

Update on Kent Sensory Strategy Sub Group for People with Learning Disabilities

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Why we are here

Adults with learning disabilities are:

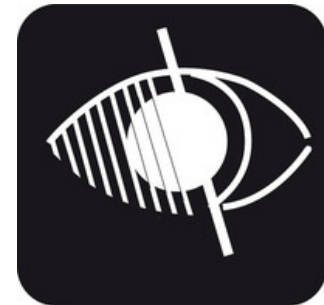
- ten times more likely to be blind or partially sighted than usual, and
- more likely to find it hard to hear very well



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In Kent, there are about 26,000 people with learning disabilities, of those

- up to 8,000 people may have a big problem with their sight, and
- around 9,620 may have some deafness



What we want to do

- Improve the eye and ear health of people with learning disabilities
- Make sure people get help and support before their sight and hearing gets worse
- Help people to feel included and live as part of their community



How we will do it

- Look at what information is available
- Talk to people with a learning disability and providers to find out about their experiences
- Hold events to share information
- Make sure that professionals are linked in



How we are doing

- We have held 4 multi-agency meetings
- We will continue to think about the best way to deliver our actions



How we are doing

- We held the "Look Here!" event with (SeeAbility) on 2nd September 2013
- We have started to ask people about their experiences
- We are planning how to link professionals in



How you could help

We would like to know about:

- Your experiences of the opticians or audiologists
- Any services you have found that meet the needs of people with learning disabilities and sensory loss
- What could make things better?

