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Valuing People
Support Team

National Updates

This is a very short bulletin from the Valuing People Support Team. We want to let you know about some important news that has happened since our last newsletter.

Valuing People Now



Valuing People Now was launched on Tuesday 4th December at the Learning Disability Task Force by Ivan Lewis.

You can get an electronic copy of the full version and the easy read version on the Department of Health website at:

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_081014

A small number of paper copies will be sent to all Partnership Boards by the end of next week. You can order more copies directly from the Central Office of Information – we will send you details of how to do this when we have them, and they will be on our website.

THE GOVERNMENT'S
LEARNING DISABILITY
TASK FORCE

The Task Force were pleased with *Valuing People Now*, and now we need to know what everyone thinks to make sure the final version says the right things.



We hope that Partnership Boards will be running your own events, with help from us when you want it.

The closing date for the consultation is 11th March 2008.

Lots of important documents have recently been launched. We thought you would want to be reminded about some of them.

- **Mansell 2**



This was launched on 6th November 2007. It is about services for people with learning disability and challenging behaviour or mental health needs. This document is written by Professor Jim Mansell and is an update of the report he wrote in 1993.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_080129



- **Commissioning Specialist Adult Learning Disability Health Services Good Practice Guidance**

This was launched on 31st October 2007.

It tells the National Health Service what good services should include and how to make services better. If specialist services are not good enough, then people can end up in services they do not want to be in.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_079987



- **Healthcare Commission Audit –**

National audit of inpatient services for people with learning difficulties. The Healthcare Commission have recently completed an audit into the extent of services provided to people with learning difficulties by the specialist healthcare sector. This was launched on Monday 4th December and can be read at:

<http://2007ratings.healthcarecommission.org.uk/patientsandthepublic/healthcarefocus/learningdifficulties.cfm>

- Those working on supporting people in NHS campuses, please look on our website for further information:

<http://valuingpeople.gov.uk/dynamic/valuingpeople127.jsp>

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Our next newsletter will be out at the end of December and will be all about people with learning disabilities and their families from minority ethnic groups.

With best wishes



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