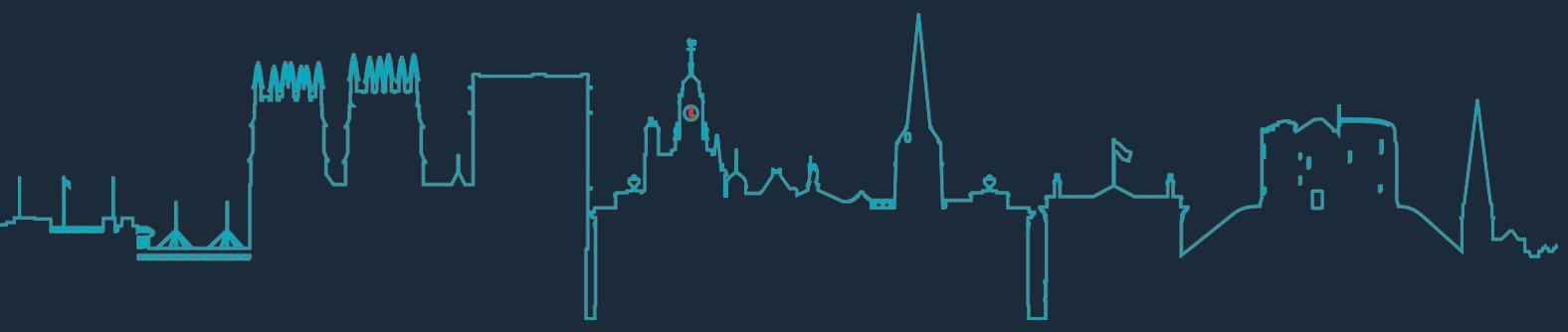
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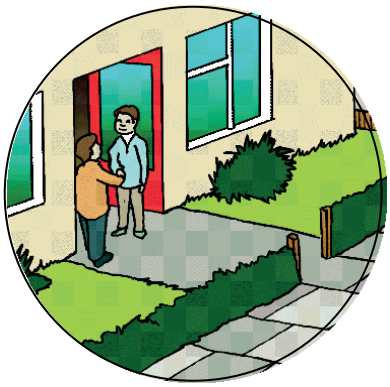
Introduction



This is the first All Age Learning Disabilities Strategy for York. It was written with the Learning Disability Partnership.



The Learning Disabilities Partnership is a group of partners including people with learning disabilities, their families/carers, the voluntary sector, and professionals from education, health and social care.



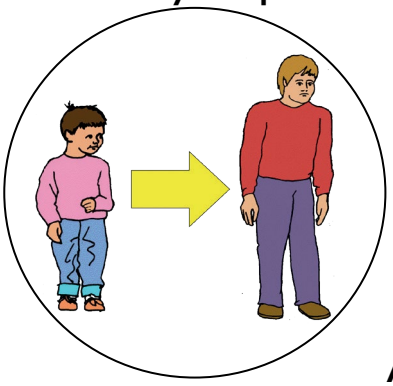
It is for every resident in York with a learning disability as well as those who support them.



The Strategy does not try to talk about everything to do with disabilities in York.



In York we want everyone with a learning disability to be as independent and as healthy as possible and to be included in their communities.



As children grow into adults it is important to learn skills which will help them live how they want to.

What we already know



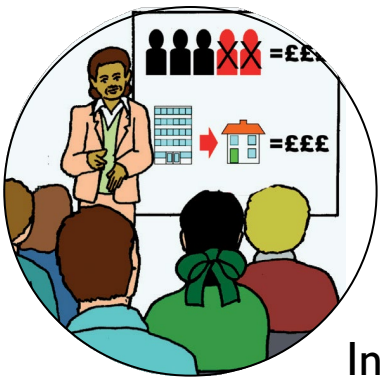
We know that children with more complex needs are living much longer into adult life.



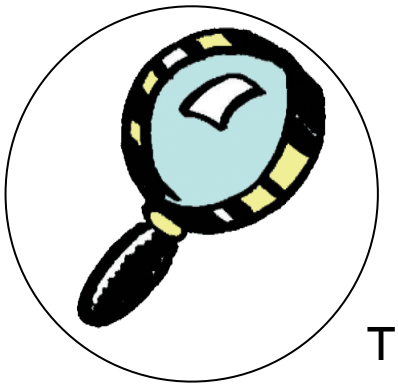
We also know that adults with a learning disability are living much longer.



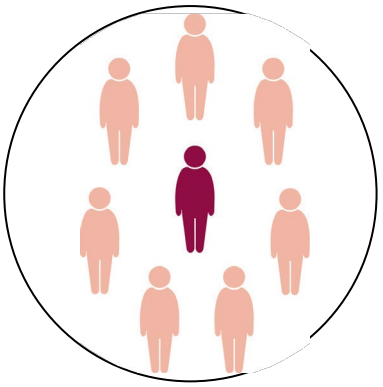
But there is still a gap between how long a person with learning disabilities lives and how long other people live.



In the Strategy there are some facts about people with learning disabilities living in York.



These are:



1 in 8 adults who have a learning disability living in York is known to Adult Social Care



Children with learning disabilities at school in York: 12.9% are in primary mainstream schools, **22.8%** are in secondary mainstream schools and **44%** are educated in special school.

Our Strategy



Lots of different people and groups were asked about what things were important to them and what makes a good life.



The Learning Disabilities Partnership talked about all the information from everyone.



They decided there are 12 focus areas but there needed to be priorities areas.



Advocacy means that someone with a learning disability's voice and opinions are important and valued.



Four main priorities were agreed and the 12 focus areas are all included in the **priority headings.**

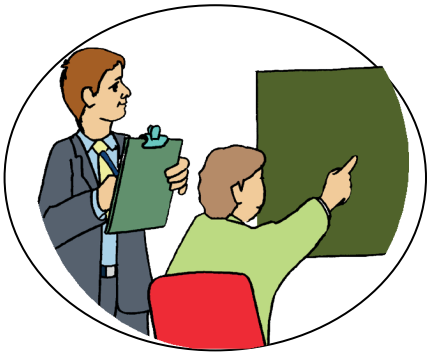


Advocacy is so important that it is in **every priority area** in the Strategy.

The four main priorities



1. Education / life long learning and employment



2. Independent living – helping people with a learning disability to have choice and control over their lives and the support they get



3. Participating in society – having friends and supportive relationships, and participating in, and contributing to the local community.



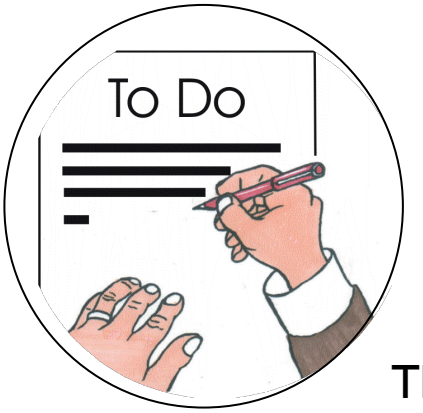
4. Being as healthy as possible.



In the Strategy there are four main priorities in each area.



These are the things that are going to be worked on first.



There will be an action plan for each priority area. As these action plans will develop they have not been added to the Strategy.

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