

## **LEARNING DISABILITY STRATEGY**

### **Report of the Director of Adult Services**

#### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The Learning Disability strategy 2025 to 2030 is our five year strategy to promote the health, wellbeing and independence of people with learning disabilities. It sets out our strategic priorities to help people with learning disabilities to have happier, healthier and more independent lives. It is set across five key pillars;

Pillar One – Living my life

Pillar Two – Getting to where I need to be

Pillar Three – The people who work with me are wise and kind

Pillar Four – Living a healthy life

Pillar Five – Home, Family and friends – where I live.

- 1.2 Successful delivery and implementation of the strategy will need the commitment of all partners in the Stockport locality, working together as One Stockport. This will help us to ensure that people with a learning disability feel belonging in all areas of their lives.
- 1.3 The strategy is supported by an action plan that will enable us to deliver on the ambitions and priorities described. We will monitor progress through the Learning Disability Partnership Board.

#### **2. Strategic Landscape**

- 2.1 In 2022 the Building the Right Support guidance was reviewed and emphasised the importance of people with learning disabilities and autistic people having the right support in their communities. Building the Right Support's objective is to uphold people with learning disabilities and autism as equal citizens, with the right health and social care support to meet their needs. At its heart, the policy is ensuring that people are enabled to fulfil their potential.
- 2.2 The Care Act 2014, the Children and Families Act 2014, and the SEND Code of Practice provide vital frameworks supporting this strategy, particularly for young people Preparing for Adulthood. Legislative guidelines emphasise the need to take a holistic, person-centred approach to transitions, ensuring a continuum of care and promoting independence for young people to enable them to achieve their fullest potential and lead fulfilling adult lives. These legal frameworks align closely with the Learning Disability strategy supporting young people by equipping them with the skills to access health provision and community participation.
- 2.3 Learning Disabilities is one of the six priorities in our One Stockport Health and Care Plan, setting out our commitment to improving the mental and physical wellbeing of people as well as improving the responsiveness of our services.
- 2.4 Our strategy aligns to the longer term ambitions in One Stockport, One Future. It will help us to ensure that for people with a learning disability that we have impactful

joined up health and care services that are delivered in our neighbourhoods. We know that this approach will help us to provide better access and support for people, to reduce inequalities and improve access to healthcare for people with a learning disability.

- 2.5 Through working with housing providers we will ensure that we have the right accommodation offer for people, providing choice, building independence and meeting peoples needs.

### **3. Co Production & Engagement**

- 3.1 The strategy has been co-produced with partners, but most importantly informed by the priorities and stated wishes of people with learning disabilities. We have undertaken consultation at a number of events about what is important to people in their lives, what they would like support with and what they would like to see changed.
- 3.2 Our strategy has been developed alongside the Learning Disability Partnership Board and the Speaking Out Group, supported by Stockport Advocacy. A draft of the strategy was presented to and approved by the partnership board over the summer. The feedback and continued work following the Learning Disability conference 2023 and 2024 has shaped our vision for what a good life looks like for people with a learning disability.

### **4. Conclusions and Recommendations**

- 4.1 The Learning Disability Strategy will help us to improve support for people with learning disabilities across Stockport. We would like to thank the Learning Disability Partnership, the Speaking Our Group, Stockport Advocacy and all people involved in the development of this strategy.
- 4.2 We are pleased to invite members of the committee to ask questions and comment on the content of the report and welcome suggestions for any further engagement activity.

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

One Stockport Learning Disability Strategy  
One Stockport Easy Read Learning Disability Strategy

Anyone wishing to inspect the above background papers or requiring further information should contact Emma Gardiner [-emma.gardiner@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:emma.gardiner@stockport.gov.uk)