

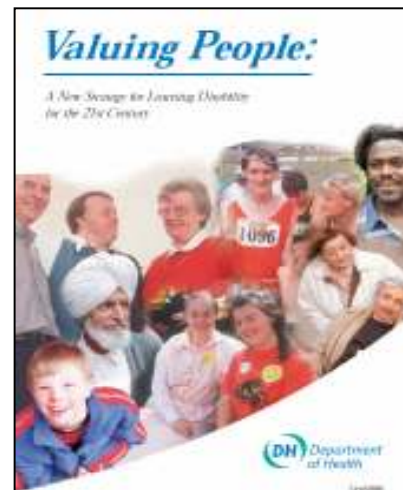
Wokingham  
Learning Disability  
Partnership Board

# Information Pack

# What is the Partnership Board?

The White Paper *Valuing People* says that all people with a learning disability must have the same rights and choices as everyone else. They should be in control of their own lives.

*Valuing People* says that we should all work together to make sure people with a learning disability can get support for much better services to help them do what they choose to do.

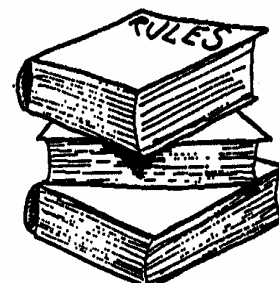


To make sure this happens, the Government has said every council should set up a Partnership Board. There are many people involved in the Wokingham Learning Disability Partnership Board, including people from public, voluntary and independent agencies and the wider local community - but most importantly people with learning disabilities and their families.

## Status

The Partnership Board is **NOT** set up by law. This means:

- It does not have a budget
- It cannot make decisions that others must follow



**But**

- It can advise
- It can represent the views of people with learning disabilities and others involved with learning disability services
- It should be taken seriously by budget holders and decision makers

This means that:

Budget holders and decision makers should not make big decisions about learning disabilities until they have listened to what the Partnership Board has to say.

# What it is aiming to do

To make better lives for people with learning disabilities and their families in Wokingham, by:

- Having a strong partnership between people and groups involved with learning disability (stakeholders), and wider community groups
- Working together to make sure we get the best value for the resources (time and money etc) we have.
- Carrying out consultation, research and other projects
- Making sure people with learning disabilities and their carers are fully involved and joint owners of the Partnership Board
- Giving advice to the Council and Primary Care Trust about priorities (most important things), preferences (what people want) and need.

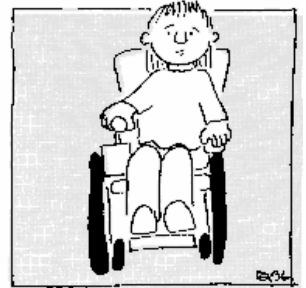
## Our Vision

The Wokingham Learning Disability Partnership Board will be the body through which planning for services and supports for people with learning disabilities happen

# Valuing People Objectives

## OBJECTIVE 1: DISABLED CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

To make sure that disabled children get the best life chances from education, health and social care, and the best place for them to live.



## OBJECTIVE 2: TRANSITION INTO ADULT LIFE

To make sure that the care and support for the young person with learning disabilities (and their family) continues as they become an adult. To make sure that disabled young people have a fair chance of education, training or employment.



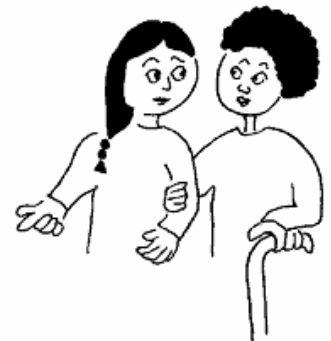
## OBJECTIVE 3: MORE CHOICE AND CONTROL

To enable people with learning disabilities to have as much choice and control as possible over their lives through advocacy and a person-centred approach to planning the services they need.



## OBJECTIVE 4: SUPPORTING CARERS

To increase the help and support carers receive from all local agencies in order to fulfil their family and caring roles effectively.



### OBJECTIVE 5: GOOD HEALTH

To enable people with learning disabilities to access a health service designed around their own needs, with fast and convenient care delivered to a consistently high standard, and with additional support if needed.



### OBJECTIVE 6: HOUSING

To enable people with learning disabilities and their families to have greater choice and control over where, and how, they live.



