate with the people around them.



Big Aim: The right care and support when I need it



What are we still working on?



Planning and checking future housing needs.



Help people to use Individual Service Funds. This means that people can have more choice and control over their care and support, but their care provider looks after the money to pay for this.



Work on care and support and training as part of the Transforming Care Programme. This is about making care and support better for people with learning disabilities and/or autism.



Providing Oliver McGowan Training to all health and social care staff who work with people with learning disabilities and autism.



Big Aim: The right care and support when I need it



What are we still working on?



More information is available in Easy Read.



Training for health and social care staff, including doctors, on Learning Disability communication needs and Easy Read information availability.



Big Aim: The right care and support when I need it



What new work do we want to do?



Continue using our 3 Conversations Model.

We use the 3 Conversations Model to help us understand what really matters to people and to help people to live their best lives.



Work with Adult Social Care social workers to improve a new tool called Magic Notes.

Magic Notes is a system that helps to record conversations and improve case notes.



Big Aim: Keeping safe



What have we been doing?



Working to help keep people safe from abuse.



Working on keeping people safe when travelling on the buses.



Supporting people with a learning disability who are victims or witnesses of crime.



Big Aim: Keeping safe



What are we still working on?



Continue to talk to people about different types of crime to help keep them safe.



Increase the number of Safe Places.

Increase awareness of Safe Places and expand to include all people in the community.



Helping people to stay safe online including the use of mobile phones and other online options.



Big Aim: Keeping safe



What are we still working on?



Helping people to keep safe when they are out in the community.



Work with Community Safety Officers and the Anti-Social Behaviour Team.



Helping people to be aware of abuse and how to report it.



Big Aim: Keeping safe



What new work do we want to do?



Seeing more police officers out and about.



More street lighting as lighter areas make us feel safer.



Safety awareness training, including for people with dementia.



Helping people to have safe relationships.



Big Aim: Becoming an adult



What have we been doing?



Checked how young people move from Children's to Adult Social Care services.



Supported access to advocacy services to help people speak up.



Big Aim: Becoming an adult



What are we still working on?



Making it easier for young people to move from Children's to Adult's services.



Knowing what to expect when moving into Adult Social Services.



Earlier and better handover of information from Children's to Adult's health and social care services.



Big Aim: Becoming an adult



What new work do we want to do?



Do more work on how Children's and Adults' social care services are organised for people aged 14-25.



Make sure that the Big Plan Matches with the aims of the plans that Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council have for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.



Work on making it easier for young people to move from Children's to Adults' mental health services.

Big Aim: Becoming an adult



What new work do we want to do?



Make sure young people and families can get the right information.



This will include money management, lasting power of attorney, deputyship and understanding benefits.



Big Aim: Support for my family



What have we been doing?



Giving short breaks for carers.



Co-produced a new BCP carers plan.



Co-produced a review of carers assessments.



Supported information sharing with family carers.



Big Aim: Support for my family



What have we been doing?



Created a practical skill and learning book for carers.



Paid for a Carer Representation Support worker.

Bridgit - online self-help for carers



Launched bridgit online support for carers.



Big Aim: Support for my family



What are we still working on?



Making more information available for carers. Including on the BCP Council Carers Support website.



Getting more carers from Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole to take part in the Learning Disability Partnership Board.



Life Planning.
Provide information for older family carers to help them plan for the future.



Short breaks for carers.

- Complete the short breaks strategy.
- Respite to include overnight respite.



Big Aim: Support for my family



What are we still working on?



Creating easier access to carers
Direct Payments and options for
short breaks and respite services.



Working on a project with Dorset
Healthcare to improve the
support carers, receive in a
hospital setting.



Big Aim: Support for my family



What new work do we want to do



Work with carers and follow the Ideas of the New Valuing Carers In Dorset Strategic Vision.



Provide carers with advice training and support.



Increase the number of carers assessments.

Consider people with a learning disability who may also be carers.



Big Aim: Support for my family



What new work do we want to do



Work with GP surgeries for early identification and better support for carers.



