

Supporting the support sector

Getting people involved in taking a lead



What did we find?

People with learning disabilities are getting involved in the steering and managing of their local support organisations, though opportunities for this vary across regions

Organisations are:

- enabling people with learning disabilities to share their experiences, views and opinions
- supporting them to represent their views at local authority level
- ensuring that activities, discussion and information are accessible to all those taking part

Self-advocacy groups are doing consultation work for local authorities

What learning is involved?

User-led activities encourage peer-to-peer learning and provide opportunities for mentoring

What more can be done?

Local authorities and organisations could:

- involve people with learning disabilities and their allies in setting up new initiatives and transitioning day services
- provide support for meaningful consultation and collaboration (and recognise the staff time investment required)

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We have seen a huge reduction in services here and people really struggling to access services that could support them and help them have their voice heard.

Ellie, advocacy group

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