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A remarkable achievement!

We need to look out for OPPORTUNITIES!



The Valuing People programme has now ended. This is the end of a sustained effort to improve the lives of people with learning disabilities led by central government

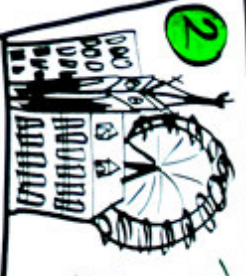
Threats:

I.L.F./D.L.A. threatened

- ★ Absence of national leadership new focus locally
- ★ Targeting people with high cost support packages for cuts?
- ★ Reduced quality of care
- ★ Competing with other groups ie "Older people don't get that"
- ★ More pressure on families to provide care for longer etc...



Partnership Boards are best placed to monitor what is happening & provide information Even more important now



The National Programme Board still exists & has a monitoring role National coalitions charities & forums like the National Valuing Families Forum will be key - good infrastructure

Lack of care managers

- ★ Removing ring-fencing of funds for Id.
- ★ Loss of regulation of services ie. CQC, Audit commission etc.
- ★ Access to mainstream opportunities like mortgages

In the past learning disability has at times not been open to criticism despite the existence of mediocre services Show what works, challenge mediocrity!

We need to get much better at engaging with the political agenda locally & nationally