

Remodelling Supported Living For People With Learning Disabilities.



Lancashire County Council is looking at how it can make changes to how people are supported to live in their own homes.

This work is called Remodelling Supported Living for People with Learning Disabilities.



Most people with learning disabilities have been supported in houses they share with two or three other people.

This has worked well for most people.



Personalisation is about giving people more choice and control over their lives.

We need to make sure we can give people as much choice as we can about where they live and who they live with.



There are 13 important things we want changes to supported living to do



1. Make sure that everyone in supported living has a personal budget. They will know how much they have to spend on support to live independently.



2. Everyone will be able to choose if they want to keep living where they live now.



3. Everyone will be able to choose if they want to keep living with the people they live with now.



4. People will be able to choose between different support providers. They can choose to stay with provider that already supports them.



5. More people will have the choice to live on their own in “extra care” homes.

Extra care housing is where people have their own home but live next to other people in extra care homes so they can share support services.

Sheltered housing is one kind of extra care housing. It could also be a block of flats specially planned to give people their privacy but make sharing services and support easy.



6. We want to make more use of Telecare to support people but only when it is right for people.

Telecare is special equipment that helps keep people safe and tells support services when they need help.



7. Everyone will have a support plan. The support plan will say how their personal budget is being used to support them to live at home.

If some support is shared with other people the support plan will say how much of the person's budget is for shared support.



8. People will be able to choose from different kinds of housing and support.



9. We will check that the housing support people get is helping them to have a good life.



10. The support people get will help them to use the same services, leisure opportunities and other things in the community that are there for everyone.



11. It will be everyone's job to make sure people are supported to be healthy and safe.



12. If people want to move or change their support they will have that choice.



13. People's choices will decide where people live and how they are supported.

If people cannot make choices because of their disability then all decisions will be what everyone who cares about the person and knows them agrees is right for them.