Increase the number of direct payments offered to carers to give them a greater choice of support.



National background

We use these laws, plans, reviews and standards to help us plan and check our work.

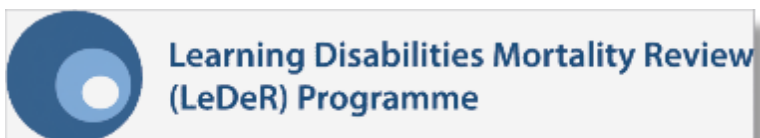
Click in the pictures to find out more about these.



The Equality Act 2010



The Accessible Information Standard 2016



The Learning Disabilities Mortality Review



The Mental Capacity Act 2005



National background



The Children and Families Act 2014



The Care Act 2014



The Children and Families Act 2014



10 Year Health Plan for England



National background

Think Autism



An update on our plans to help you make the most of what you can do



An EasyRead version of:
Fulfilling and rewarding Lives, the strategy for adults with autism in England: an update (April 2014)

Think Autism



National Framework for NHS Continuing Healthcare and NHS-funded Nursing Care

July 2022 (Revised)

Published May 2022

Incorporating the NHS Continuing Healthcare Practice Guidance

National Framework for NHS Continuing Healthcare and NHS-Funded Nursing Care 2022



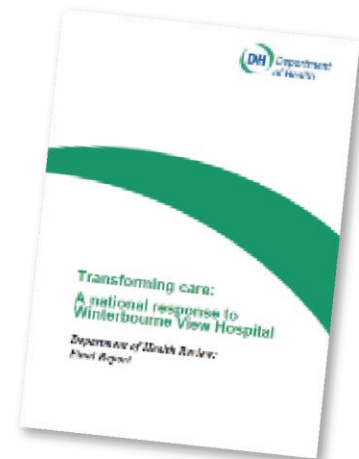
National plan, Building the Right Support revised 2022



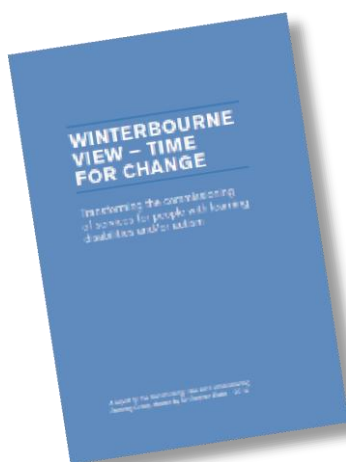
National background



State of Caring Survey



National response to
Winterbourne View



Winterbourne View Time
for change



LeDeR 2021

Learning from Lives and Deaths –
People with a Learning Disability
and Autistic People



Learning from Lives and Deaths
LeDeR 2021



Local background

These things have also happened in Dorset to do with health and social care:



Making Dorset the
healthiest place to live

Joint Forward Plan:
2023-2028

Making Dorset the
healthiest place to live



Bill of Rights Charter

Together with Carers – A Dorset Vision

A Dorset Vision



Local background



Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council work with other Councils in the south-west of England.



Social care and health services also work together to plan and check services in the south-west of England.



In April 2019 the number of Councils in Dorset changed. There are now 2 councils. This Big Plan is for Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council.



Health services are looked after by NHS Dorset.



Specialist health services are looked after by NHS England.



Dorset Health Care University Foundation Trust runs local health and mental health services.

