

Living Well with a Learning Disability in Telford and Wrekin



Consultation Launch Session – 25th February 2021

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Context

National

- The Care Act 2014
- Children and Families Act 2014
- Human Rights Act, 1998
- Mental Capacity Act 2005
- Mental Health Act 2007
- Autism Act 2009
- Transforming Care Programme (TCP)
- Think Local Act Personal
- British Association of Social Workers – Professional Capability Framework

Regional

STP overarching LD Strategy in development and will be informed by this consultation



Local

- Learning Disability Partnership
- Making it Real Board
- Carers Partnership Board
- Telford Voices (LD expert by experience group)

“Across all services in Telford and Wrekin we want to promote independence of people with learning disabilities and help people to live well.”

Draft LD strategy

“People with learning disabilities, and their families, in Telford and Wrekin should be able to access advice, information, care and support that is aspirational, modern and meaningful.”

Draft LD strategy

Putting it into practice – an example

John was in residential care for a period of time outside of Telford.

Following conversations with John, his advocate and his family, John decided that he would like to move back to Telford, be close to his family and live in his own home.

John wanted support that would assist him with being independent in his own home and in his local community.

Since moving into his own home John has:

- ✓ Used assistive technology to become more independent in his own home (e.g. cooking and doing the washing)
- ✓ Used assistive technology to be safe when getting out and about
- ✓ Started to think about getting a job.

Since then, John has used existing support and resources to gain confidence and skills in the workplace and is now looking at a volunteer placement.



What are we doing?



Summer 2021
Strategy finalised and approved by Cabinet

February to April
Consultation on draft strategy

November to January
Draft strategy developed

30 September to 11 November
Engagement

Engagement, Co-production, Consultation, Communication

Developing the draft strategy

- Completed the Pre-engagement consultation (Autumn 2020).
 - Used the feedback to develop the draft Learning Disability Strategy.
 - Worked with the Learning Disability Partnership to further co-produce the draft strategy.
- The engagement ran from 30 September to 11 November 2020
 - We asked people what was important to them, or the person they support, around the following areas:
 - ✓ Being healthy and independent
 - ✓ Having friends and relationships
 - ✓ Having choice
 - ✓ Getting out and about
 - ✓ Having a job
 - ✓ Having the right support
 - ✓ Accessing respite
 - ✓ The impact of Covid.
 - We engaged with over 160 different people, including 32 people with learning disabilities as well as families, carers and staff from various organisations supporting people with learning disabilities.

All information, including feedback from the engagement can be found at: www.telford.gov.uk/LD

The draft strategy

- We are proud that there is good support for people in Telford and Wrekin, but we know there are many things that could be better. We want to make these improvements over the next four years.
- The draft Learning Disability Strategy (2021-2025) sets out the most important things we will focus on within our available resources.
- For each area we asked about in the engagement there is a section in “You said.... We will do” that includes:
 - A summary of feedback from people with Learning Disabilities;
 - A summary of feedback from parent, carers and professionals; and
 - Suggested actions to address the feedback.
- An easy read version of the strategy is available

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A strategy for adults with a Learning Disability in Telford and Wrekin



Telford and Wrekin Learning Disability Strategy 2021-2025

Our Easy Read Plan

For living well with a Learning Disability in Telford and Wrekin



The draft strategy – some examples of content



Having Choice



People have told us they want to make choices about:

- Where they live
- Where they go
- What they wear
- What activities they do
- Spending money
- Their support

66% of people we spoke to said they are able to make choices themselves or get help

41% of people we spoke to said they want to make more choices

Parent, carers and professionals said it was important for people to:

- Continue to make choices about:
 - what they eat
 - what they wear
 - what leisure activities they do
 - where they go
 - their routine
 - being part of family plans
- Be supported to be confident;
- Be supported to make choices;
- Have positive role models; and
- Make more choices about:
 - Activities
 - New things
 - What they eat

What we will do:

- Listen to people's views and enable people to understand the options available to them and their plan towards achieving independence.
- Information about people will be accessible to them.
- Enable people to make choices about their lives including spending money.
- Expect our provider services to empower people to make choices.
- Promote people to access advocacy
- Ensure people have time and support to consider complex decisions, e.g. moving home
- Ensure information and advice is available in an accessible format
- Continue to work with various housing providers to deliver the Specialist Housing and Accommodation Policy

What are we consulting on?

- We are consulting on the draft strategy: “Living Well with a Learning Disability in Telford and Wrekin 2021-2025”
- In particular there are 15 specific questions (some examples below)
- The consultation responses will help further shape the draft strategy and the implementation of it.



