



Housing Self Assessment



What is this about?

The Valuing People Regional Programme Board want to help Learning Disability Partnership Boards to make good plans and services that help local people get good housing and support.

The Housing and Support Partnership were asked by the Valuing People Support Team to help local councils find out how well they are helping people get more choice about where they live and who they live with

The Housing and Support Partnership have written some questions that will check what Councils in the North East are doing to make things better.

How the Self Assessment works

The Self Assessment is a long list of questions. The questions are based on good practice and the questions Councils get asked by the government to check how well they are doing.

There are 4 Big Targets in the Self Assessment

	<p>Target 1 The Big Plans we have for housing</p>
	<p>Target 2 What people want now and need in the future</p>
	<p>Target 3 Making good use of what's available in our area</p>
	<p>Target 4 Good support and information about housing options</p>

The Self Assessment asks each area to

- look at the Big Targets and all the questions under each target
- decide how well they are doing on each target – Green, Amber or Red
- Fill in the form saying how well they are doing and send it to Steve at Housing & Support Partnership

What the Self Assessment says

There are 4 Big Targets about the important work that needs to happen to make housing and support good.

Here is a short version of the questions that your area will be thinking about under each target



Target 1

The Big Plan

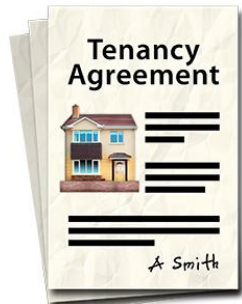
1. Do we have a vision about housing and support for people with a learning disability?
2. Do we have a clear plan of how we will make this vision happen?
3. Did we consult lots of people about the vision and plan, including self-advocates and family carers?
4. Do people know what is in the vision and plan?



Target 2

What people want now and need in the future

1. Do we know what housing is available in our area now?
2. Do we know what we will need for the future?
3. Are people supported to use person centred planning tools to help them plan a move?
4. Do we plan well in advance with people so that we don't overuse emergency and crisis placements? (This is called being pro-active.)



Target 3

Good use of what housing or groups we already have

1. Do we support lots of people to get tenancies, not just those with lower support needs?
2. Do we have a clear plan about how we use what's available?
3. Have we signed up to a regional agreement about ordinary residence rules? (This is to agree who pays for housing and support costs for people)
4. Do we have a list of the properties that have been adapted for people with a disability?
5. Have we agreed how people can apply for a Disabled Facilities Grant? Have we told people about this?



Target 4

Good support and information

1. Do we have good information about the local housing and support options?
2. Do we have clear information about other things to do with getting the right housing and support? This will include things like being a tenant, national and local policy and benefits.
3. Have we agreed what housing support and advice people can get from mainstream services, like the Citizen's Advice Bureau and the local housing offices?
4. Are these teams working well with people with a learning disability?
5. Do people at school and college have information to help them think about housing and support in the future?
6. Do we plan with people in a way that means they can see how we might help them make the plan happen?
7. Do our local housing planners have good information to help them do their job?
8. Can people get practical support with the things that need to happen when you move house?