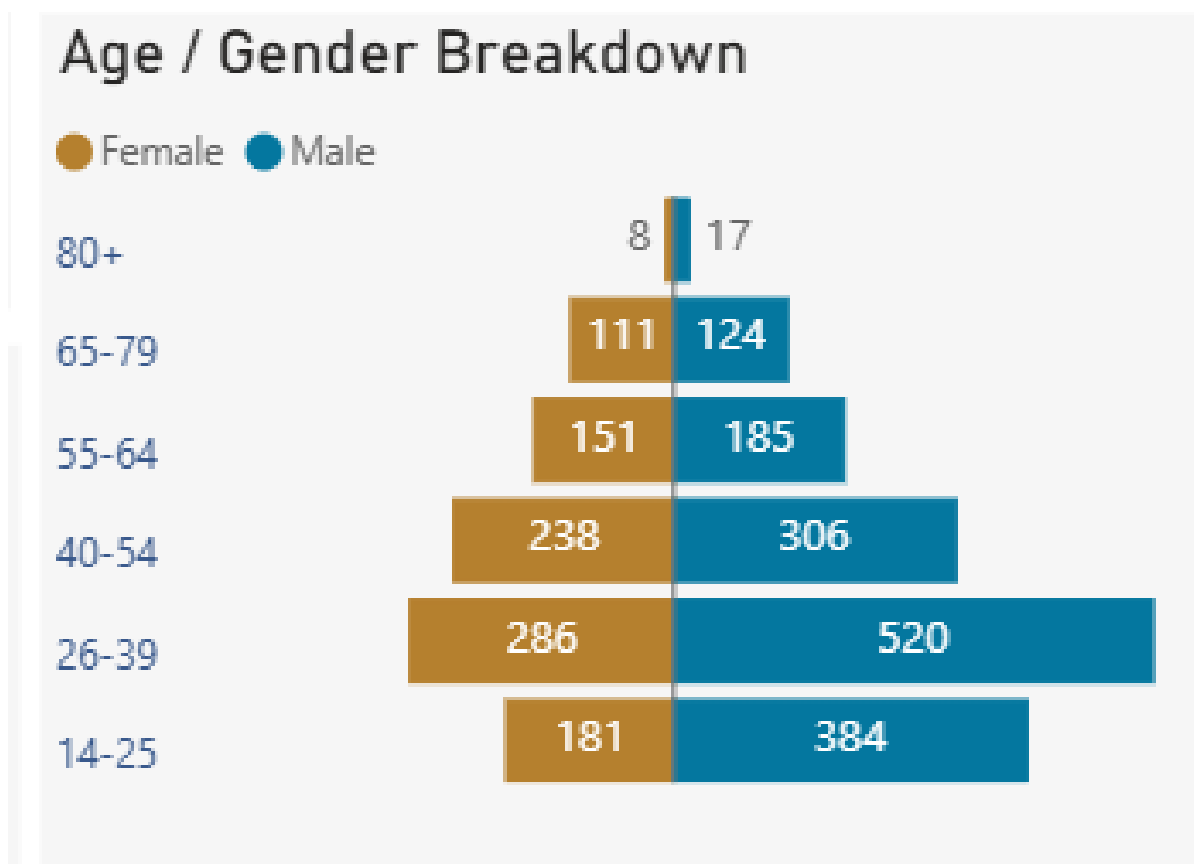


The learning disability population in BCP Council.

