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Valuing People Now

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Coalition Government

Valuing People Now is important and should continue. The priorities of health, housing and employment are the right ones.



Valuing People Now:
a new three-year strategy
for people with learning
disabilities

'Making it happen for everyone'



Coalition Government

“We recognise that there are some groups of disabled people, particularly people with learning difficulties, mental health conditions and autism, who face additional barriers to employment and will need additional support to move into, or return to work. We are quite clear that everyone who can work should get the support they need to get a job, and we remain committed to tackling the particular disadvantages that those groups face in employment and across other areas of life.”

Coalition Government

“As a new government, we are committed to making sure that the lives of people with learning disabilities are better. This year Valuing People Now will focus on the key priorities to improve outcomes for people with learning disabilities and their family carers in health, housing and employment.”

Paul Burstow – June 2010, Valuing People Newsletter

What have we done?

Getting a Life

- 12 demonstration sites
- Employment pathway



Project Search

- 14 demonstrations
- Funding models

Jobs First

- 7 demonstration sites
- Some of these sites are aligned with Right to Control



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What have we done?

- Resource hub
- Job Coach standards
- Aspirations for Life campaign
- Employment Awareness campaign
- Pioneering cross-government working



Key themes

- There is good stuff going on even though rates remain low.
- Everyone needs to believe that it is positive and possible from a young age.
- What is being person-centred?
- We need to use the money in the system differently.



What next?

- Legacy
- Costing the GAL pathway
- Standards and Qualifications
- SEN Green Paper
- The new Work Programme and Work Choice
- DH papers
- Regional and local support
- Research and evaluation
- NHS Employers and Valued in Public
- Access to Work and transition pathways
- Cost Benefit



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