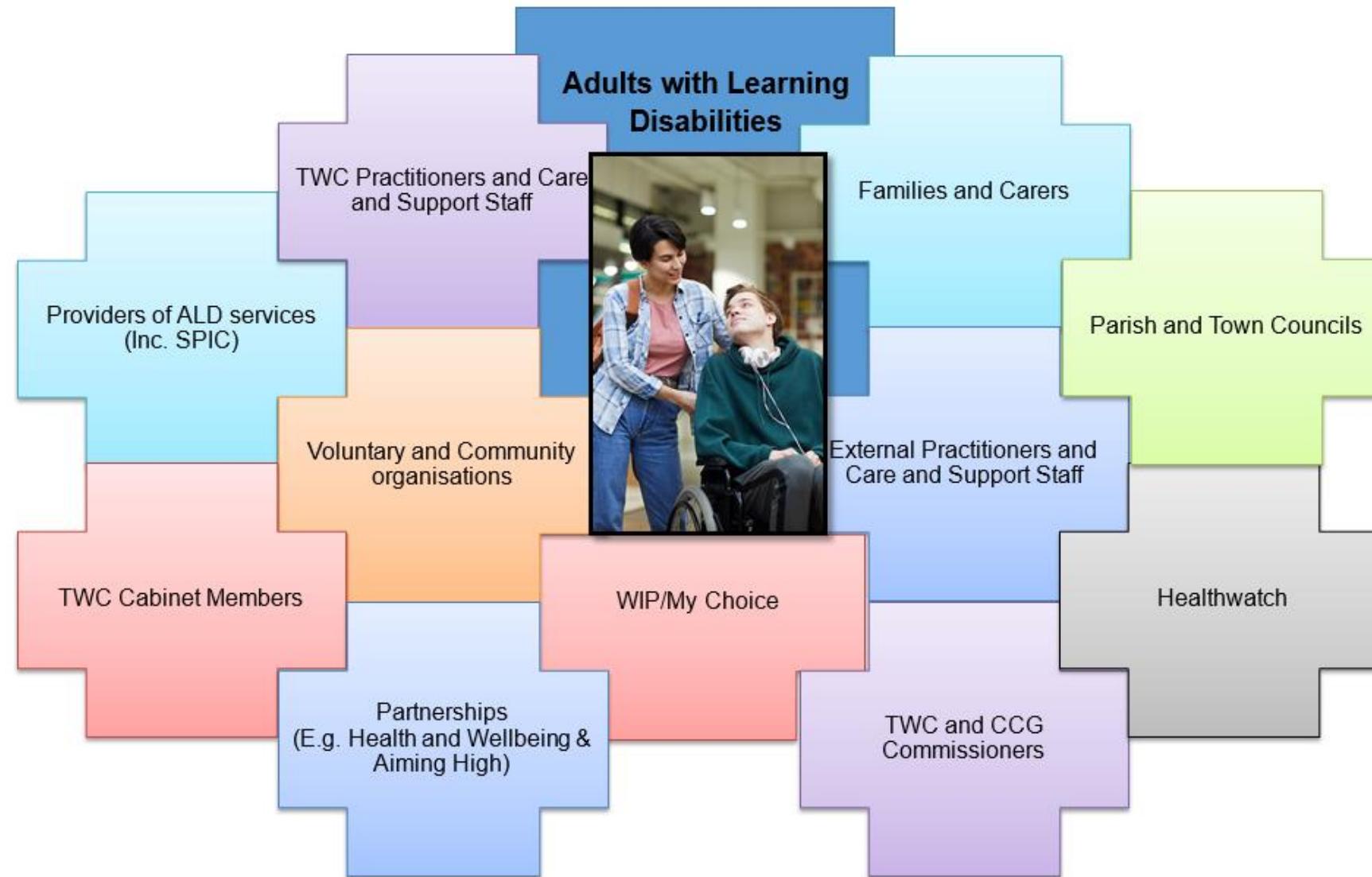
Do you agree or disagree that people with learning disabilities can access public transport easily and safely to get out and about in the community?

Do you agree or disagree that service providers should develop more services for people with learning disabilities in the community?

Do you agree or disagree that support for people with learning disabilities should be more flexible so they can have it when they need it? (e.g. in the evenings and on weekends)

In your opinion how do you think our plans will affect people with a learning disability?

Who are we consulting with?



How will we be consulting?

The consultation includes:

- Virtual sessions for adults with learning disabilities supported by Taking Part
- Virtual sessions for family and carers (unpaid)
- Virtual session for Shared Lived Carers
- Virtual sessions for people who work with, or support people with learning disabilities
- An Easy Read questionnaire for adults with learning disabilities – available in paper and digital versions
- Online questionnaire (also available in paper form if needed)

Adults with LD sessions:

- 10th March – 15:30
- 22nd March – 15:30
- 8th April – 11:00
- 20th April – 15:00

Family Carer sessions:

- 17th March – 9:30
- 24th March – 17:30
- 1st April – 15:30
- 19th April – 12:00
- 21st April – 17:30

Shared Lives sessions:

- April – dates to be confirmed

Other sessions:

- 30th March – 16:00
- 16th April – 15:30

All information on the consultation, including how to book onto a session, can be found at:

www.telford.gov.uk/LD

We will be engaging in a Covid Compliant way.

What do you need to do?

Be aspirational and **think beyond the obvious** to enable people with learning disabilities to reach their full potential.

- Get involved yourself through the virtual sessions and online questionnaire (accessible through www.telford.gov.uk/LD);
- Support people with learning disabilities to have their say;
- Signpost others to the engagement; and
- Help promote the engagement within your communities.