### OBJECTIVE 7: FULFILLING LIVES

To enable people with learning disabilities to lead full and purposeful lives within their community and to develop a range of friendships, activities and relationships.



### OBJECTIVE 8: MOVING INTO EMPLOYMENT

To enable more people with learning disabilities to participate in all forms of employment, wherever possible in paid work and to make a valued contribution to the world of work.



## OBJECTIVE 9: QUALITY

To make sure that all agencies provide services that they can show are of high quality and always getting better, and promote both good outcomes and best value.



## OBJECTIVE 10: WORKFORCE AND PLANNING

To make sure that social and health care staff working with people with learning disabilities have the right skills, training and qualifications. Also to promote a better understanding of the needs of people with learning disabilities.



## OBJECTIVE 11: WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

To bring together everyone who supports or cares for people with learning disabilities so that they work in partnership.

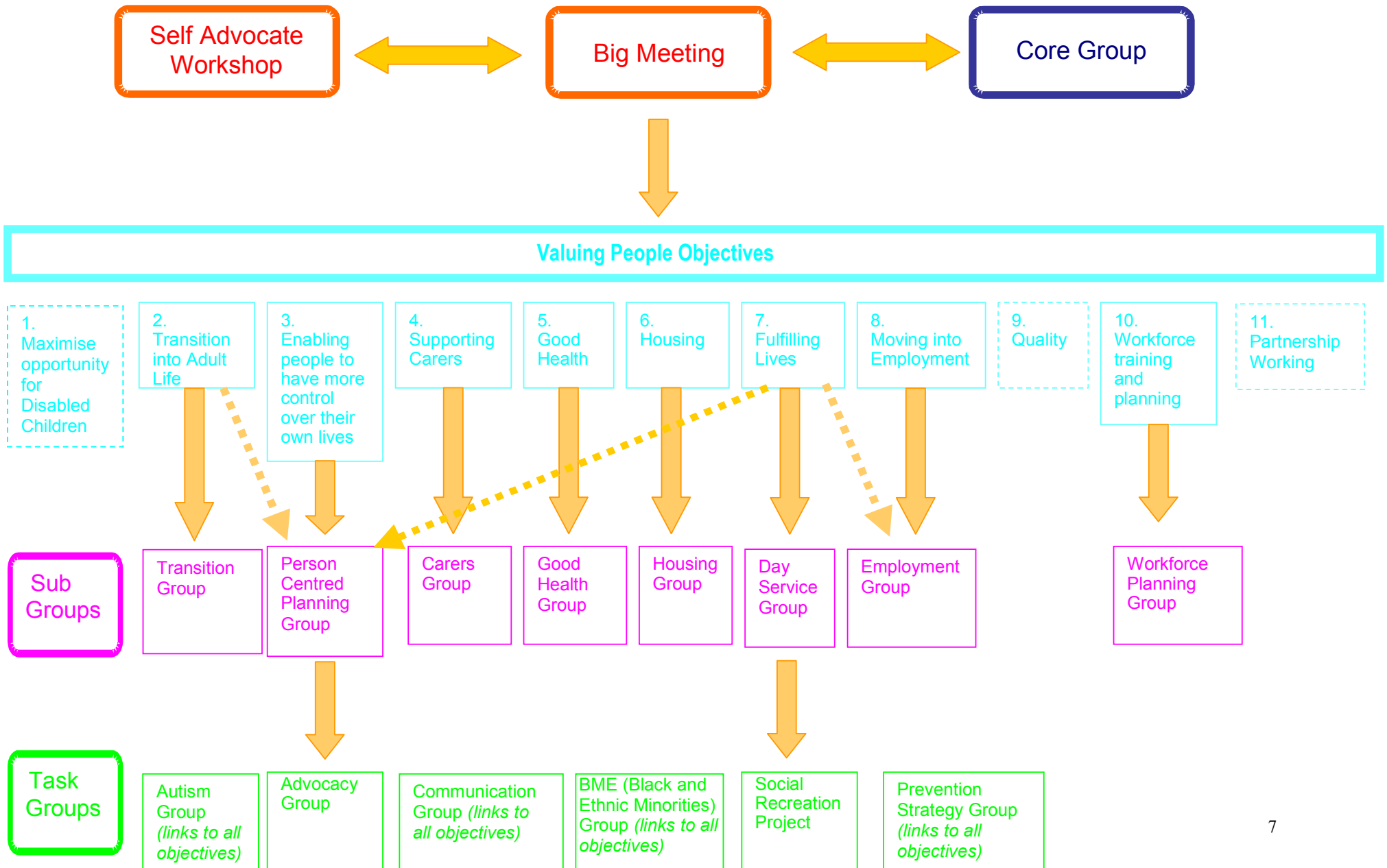


# Working Groups

- Subgroups have been set up to focus on each of the Valuing People Objectives. The subgroups are called **Working Groups**.

