



# 1.Housing

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**Fairly good progress**

## Priorities for last year



- Increasing choice in housing and support
- Moving away from reliance on residential care options
- Improving the way everybody works together to plan
- Implementing the good practice pathway
- Recording needs to help us plan
- Better information about choices

## What did we plan to do?



- Restart the Puddle Board Sub group making sure everybody involved is there
- Work with the Supporting People team to ensure money for housing support is used in the best way
- Support more people into homes of their own
- Increase availability of suitable housing
- Enable people to buy their own home
- Have more staff available to help people plan to move to homes of their own and to ensure information is easily available.
- Learning Disability Partnership Community Teams to implement the Accommodation and Support Toolkit to support changes in the services and choices they can offer to people.



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**What targets did we set?**

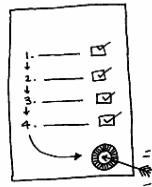


- Targets set in August this year
- 90 people to move to their own homes (15 in each team area)
- At least 45 of these people would be moving from residential care
- At least 23 would be living with family carers
- Direct payments to be made to 10 people living in their own homes so they can have more choice of how they are supported
- 12 people to be supported to buy their own home through a shared ownership scheme where people can go into an estate agent and choose a property they like
- The number of people on the housing register will be doubled
- Each team would do a project with one local residential care provider to change services so people have their own home.



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## How did we do?



- Summary of progress against plans and targets. A new Puddle Board Subgroup has been set up with representatives of local JIPs , SURF, Carers, Housing Departments, and service providers invited, but it has been very hard to get everybody together!
- The Puddle Board Subgroup is having an away day in November to plan next steps
- There are now extra staff in Community Teams to help people “make a move” (housing development workers). Before this, Community Teams were working hard to make the changes in the Toolkit, but were slowed down by lack of staff time
- More people continue to move into their own homes including 23 people moving to flats in Exeter and 8 in Tavistock.
- Several people are now planning to buy their own home with a project with Advance Housing
- There has been a review of how the money for housing support (Supporting People) is spent. This has shown some good practice, but some services aren’t good value for money and many weren’t promoting independence. There is now a plan to improve things so that services do help people to be as independent as possible.
- Local teams have been working hard to identify needs and to get more people on the housing list. But we still need to develop an IT based system to record needs and how we achieve our targets.
- Several projects working with residential care providers to reshape their services are now underway (for instance in Tavistock and North Devon.)
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- Information about housing and support options



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## Priorities for next year



1. Puddle Board Subgroup will agree priorities for every body round the table when they meet in November.
2. The Learning Disability Partnership will continue to focus on implementing the Toolkit, and, in particular, achieving the targets identified above, aided by the input from the new Development Workers.
3. Specifically this is about increasing the rate of change and numbers of people moving into their own homes and also real increases in choices available, especially home ownership.
4. The development workers will also be tasked to improve the information available about options and processes, to ensure consistency across Devon as well as the local view.
5. The Learning Disability Partnership will also be working with interested local organisations who could act as brokers in setting up housing and support options (ie finding a property through a private landlord.)
6. Development of a wider choice of support providers offering flexible housing related support will be encouraged through the implementation of the Supporting People Review.
7. Work on IT systems to support planning still needs to take place.