



Big Changes Big Society

Setting the scene



The Coalition Government



We now have a Coalition Government which is made up of Conservatives and the Liberal Democrats

There are two reasons why we have a Coalition Government

- Because one party doesn't have enough votes to win.
- In times of trouble such as a war or when there is not a lot of money around.

Money



There is not a lot of money around at the moment

- Banks
- We are living longer
- We borrowed money and not enough people paying enough tax

Remember this when we are trying to make things better and when we work with services

Valuing People Now



Easy Read

The coalition thinks Valuing People Now is a good idea and thinks the big target should be Health Housing and Employment

- There will be some civil servants working on this but the regional teams will be finishing
- The national programme board will meet two times a year to make sure its happening
- The national programme board will get its information from the public health observatory, national families forum and the national self-advocates forum.

North East- Learning Disability Partnership Board

How people, families and professionals come together to influence what is happening

Help Partnership Boards understand and keep focused

Help people get ready or deal with changes – keep learning together



How it will work

Meet 6 times in the next year



Include people from:

- Partnership Boards
- Regional groups

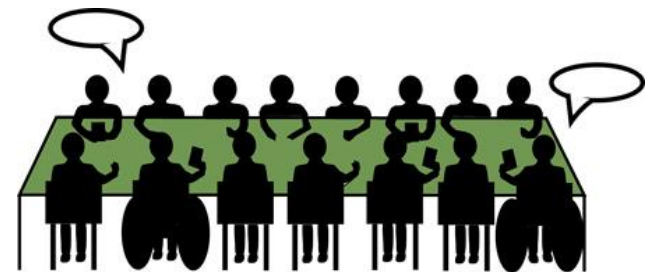


You can find out more from the briefing sheet - you can get this from Inclusion North

What it will do

Have a plan of work

- Improving Health
- Health & Well Being Boards
- Increasing jobs
- GP commissioning consortia
- Increasing housing options
- Health Watch role



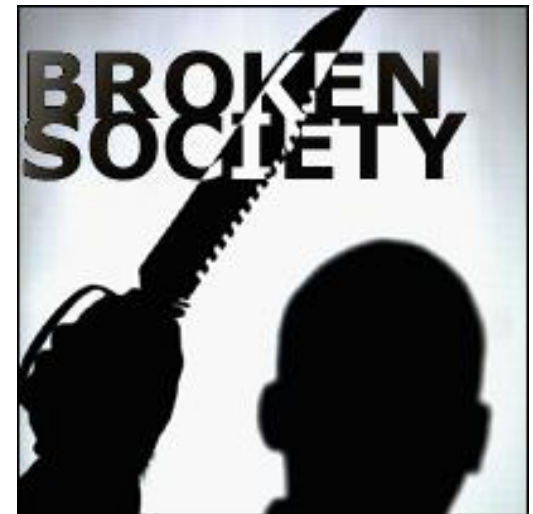
Share good ideas or help people find out more

Big Society



The government wants everyone to work together now to make a 'Big Society. It wants to do this because: They want to do this to help mend 2 problems:

- Help mend 'our broken society
- Help the government spend less



Big Society Big ideas- Localism



Most of the decisions made about how money will be spent on services will be made locally.

- This will include how big budgets are spent (JSNA)
- What services there will be

This will mean there will be different meetings to what there has been in the past

Big Society Big Ideas- Decentralisation



Decentralisation- there will be new big meetings and groups to make sure decisions can be made locally

- Health and well being boards
- GP consortia
- Participatory budgeting-(deciding how money is spent by local people)

Big Society Big Ideas- Social Responsibility



Everybody should do something good for their community or their 'square mile'

Everybody has skills and gifts they can offer

Communities are safer, healthier and happier when this happens

This is sometimes called 'active citizenship'

Personalisation

Transport, leisure centres, jobcentre and more



Right support in the right place at the right time- Stops people becoming unwell or unsafe

People and communities working together to make things better- Time banks

People knowing how much money they have for their support and choosing their staff and other supports

Thinking about the big things



There is lots going on. We are going to think about the Big Society. In groups what do you think is good and a challenge for people with learning disabilities about:

Localism- Making decisions locally

Dentralisation- Local meetings

Active citizenship- doing good things