

# Learning Disabilities Improving Lives Programme

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Hywel Dda University Health Board</b>
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The Welsh Government’s new strategy [Learning Disability Strategic Action Plan 2022 to 2026 | GOV.WALES](#) outlines the priority areas that will strengthen services and subsequently improve the lives of people with learning disabilities. The delivery of these priority areas involves collaborative working across NHS Wales, Regional Partnership Boards, Public Service Boards, Local Authorities and the third and private sectors. NHS organisations are required to evidence how they are contributing towards the priority areas of the strategy and in particular, the areas and key actions outlined in this reporting template.

**Reporting Schedule:** Progress is to be reported bi-annually. This form is to be submitted on:

- 14 September 2022 (covering the period 1 April 2022 to 31 August 2022)
- 14 April 2023 (covering the period 1 September 2022 to 31 March 2023)

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**Update on the actions implemented during the current operational year to deliver the Learning Disabilities Improving Lives Programme.**

**Implementing the recommendations of the comprehensive review of adult in-patient learning disability services.**

**Key Actions:**

- 1. Reducing reliance on medication to manage challenging behaviour.**
- 2. Improving access to community based early intervention and crisis prevention.**
- 3. Increasing community based provision enabling individuals to move on from in-patient units as soon as it is safe for them to do so.**
- 4. Ensure all in-patients are regularly assessed for discharge to “step down” care and discharge plans are actioned within 7 days.**

<b>Achievements</b>	<b>Risk to Delivery</b>	<b>Corrective Actions</b>
1. The psychiatry team regularly undertake psychotropic medication audit to ensure levels of medication prescribed are	1. The training programme for ANP’s is 2 years therefore this needs to be	2 & 3. We are continuing to take on band 5’s at streamlining and providing training and support. A training needs analysis will need

monitored. We have introduced an ANP role which will support psychiatry clinics to monitor and review use of psychotropic medication.

2. & 3. The current LD service improvement programme (LDSIP) includes the development of a progressive and robust operational, strategic and professional plan for the service as a whole, to enable future growth and development. Two main workstreams have been established as follows:

- In patient - a key element of the LDSIP is to review the long-term hospital environments to ensure that patients are moved on to less restrictive settings and this workstream will look at the LD Service Specification and develop a section for Ty Bryn and the Learning Disabilities Outreach Team (LDOT)/early intervention.

- Community – this workstream will oversee the review of the current Community Team Learning Disabilities (CTLTD) and develop a new service model to meet future needs, including service

factored in when managing capacity and creating additional resource.

2. & 3. Recruitment of qualified nursing staff and Allied Health Professionals is challenging. This is being managed via the Health Boards Workforce Plan.

to be undertaken to identify training requirements qualified and unqualified staff, in order to develop a safe, evidence-based model of care. We are actively promoting the 'grow your own' opportunities to encourage support workers to undertake LD Nursing training opportunities.

<p>eligibility criteria, workforce and training. This work will define the new community service model, which will form part of the new LD Service Specification. This will include more robust crisis prevention pathways, including links with Adult mental health inpatient settings.</p> <p>4. we have progressed a programme of moving patients on from our Assessment and Treatment and Continuing Care Units. There is currently only 1 patient with LD in our own High Dependency Unit and 5 residents in our Supported Accommodation facilities.</p>		
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<p><b>Implementation of the Welsh Governments’ “Reducing Restrictive Practise Framework”.</b></p>		
<p><b>Key Action:</b></p>		
<p><b>1. Promote the use of evidence based interventions, e.g. Positive Behavioural Support (PBS) in all settings. Ensure restrictive practise used is proportionate, compliant with the framework and is recorded and monitored.</b></p>		
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<p>Hywel Dda University Health Board has a Reducing Restrictive Practice (RRP) team that ensures PBS is heavily emphasised in the training it provides to the workforce.</p>	<p>Without practice leadership in clinical settings, the application of acquired reducing restrictive practice skills is unpredictable.</p>	<p>The identification of and development of RRP practice leaders in all clinical settings where restrictions are most commonly utilised should assist in cultural change.</p>

