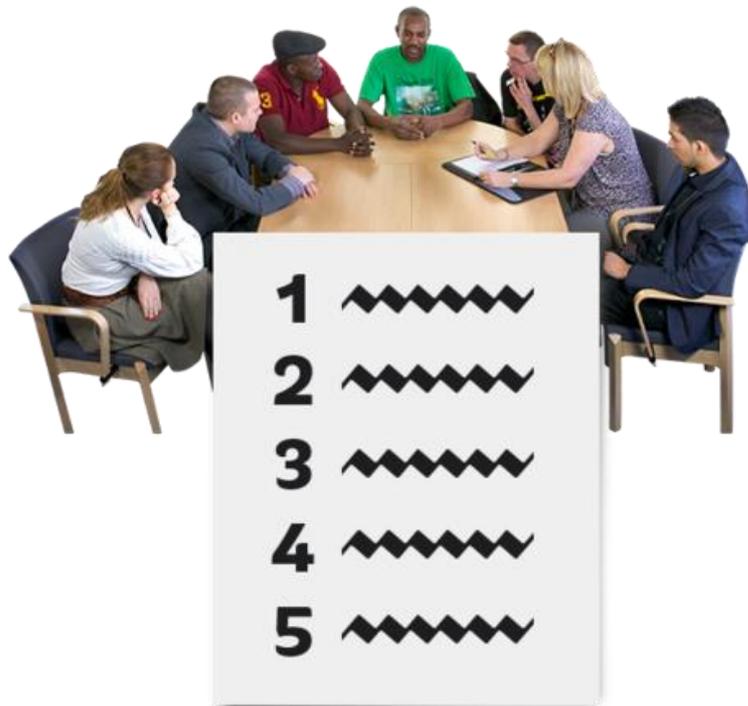




How to check on your Transforming Care Partnership



A guide for people who are part of a Learning Disability Partnership Board or an Autism Partnership Board



Words you may need to know

The word	What it means
Transforming Care Partnership	A group of people in your local area who work to get better support for people who have a learning disability or autism or both.
Building the Right Support	A plan about people in local areas working together to get better support for people with a learning disability or autism.
Specialist Hospitals	Hospitals for people who may need more support with their behaviour or mental health. They may also be called Inpatient Units.
Care and Treatment Reviews (CTRs)	Meetings with people in specialist hospitals or people who may go to one. The meetings look at: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• what care and support the person needs• if they can get care and support in their local area instead

What is this booklet about?



This booklet will help you find out what your Transforming Care Partnership is doing.

What is the Transforming Care Partnership?

It is a group of people who work together in your local area.



The group is made up of:

- people who make decisions about health
- people from local councils in the area



They work to get better support for some people who have a learning disability or autism or both.

They may be called a **TCP** for short.

Why are Transforming Care Partnerships important?



Some people with a learning disability or autism live in specialist hospitals.



Specialist hospitals are not like other hospitals.

They are for some people with a learning disability or autism who need more support with:

- their behaviour
- their mental health



The government says people should not live in hospitals like this.

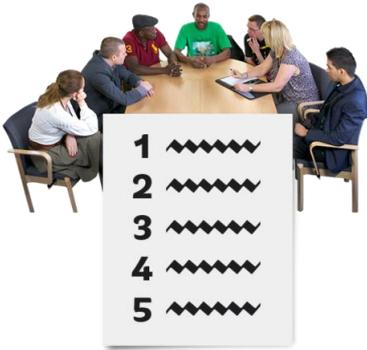


People should live in the community, like everyone else.

They should get care and support near where they live instead of hospital.



Transforming Care Partnerships help make this happen.



They plan good care and support in the community for people with a learning disability or autism.

What you can do



You can find out how your Transforming Care Partnership is doing.



You can ask them some of the questions in this booklet.

Questions to ask

If you don't have any information from the Transforming Care Partnership yet



You can:

- ask for a report about their work
- say what care and support you think people in your area need



You can ask these questions:

1 How many people from this area are in specialist hospitals at the moment?

2 How many people have moved back to this area from specialist hospitals?

3 How many of these people are under 18?





If the Transforming Care Partnership is coming to your meeting

You could start with these questions:



1

How will your plans help people with a learning disability and autism in this area?



2

Have you looked at the council's plans about learning disability and autism?



3

How are you making sure everyone gets the care and support they need?

This means children, young people and adults.



If you want to know more you can ask some of these questions:



1

Are you working with people who have been to specialist hospitals and their families?

2

Has everyone had a meeting called a **Care and Treatment Review** if they need it?

Has this been in the last 6 months?



Do people's families and carers go to the meetings?



Care and Treatment Reviews are meetings for people who are in specialist hospitals or may go to one.

The meetings look at:

- what care and support they need
- if they can get care and support in their local area instead





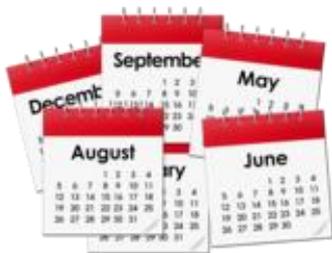
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3 What care and support do you think people with a learning disability or autism in this area need?



4 How are you making sure people get the care and support they need in their local area instead of hospital?



5 When will this care and support be ready?

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How are you making sure:



- staff have the right training to work with people who need a lot of support



- there is enough care and support for everyone who needs it



- people can get support in the future for their mental health or behaviour if they need it



- people get support early on to stop big problems happening later



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Are you making sure there is extra support for people who leave specialist hospitals?



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How will you make sure people get the right housing when they leave hospital?



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How do you make sure that people who find it hard to make decisions can help choose where they live?



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How do you make sure people in specialist hospitals:

- get good care
- are treated fairly
- do not stay too long
- Get all the support they need

How to get more help



If you cannot get help or answers from the Transforming Care Partnership let us know.

If you are part of an Autism Partnership Board

Please email the National Autistic Society at:

campaign@nas.org.uk



If you are part of a Learning Disability Partnership Board

Please email Mencap at:

campaigns@mencap.org.uk



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