













Leicestershire
County Council

Whole life disability strategy 2017 - 2022



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Our strategy for working with disabled people



We believe that disabled people should be able to live independent successful lives.



This **strategy** sets out how we will work alongside disabled people of all ages, their families and others to make sure that the council gives them a good service.



A **strategy** is a plan for work over a long time.

We want disabled people to be:



- **Included** in things that are going on
- **Independent** so that they are in charge of their own lives
- **Able to** do as much for themselves as they can



What you said



Disabled people and their families have told us that things are improving.

But there are still problems with moving from children's to adults services.

Our vision



We want to take a whole life approach.



This means that disabled people of any age can live healthy safe independent lives in their own communities.

We will:



1. Make it easier for people to move from one service to another as they grow older



2. Make sure that disabled people and their families get the right information and support from the time that they are born.



3. Check our services are helping each individual person in the way that they want to be helped



4. Help people to take part in their local communities and to have work that they want to do



5. Help people to have a choice and control over the services that help them

Our long term plans



We want people to get the right amount and type of support at the right time.



Our support should help people to cope better so that they can be more independent and need less support in the future.



The way we help people should:

- **Prevent need.** This means that they can cope better by themselves. This might be with good quality accessible information
- **Reduce need.** By giving support early we want to make things easier later on
- **Delay need.** Help people to be independent for longer
- **Meet need.** Support people's needs in the best way



Prevent need

We want to prevent problems in the future by:



- Giving people the right support and information to make sure women have a healthy pregnancy, and there are fewer babies with health problems



- Checking all children at two years old



- Getting care services, health and schools to share information better



- Improve the way that nurseries work with disabled children



- Help schools to work with disabled children better so they get more out of school



- Make sure there are enough spaces for disabled children and young people in the special schools and colleges



- Help young disabled people and their families to think about their future in year 9



- Young disabled people should have a health review at age 14 and start thinking about adult health services



- Help ordinary services to be able to work with disabled young people in the same way that they work with everyone else



- Offer training to young people and their families to help them to plan better for their futures

Reduce need



We want people to have less problems in the future by:

- Giving people the right help at the right time



- Helping nurseries, schools and colleges to meet the needs of disabled young people



- Help nurseries to work better with children with disabilities so that they are ready to learn when they get to school



- Help colleges to give young disabled people more options
- Meeting young people in year 9 and starting to plan for the future



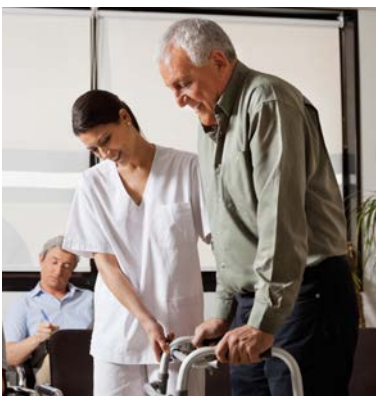
- Support workers to help people get more involved in their local communities



- Help people to get ready for work
- Help people and families to manage difficult behaviours



- Help carers to think about what support they need
- Develop services that help people to support each other



- Help people to be more independent
- Use new technology to help people to be more independent



- Help young disabled people to travel independently

Delay need



We want to help people to cope for longer by:

- Making sure the right services can support people in a crisis



- Helping people quickly, not making them wait

- Making sure all services help people to be involved and independent



- Having more short break services

- Doing things that really work

Meet need



A few people need support for most of their lives.

We will meet these people's needs in the best way possible.



We will:

- Plan to make sure people have the right accommodation with the right support
- Try and find somewhere people can live near to their family and friends if they can't stay in their own homes
- Improve the way that young people move from children's services to adult services
- Improve the way people plan the care they need





- Improve the way we work with people with the most complex needs



- Help the services for disabled people to work better together



- Support more people to have personal budgets and control their own support



- Think about ways that people can learn new skills before moving into their own home



- Work with schools to find better ways to support disabled young people

Also we will



- Gather more information about what people need
- Look at how we work and improve things for disabled people, their families and the staff that support them



- Help the organisations that support people and their staff to work better
- Look for ways to get services for children, young people and adults to work better together



- Make sure organisations that support disabled people understand how we want them to work
- Improve the way we involve people when we make plans
- Check how well our services are working

For more information

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