Report Outlines Next Steps to Transform Care for People with Learning Disabilities

Important organisations in health and social care in England just published a report on what they are going to do to make care and support better for people with learning disabilities.

This report follows Sir Stephen Bubb’s Report Winterbourne View – Time for Change, which told NHS England what to do to make things better for people with learning disabilities.

The report is called Transforming Care for People with Learning Disabilities – Next Steps.
The report says that NHS England, the Local Government Association (LGA), the Association of Adult Social Services (ADASS), the Care Quality Commission (CQC), Health Education England (HEE) and the Department of Health (DH) are going to work together to make things better in the lives of people with learning disabilities.

They want less people to go into hospital in the first place.

Transforming Care means changing things from the bottom to the top to make health and social care better.
Leaders in health and social care want to:

• Empower people and their families

And they want people who do need to go into hospital to not stay there for a long time...

...and have a plan for coming out into the community.
• Make sure there are good, high-quality services in the community

• Make the quality standards for care better

• Make commissioners and service providers responsible for giving good care
The Department of Health is also planning to do more work to make stronger rights for people with disabilities, autism, mental health issues or behaviour that challenges, and their families.

- Build and support the workforce in health and social care