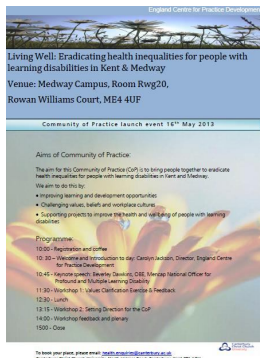


Kent and Medway Learning Disability Community of Practice Report



In May people with learning disabilities, families, care workers and professionals met at Canterbury Christchurch University to think about what this community of practice is about.



Everyone worked in groups to share their ideas about what we could do together.



What is the Community of Practice for?

The purpose of the Community is to support carers, care workers and professionals to:-

- 1) be person centred
- 2) provide the best quality care and support
- 3) improve equality and access



How will the Community of Practice work?

For carers, care workers and professionals to work together with people with learning disabilities and their families to:-

- 1) Raise awareness and share information
- 2) Understand what is happening in Kent and Medway
- 3) Develop local leadership
- 4) Challenging discrimination
- 5) Speaking up with and for people with learning disabilities



People with learning disabilities said:-

- 1) talk to me and my family
- 2) use simple language and pictures, give me time to understand
- 3) Give me easy to understand information
- 4) Find out if I am in pain
- 5) Understand what worries, hurts and frightens me.



Members of the Community will:-

- 1) Tell people about the Community
- 2) Challenge poor practice
- 3) Be open to learning and reflection
- 4) Make it happen



Ways that the Community can work together:-

- 1) Meetings and events
- 2) Using the internet and social media



What should the Community do first?

- 1) Help people with learning disabilities to know what to expect
- 2) Raise awareness with frontline staff
- 3) Think about how we will know the Community is working well
- 4) Influencing people, organisations and governments.