<p>Additional RRP training is made available to all teams and raises awareness of restrictive practice and applicable legal frameworks for its use.</p>	<p>Understanding the data collection and size of problem within the health board relies heavily on Datix data. This data collection needs to be widened not just across the service but across the Health Board.</p>	
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**Develop integrated housing, health, social care models and guidance, learning from previous examples that provide accessible services for vulnerable people especially those with a learning disability. Utilise the new Regional Integrated Fund.**

**Key Action:**

- 1. As a member of the Regional Partnership Board drive integrated services across health, housing, social services and the third sector. People with a learning disability are one of the key priority groups for funding under the Regional Integrated Fund.**

Achievements	Risk to Delivery	Corrective Actions
<p>The West Wales Care Partnership (WWCP) has prioritised the development of supported housing options for vulnerable people including those for learning disabilities and more complex health needs. A regional Capital Working Group for Accommodation has been established a part of the RPB.</p>	<p>Local appropriate housing stock is limited and new build structures are lengthy to buy and plan, which can cause capacity issues.</p> <p>Confirmation of new RIF spend guidance has delayed the availability of funding in this financial year, which in turn has delayed implementation on some projects</p>	<p>Local Authorities are identifying suitable accommodation and have agreed development plans to meet assessed demand.</p> <p>The Health Board will continue to work collaboratively with the RPB to progress RIF projects.</p>

<p>The RIF is funding a number of LD specific projects such as the progression project which is a regional collaboration between the 3 LA's and the health board to provide co-ordinated progression reviews of individuals with Learning Disabilities placed in residential or institutional inpatient care. The main focus is on out of area placements with a view to repatriate to local accommodation based options. The project will also inform the development of capital projects by identifying potential candidates, and their specific accommodation needs.</p>		
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<p><b>Primary Health Care: Improve the take up and quality of annual health checks to identify and address health needs (target: 75% of all individuals registered with their GP practise who have a diagnosed learning disability are to have an annual health check).</b></p>		
<p><b>Key Actions:</b></p>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Strengthen the role of community learning disability teams to support delivery of the annual health checks (primary care cluster level).</b></li> <li><b>2. Establish a community learning disability link nurse for every primary care cluster.</b></li> </ol>		
<p><b>Achievements</b></p>	<p><b>Risk to Delivery</b></p>	<p><b>Corrective Actions</b></p>

<p>1. &amp; 2. LD Community Services are being strengthened through the service improvement programme with additional nurses and support workers dedicated to supporting GPs in meeting their annual health check targets in each GP cluster area.</p>	<p>LD Community Services do not currently have an adequate workforce to meet the need for a community learning disability link nurse for every primary care cluster.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In October 2021 an enhanced payment for GPs to encourage completion of the Health Checks was introduced and this has led to an increase to the annual health checks completed.</li> <li>2. As part of the Organisational Change Process for the LD SIP we will look to increase capacity of community nurses to ensure links to each GP cluster area.</li> </ol>
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<p>1. An acute liaison nurse service is in operational across the 4 District general Hospital sites. The service has developed a comprehensive training package and provides training through the health board staff induction</p>	<p>There is a risk to service delivery and impact due to lack of integration with wider MH&amp;LD acute liaison service.</p>	<p>As part of the planned organisational change process the future structure of the LD Liaison Service will be reviewed to ensure it is embedded across the Directorate.</p>

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<p>programme (Skills 2 care training). The service is working to develop LD champions across the health board to ensure that will be a LD champion in all wards and departments.</p> <p>2. A flagging system for LD has been incorporated into WPAS. Liaison nurses ensure Health Passports are in place for people admitted to our Hospitals.</p> <p>3. Paul Ridd Training is now mandatory training for all staff in the health board and is managed via ESR.</p>		

