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Cornwall's newsletter about Learning Disability services

“Providing Information in a time of change”



	<p>Hello from Councillor Armand Toms - Cabinet Member for Adults</p>
	<p>I am in the new Cornwall Council and part of my job is to be in charge of Adult Care and Support.</p>
	<p>I was a fisherman for a long time and the Cornish Community is very important to me.</p>
	<p>We could have some difficult times ahead but I want to make sure you have your say on every step of the way.</p>
	<p>I am hoping to come and visit as many of you as possible to get your views.</p>
	<p>You are also welcome to write, phone or email me at any time if you have any comments to make. My phone number is 01872 322571 or you can email me at atoms@cornwall.gov.uk.</p>

	<p>What do we do for people with learning disabilities?</p>
	<p>We provided services for over 500 people in our Day Centres.</p>
	<p>We funded over 15,000 nights of Short Breaks in Cornwall.</p>
	<p>We helped hundreds of people into or closer to work through our Workstep and Employability Cornwall Teams.</p>
	<p>Our Social Work Teams helped 1360 people get support and care in the community.</p>
	<p>We did 1600 reviews and assessments to check people were getting the right services.</p>



We also worked on 150 safeguarding alerts to help people stay safe.



Thanks to everyone who has worked so hard with this over the year to make this all happen!

Nick Fripp,
Head of Operational Transformation.

Valuing People Now Launch Event



A celebration of the good things in Cornwall to improve the lives of people with learning disabilities was held at the Eden Project in October.



The event, organised by the Cornwall Learning Disability Partnership Board, also marked the launch of the Government's three-year national plan, Valuing People Now.



The event had storytelling sessions, *Ready Steady Cook* with a chef from Eden, a song-writing workshop by the Firestone Rock Band, performances from the Murdoch and Trevithick Choir and songs from the hit musical *Mamma Mia* by people who go to the Blantyre Centre in St Austell.



There was also a presentation by graduates of the Learning for Leadership course, and the launch of a *Transitions* DVD.

Kehelland Autumn Celebrations



(Image from myamazingfact.blogspot.com website)

The star of Vegetable day was the national champion pumpkin grown by Simon Goldsworthy which was 670 pounds, about the same size as a baby grand piano! The local school children also brought along animals made of vegetables.



Loads of people came to Apple day on October 10 and Duke from Pemporrow Carriages gave rides round the orchards. There was also a selection of local villagers' rare-breeds poultry, sheep, and pigs.



In all around 1500 visitors passed through the gates, up on last year by about twenty percent.

Cornwall Autism Partnership



We have been looking at different ways to help adults with autism and have come up with two different ways.



1. We have started the Cornwall Autism Partnership to make sure we work together across health and social care to support people with autism.



2. We are also looking at better training so that we can support people better if they have autism.



Training is happening across Cornwall and for more details you can contact Angie Robbins at Angie.Robbins@nas.org.uk.



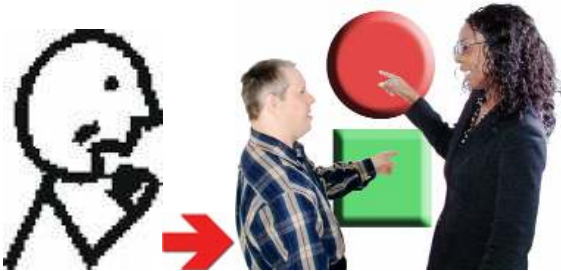
Developing New Skills at Blantyre



Staff at Blantyre have been supporting someone with complex needs to get more skills.



He now has a new plan that should make it easier for him to say what he wants to do.



He now has fifteen makaton signs to help him choose and make decisions.



The Focused Intervention Team – One Year On



The Focused Intervention Team provide extra help to social work teams in Cornwall



We have helped people who needed to choose a new care provider.








Helped people move to different residential homes if they needed to.



We are now working to help people get Individual Budgets.



Making Person Centred Reviews a Reality for Adult Care and Support.