The chart on the next page shows the structure of the Partnership Board and its subgroups.

# Group Structure



## What the groups are about

**Big Meeting** - This is the main Partnership Board, which includes all the key people who are involved or have an interest in the lives of people with learning disabilities locally.

**Self Advocate Workshop** – This workshop is to make sure people with learning disabilities are fully involved in what the Partnership Board does. It is also a chance for people with a learning disability to set the agenda for the Big Meetings.

**Core Group** – The group that does the day-to-day running of the Partnership Board. Works to make sure all the work of the Partnership Board includes everyone and keeps the Partnership Board working to meet Valuing People objectives.

**Work Groups** – For all the main objectives of Valuing People. These work groups have the job of leading the work of one part of Valuing People. They report to the Partnership Board.

**Task Groups** – The Partnership Board has also set up some task groups to look at certain areas of need in Wokingham. These groups also report to the Partnership Board.

Once a year all the Sub Groups get together to look at what they have done to help make *Valuing People* happen, and what they still need to do. In January 2006 we started to use “**Keeping Track**” which is a progress report for the year. The report looks at the groups’ priorities (the most important things they wanted to work on) and if they did what they planned to do.

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# Achievements

## WEBSITE

We now have a website for the Wokingham Partnership Board. The website is easy to use for everyone. The website has lots of information about the work of the board, including meeting minutes and information about the Work Groups. You can also talk to us about issues that are important to you. What's more there is an information library where you can download booklets and information sheets, and get links to other useful websites.

The address is: [www.wokinghampartnershipboard.org](http://www.wokinghampartnershipboard.org)



# Boring Meetings...Not Us!

## ACCESSIBILITY

We aim to make all the Partnership Board information accessible. We do this by using plain English, large font and pictures.



## ICE BREAKERS

At the start of every meeting everyone says a piece of good news that has happened to them since the last meeting.

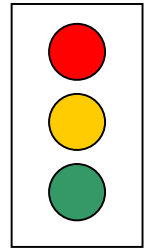


## REGULAR BREAKS

Members hold up a “Kit Kat” card if he/she feels they need a break.

## TRAFFIC LIGHTS

We use traffic light cards in meetings to make sure everyone has a say. If someone wants to speak they hold their **I Want To Talk** card up. Speakers should try not to use jargon or big words, but if someone does not understand they hold their **Jargon** card up.

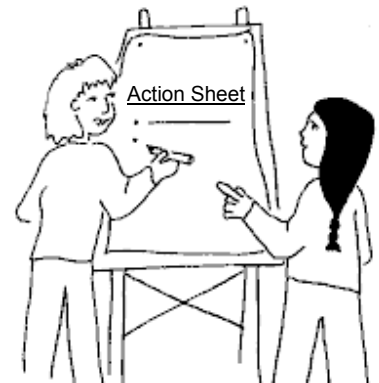


## MAKING DECISIONS

When we make a decision in the meeting we ring a bell.

## ACTION SHEET

Each meeting we make a record of all the actions set at the meeting with a deadline. If the deadline is not met there might be a forfeit!



# Membership

The Partnership Board members include different people from a range of organisations and groups. The people who are members of the Partnership Board must have the power to make the decisions for their organisation. Membership also needs to reflect the cultural diversity of the area, so the needs of people from minority ethnic communities are met. And of course, the Partnership Board needs to have strong representation from people with learning disabilities and their families.



Membership is reviewed every April. Old members can be re-elected. If someone wants to be a member he/she is asked to fill out an application form. The core group has the final

decision. We only want people on the Partnership Board who are prepared to work to make things better!

## THANK YOU FOR READING!

If you would find it useful to have a copy of this information pack in a different format then please contact us.

If you would like more information on Wokingham Partnership Board, you can sign up for our **free** quarterly newsletter. The newsletter will give you an update on the Partnership Board's progress and give you the chance to become more involved if you wish. Please complete the form below and send back to:

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