How well do we help people with learning disabilities?

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This is a report about Hackney Council services for people with learning disabilities

This report tells you what the Council is doing well

This report tells you what the Council can do better

This report will tell you what Hackney Council plans to do
This report also tells you what people with learning disabilities think about services.

We asked 144 people with a learning disability if they were happy with the services they get from Hackney Council.

48 people with learning disabilities told us what they thought.

90 people did not fill out the questionnaire.
- 9 out of 10 people said they were happy with services
- 9 out of 10 people said they had control over their daily life
- 9 out of 10 people said support services helped them to feel safe
- 8 out of 10 people said they felt safe in their community
- 7 out of 10 people said they found it easy to find information about advice and support
- 8 out of 10 people said they felt they had good health or better
Money spent on adults with learning disabilities

Last year Hackney Council spent lots of money supporting people with learning disabilities (£19.2 million)

The money was spent on residential care, services in the community, supported living and employment support for people with learning disabilities

Next year Hackney Council will have less money to spend

Hackney Council has to spend money in a different way to help adults with learning disabilities
The money will be spent:

- To help people live in Hackney and get support in Hackney
- To help people who need the most help with daily living
- To help people to gain independence
- To help people stay healthy for longer
The money will be spent:

- To give people better information about care and support services
- To make it easier to find someone to speak up for you if your care is not good enough
- To make it possible for people to get equipment from pharmacies to help them live safely at home
- To improve housing choices for people who need lots of care and support
Peter’s story about moving to a new flat and finding work

Peter lived with his brother who helped him a lot with daily living

Peter moved to a training flat where he was taught how to do more for himself

Peter moved to a supported living flat

Peter joined a gym for health and fitness
Peter learned to travel on his own by attending Bus Days travel training run by the Learning Disability Service and Hackney One Team.

Peter is now getting work experience in a local supermarket after getting help through supported employment.

Peter now travels to work on his own.

Peter is happier now he can do more by himself.
How Hackney Council helps adults with learning disabilities

Last year Hackney One Team helped 34 adults with learning disabilities find work.

Last year Hackney Council helped 24 adults with learning disabilities go to college.

Last year Hackney Council helped 36 adults with learning disabilities move from care homes into their own homes with support.

Last year Hackney Council helped 159 people with learning disabilities control their own care with personal budgets.
This year Hackney Council will:

- Improve our services to help people with learning disabilities get more skills to do more for themselves

- Make supported living better so people can learn to do more on their own

- Run Bus Day travel training to help people learn to use buses and other transport

- Help people with supported employment through the new Hackney One Team
Hackney Council helps young adults with learning disabilities when they become 18 years old

Last year Hackney Council helped 82 young adults with disabilities:

- To take part in sport and exercise
- To travel on their own
- To cope better with stress and anxiety
- Hackney Council also launched a cinema club for young people with autism or who find it hard to communicate socially
Next year Hackney Council will:

- Train disabled young people to support and guide each other
- Set up a self-defence club for young adults with a disability
- Work with Hackney College to run summer activities
- Prepare young people with learning disabilities for adulthood with travel training and supported employment
Hackney Council will also continue to help young adults with learning disabilities:

- To stay safe
- To travel
- To look after their sexual health
- To stay fit, make friends, work and enjoy life
You can have your say about services for people with learning disabilities at Hackney’s self advocacy forum run by POhWER – call **0300 456 2361** or at the Big Do event which happens every year.

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