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Welsh Assembly Government's Learning Disability Implementation Advisory Group

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Secure Care

Secure care is where some people are placed if people are very worried about them. They may have harmed themselves or others. The worries are so great about them that staff feel they need the unit's doors to be locked.



One part of the LDIAG is checking how well secure care is working for people with learning disabilities.



They want to speak to people with learning disabilities who are in secure care to see what they think about it.

It will write a report about what secure care for people with learning disabilities there is in Wales.



Autism Spectrum Disorder Action Plan for Wales

The Welsh Assembly Government is asking everybody what they think of their new action plan for people with autistic spectrum disorder.

The action plans says how services can be made better for people with autistic spectrum disorder.



The LDIAG thought some of the things in the plan like examples of good ideas of how to work and health checks were good.



The LDIAG are worried about how the plan fits with their own Policy and Practice statement. They would like it to be clear who has to do what.



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Secure services review

Currently in Wales there is a review of secure services. This review is looking at the need for a more proactive response to meeting the needs of people requiring secure services, the need for a rational commissioning framework, and much more. The review is being done by a series of separate groups.

The "Behaviour that challenges" subgroup is acting as the secure learning disability services task and finish group. The purpose of this group is to involve service users with learning disabilities in the review process. The group will be providing advice on: the future need for secure services, and the future desired framework for commissioning secure mental health services including the needs of people with learning disabilities. The group will be providing reports on the current use of secure services by Welsh people with learning disabilities including those placed out of Wales. They will also be reporting on what secure services for people with learning disabilities in Wales there are, as well identifying strengths and any gaps in these services. Finally, they will be reporting on an evidence based model of care for people with learning disabilities with security needs. Each group will be compiling reports, which will then go to the Strategic Review Reference Group. This reference group includes Welsh Assembly Government advisors, Health Inspectorate Wales, Local Health Boards, Local Authorities, Housing, Learning Disability Provider Representative, User Representation, Police and probation, courts and prisons, regional offices and academic representation. This group will be working towards writing the final review which is hoped will be out for consultation in the autumn.

Autistic Spectrum Disorder Strategic action plan for Wales

The Autistic Spectrum Disorder Strategic Action Plan is out for consultation at the moment. It aims to lay out clearly how services should develop to meet the needs of people with autistic spectrum disorder. It identifies specific actions across health, education, social services and other agencies. Initially, the strategy states commissioners and service providers should identify and record the number of people with autistic spectrum disorder. Services should also be mapped out. The strategy lays out what needs to be done within services for children and young people, transition planning, adult services, family and carer support services, and generic services. The group discussed their thoughts on the strategy. They welcomed the acknowledgement of the needs of people with autism and liked the incorporation of best practice and health checks. There was a feeling that the strategy was too general, and not specific enough for people with autism. Concerns were also raised about the status of the document and how it fits with the Policy and Practice document. The Strategy needs to dovetail with the Policy and Practice statement so it is clear what refers to whom. Check the LDIAG website to read the full Action Plan.



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