	<p>The Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities, Get A Plan in Cornwall and the Adult Care and Support team have made a training scheme that...</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Puts people with a learning disability at the centre of a review.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involves the people who know and care about them
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides information for Care mangers and Social Workers to do their jobs better.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes reviews better.



Everyone said it was a success and that others should get the training too and it was great the way everyone learnt together.



If you want to know more contact Hilly Reynolds by email at getaplanincornwall@hotmail.co.uk or call her on 0770 803 15 32.

Working Better Together



The new joint service means health and social care staff working together to help you get better care.





If you need support from either Cornwall Council or Cornwall Partnership Trust you now call the same phone number, 0300 1234 131.



If you need support from either Cornwall Council or the Cornwall Partnership Trust the teams will work together on your assessment.

 	<p>There will also be a review to make sure the right staff are in place to give you the best support.</p>
	<p>From the very start of this project we have had regular meetings to discuss the changes.</p>
	<p>These meetings have been for people involved with learning disability in Cornwall.</p>
	<p>If any more major changes are made to the service in the future there will be more meetings to talk about them.</p>
	<p>For more information on this project you can call Heather Eardley on 07872 633189 or email eardley.h@btinternet.com.</p>

	<h2>Changes to Cornwall Learning Disability Partnership Board</h2>
	<p>The National Partnership Board now tells the government what is happening with Valuing People Now in England.</p>
	<p>Then the Regional Partnership board tells the National Board what is happening in the South West.</p>
	<p>Then we tell the Regional Partnership Board about what is happening in Cornwall.</p>
	<p>We will be checking in January 2010 to see if the changes are working.</p>



For more details on the Partnership Board go to www.cornwall.gov.uk/ldpbcornwall

Developments on Greenlight



A nurse was asked to look at mental health services to see whether they are working properly.



They found out that more needs to be done for people with a learning disability who need mental health services.








Two of the Champs team are going to do a report on this to show how things can be made better for people going to hospital.



Staff on mental health hospital wards are now getting better training for looking after patients with a learning disability.

	<p>More of the information for patients on each ward is going to be in Easy Read.</p>
	<p>Junior Doctors are going to be working with patients with a learning disability as part of their training.</p>
	<p>Everyone in Health is going to work better together to help people's support improve.</p>
	<h3>Forensic Learning Disability Project in Cornwall</h3>
	<p>Forensic services are for people who have broken the law.</p> <p>This project wants to support those people so that they can get help.</p>
	<p>It also wants to get everyone working together to give the best possible help.</p> <p>The project is being run by Paul Hopkins who works for the Cornwall</p>

	Partnership Trust.
	He wants to give support to staff so that they know how to deal with people who have broken the law.
	If you know of anyone who could be helped by this project you should talk to your local Learning Disability Team first.
	Festive Pictures from the John Daniels Centre
	'Bethlehem' by Kerry Ann James
	'Christmas Pudding' by Leanne Easterling



'Angels' by Jimmy Davenport



'Christmas Tea' by Stephen Drewery



'Love Christmas Trees' by Fran Sanders



'Santa Walks to Grotto' by Zoe Wilton

Christmas Cards from Blantyre Centre





Christmas Events



Blantyre Centre Christmas has a Carol Concert on December 21 at 10.30am.



Pathfields Centre in Bude has a Christmas Sale on Thursday December 17 from 10.30-12.



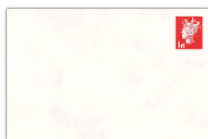
Kehelland Horticultural Centre are selling Christmas goods at New County Hall on Wednesday December 16 from 10am til 2.



Studio 61 has a coffee morning in Truro on December 21 from 10.30am.



Send us your articles and ideas



The next edition of this newsletter will be in February 2010. If you would like to send us your views or an article to print in the newsletter, we would love to receive them.

Please send them no later than Friday 5 February 2010.

You can also send us ideas for future newsletters or tell us what you think about this one.

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