



Learning Disability Development Fund

How the money will be shared out during 2008 and 2009

From 2008 the Learning Disability Development Fund will be given to Local Authorities because they do a lot of the work to make Valuing People happen.



The LDDF will be given to Local Authorities as part of their Area Based Grant money (this money given to each area in England).

You can see how much each Local Authority gets for their area based grant and their LDDF from the attached web link.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Localauthoritiesocialservicesletters/DH_081123

Some of the money given to Local Authorities will be used to work on:



- Personalisation



- Supporting people into paid work



- Supporting people to live in their own home



- Reducing health inequalities



These are the big priorities in Valuing People Now. This work will be done with Learning Disability Partnership Boards. It means that Partnership Boards will be involved in decisions about local services.

To make sure that this happens – Partnership Boards membership will need to include senior staff from social services and health.



Because the LDDF money will be part of the Area Based Grant money, it will be important for Partnership Boards, Local Authorities and people that understand learning disabilities have a good way of working together.

It is important that Partnership Boards think about all the money that is available to support People with Learning Disabilities and not just the LDDF.

Frequently asked Questions – LDDF

Question



How do I know how much Learning Disability Development Fund has been given to my authority?

Answer



The letter from the Department of Health on 10 December to the Local Authority Social Services says how much money your Local Authority will get – the LDDF money has been added into the Area Based Grant money. Partnership Boards and Local Councils must discuss how this money is used.

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Question

Why is the money different from last year?

Answer



When the money is given to the local authorities by Government, it is worked out in a particular way called the Area Based Grant. This is a way of making sure that sharing money out is fairer. It is based on the needs of everyone in a local population. This means some places get more money and some get less than they did before. Across England there is still the same amount of money shared out. This is to make things fairer.

Question



What does the Government want to see the LDDF used for this year?

Answer



Valuing People Now will say what the Government wants to see happen for people with learning disabilities over the next three years. This will include:

- Personalisation
- Paid employment
- Secure housing
- Better health.

Question



Will Learning Disability Partnership Boards have a say in how the LDDF money is spent?

Answer



Yes. It is important that Partnership Boards have a part in deciding how LDDF money is spent on and make sure that money is used to make Valuing People Now happen.