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**EXEPNDITURE ON LEARNING
DISABILITIES HEALTH AND
SOCIAL CARE**

How much money?

- Deputy Minister's letter about the Action Plan said that £350m is spent by Health and Social Services each year
- What does it go on?

£350 million per year

- ⦿ Social Services Departments £280m
 - Purchasing £21.3m
 - Residential services £153.4m
 - Day & Domiciliary services £105.2m
- ⦿ Health service budgets £105m

Most money is spent on residential supports

- The LDIAG Action Plan made expanding supported accommodation the priority
- The LDIAG proposed that savings could be made in existing services which could help pay for making more available
- Why did it say this?

The recommendation is based on research evidence

- ⦿ Staffing levels are not sufficiently related to the needs of people for support
 - Some people could have more independence

Random sample of 51 homes of 163 adults in Wales

Houses	Group 1 (n=12)	Group 2 (n=13)	Group 3 (n=13)	Group 4 (n=13)
Independence scores	84	154	197	239
Average staff hours/ person/week (range)	79 (31-127)	78 (47-112)	49 (10-87)	49 (12-101)
Attention received (% time)	12%	19%	16%	19%

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- People living semi-independently cost less and had better outcomes than similar people living in fully staffed group homes

Comparing fully staffed group homes & semi-independent living

- FS = staff cover when users present
- SI = no staff cover for 28+ hours/week when users present
- People in semi-independent living had
 - More choice
 - Greater independence in household and community activities
 - Lower costs
 - Total weekly costs of care = £379 vs. £1,076 per person

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- ⦿ An evaluation of the introduction of targeted support and assistive technology by the Community Lives Consortium showed that staffing levels could be reduced overall by 23%
 - Staffing for some went up
 - Staffing for others went down
- ⦿ And outcomes (social, household and community activities, choice, degree of risk) stayed the same