Redbridge Learning Disability Services

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The Learning Disability Partnership (LDP)

- The LDP was set up in 2005

- The Partnership was between London Boroughs of Redbridge, Waltham Forest, the Redbridge Primary Care Trust and the Waltham Forest Primary Care Trust

- The aim of the Partnership was to provide health and social care services for people with a learning disability and their carers
What has changed?

- On September 30th 2011, the LDP was dissolved
- There were several reasons for this:
  - NHS/Councils were working differently from when the LDP started
  - A lot of the things that the LDP was set up to do had been achieved
- New management arrangements have been put in place on a borough basis
What are the changes to services?

- Managers in each borough for services
- LD services now part of wider, health and social care services
- Day opportunities managed with older peoples’ day services and other ‘provider’ services, in each borough
- Community Teams will be managed by North East London Foundation Trust (NELFT) with other community health services
What will stay the same

- There are no cuts to services as a result of this change
- There will still be joint health and social care services
- There is an ongoing commitment to keep a strong voice for people with a learning disability and their families and carers
Valuing People Now

- Valuing People Now: government strategy for people with learning disabilities and their families

- Priorities of Valuing People Now (VPN) include:
  - Prevention
  - Health & well being
  - Employment and Day opportunities
  - Personalisation
  - Choice of home

- Services commissioned in Redbridge promote the ethos of VPN

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Redbridge Partnership Board

- Redbridge Partnership Board ensures the priorities of VPN are met

- The Board has representatives from six people with learning disabilities, and is co-chaired by two
Learning disability services in Redbridge

- Number of services for people with learning disabilities in Redbridge
- Statutory and non statutory services
- Events/initiatives around learning disabilities:
  - Annual housing and opportunities fair (next one is 19th October)
  - Transition Fair
  - Joint working eg. With Community safety teams and secondary schools
  - Voluntary sector/supporting people provider forum meets quarterly
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- Participation in annual Learning Disability Week with local events
- Meetings to discuss specific issues e.g. Recent meetings about Panorama programme
- Participation in Carers week
- Annual health checks for people with learning disabilities
Day opportunities

- In house day opportunity services at 3 centres in Ilford, Barkingside and Wanstead
- Voluntary providers such as Uniting Friends and RCHL provide day opportunities and employment opportunities:
  - Sprout There gardening project
  - Social enterprise eg Ray Lodge café in Woodford
- Community team purchase day care for people with more complex needs from a variety of providers
- ELHAP provides special needs adventure play activities
Redbridge residential services

- Residential homes provided by RCHL, Mencap, Norwood among others in borough
- Some people in other boroughs when Redbridge cannot meet needs
- Supported living provided by a number of providers in small shared homes by RCHL, 3 C’s, East Living, Family Mosaic, Outward among others
- Residential respite with nursing care provided in Woodford
- Redbridge service users can access Waltham Forest respite

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Other housing choices

- Service users can access non-residential respite such as a holiday using an individual budget
- Shortbreak directory updated 2011; now identifies short breaks that can meet complex needs and needs of people with autism
- Floating support service provided to people in their own homes
- Shared Lives Scheme (Adult Placement Scheme) - living with a family and getting support in their home
Voluntary sector

Funding to voluntary sector includes provision of:

- Support to older carers of people with learning disabilities
- Range of advocacy including 1:1 and complex needs
- Support to people to enable them to participate in the Partnership Board and other learning disability events
- Support to people to access day time activities and find employment
Other Learning Disability initiatives

- Transition – working with Children’s Trust to support young people in the move to Adult Services
- Redbridge autism working group - to carry forward work on the national Autism Strategy and implement the local plan
- STAAR – voluntary group supporting people with autism and aspergers
Working with voluntary sector

- Continue to work with voluntary sector to promote range of provision
- Support existing voluntary sector contracts through monitoring and contingency planning
- Support to organisations who are in touch with the hard to reach communities, e.g. black and ethnic minority
Where to find information

- Redbridge has an Adult Information Directory (AID) which includes information on services for people with learning disabilities

- The LDP produced an easy read version of Housing Options for people with learning disabilities – available through the Redbridge website

- Easy to read information is also available through
  - [http://wherecani.org/](http://wherecani.org/)
  - [http://redbridge.clickstart.org.uk/portal](http://redbridge.clickstart.org.uk/portal)
Any questions?