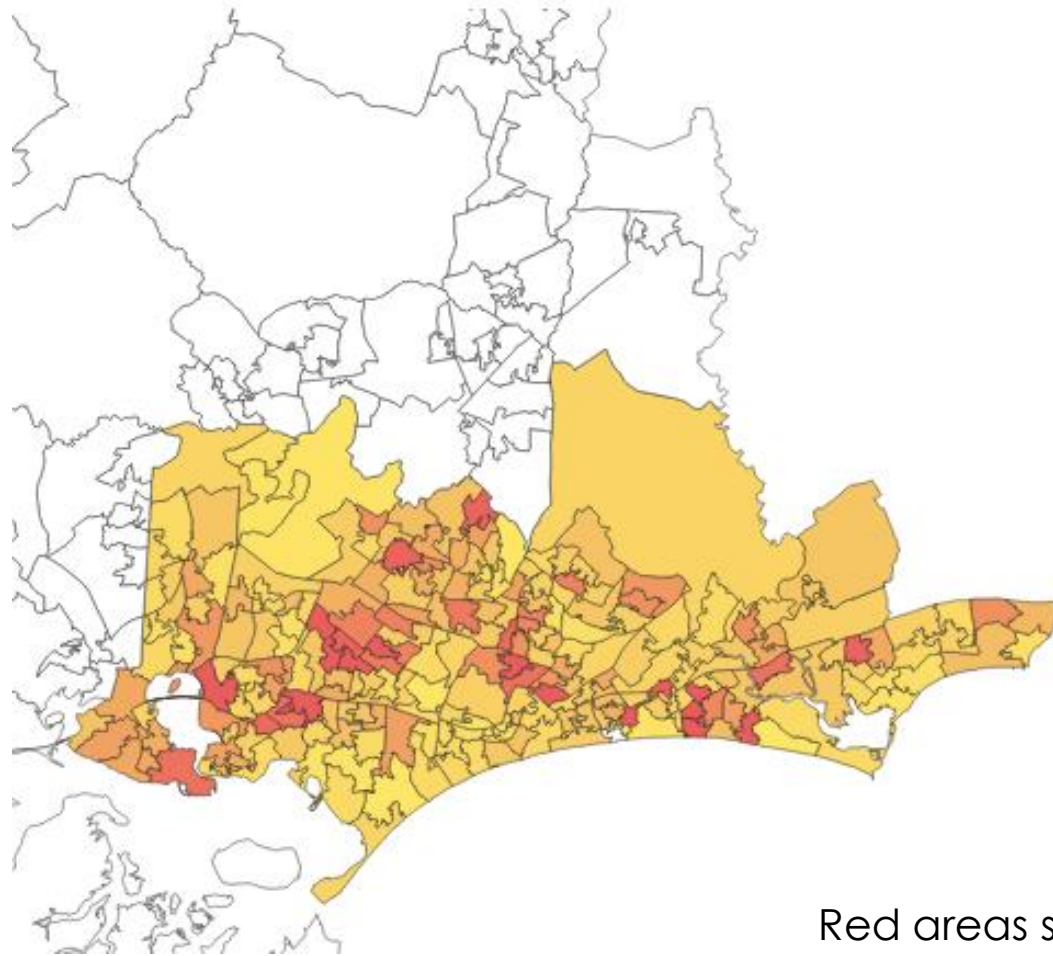


As at December 2025 we think there could be about 2511 people with learning disabilities in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole.

Below is a graph that shows both the age and gender breakdown.



This map shows the areas where GPs know there are higher numbers of people with learning disabilities in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole.



Red areas show high numbers
Yellow areas show low numbers



What do we know about people with learning disabilities in BCP Council?

Over the next 20 years:



- The number of people with a learning disability will go up.



- There will be more older people with learning disabilities.

The above information found at - Projecting Adult Needs and Service Information (PANSI).



Money

In the financial year 2024 to 2025:



BCP Council had £61.6 million (gross) to spend on learning disability social care services.



NHS Dorset had £91.3 million to spend on care for people with learning disabilities and autism.



You can find out more here on the Bournemouth and Poole Learning Disability Partnership Board web pages at:
<https://www.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/Adult-social-care-and-health/Types-of-support/Help-for-people-with-learning-disability-needs/Bournemouth-Christchurch-and-Poole-Learning-Disability-Partnership-Board-ldpb.aspx>



We also expect that more people will want to use services.

This means that the services we buy or run might have to change.



Planning and buying services



Health and social care services across all of Dorset have been working together more closely.



Working together more can help to make sure people get the same service wherever they live in BCP Council. It is also a way to make sure we make the best use of money and staff.

NHS 10 Year Health Plan

The NHS has a 10-year health plan (2025). This builds on the work of the 2019 plan.



Fit for the Future
The 10 Year Health Plan
for England



There are 3 new, important areas of work

- Hospital to community
- Analogue to digital
- Sickness to prevention

The Big Plan is working with the NHS 10-year health plan (2025).



Checking how we are doing

We will check how we are doing with the Big Plan and the 7 Big Aims by using Action Plans and the Big Plan Work Plan.

The work in the Action Plans and The Big Plan Work Plan have more details to help us make sure the work is done on time and completed correctly.

Regular reports are made to the Learning Disability Partnership Board which reviews this work.

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