

Our plan to make Supporting People work even better in the future



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Who is this plan by?



We are a part of the Government called **Communities and Local Government**.

What is this plan about?



This plan talks about how we will make **Supporting People** work even better in the future.



Supporting People is the name of a **big plan**. It started in 2003.



Supporting People helps people who might need a lot of help to do things. For example

- people with a learning disability
- older people
- people who have been homeless

How does Supporting People help people?



Supporting People gives people the help and support they need to live in their own home.



Supporting People helps people do things like

- learn to cook
- look after their money
- get the right benefits (benefits is money from the Government)
- learn new things or have a job



When people can live in their own home, it makes it easier for them to do other things in their life like

- have a job
- go out and spend time with friends



Supporting People **services** give people the help and support they need.



The **services** are run by local councils and by other groups of people.

Why have we made this plan?



In 2005 we asked people what they thought about **Supporting People** and how well they thought it was working.



We listened carefully to what people told us.



Then we made this plan.



This plan talks about how Supporting People will work in the future.



Some things about Supporting People have worked really well so far. We want these things to keep happening.



But we also want to change some things because of what people have told us.

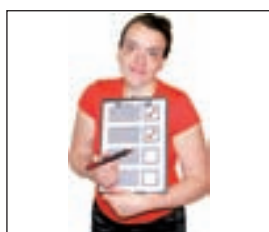
Now we will talk about some of the things that will happen to make Supporting People even better.

1) We will make sure we always think about what people want and need first

We want people to



- choose their own support services, that are right for them
- get the help they need to choose their own support services



Supporting People already works well to give people the support they want and need.

But we need to do some more things.

Here are some of the things we will do.



1) We will look at ways to give people more choice and more of a say about the services they need.

2) We will make sure we



- always look for the best ways of doing things
- tell other people about the best ways of doing things



3) We will see if we can make some new standards that talk about how Supporting People **should** work.

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- 4) We will see if we can make it easier to help people who do not always stay in the same area and might move from place to place a lot.



- 5) We will make it easier for local councils to find out what different services a person might need all in one go.

This means people who need help will not have to tell lots of different people what help they need.



- 6) We will make sure that people who get help from Supporting People
- always know what is going on
 - are told if something will change
 - can say what they think about the services they get



- 7) Many people are now living for a longer time. We are working with councils to help them plan for this in the best way.

2) We will help local councils work even better with groups who run services in their local area



Groups of people who are not part of the council run a lot of the Supporting People services.

These groups get money from local councils to run these services for people who need them.

But, these groups need other help as well.

Here are some of the things we will do to help these groups.

- 1) We will make sure that **all** groups who run services in a local area have the same chance to give people their services.
- 2) We will give big organisations advice so they can help smaller groups they work with run services.
- 3) We, and local councils, will help smaller groups to run services in their local area.





3) We will help local councils to make Supporting People work well in their area

- 1) A plan called the **Local Area Agreement** can make Supporting People work well.



This plan will help lots of people in a local area work well together to make Supporting People happen.

We will help local councils to start work with this plan. We will do this by the year 2009.



- 2) There will be new ways of checking how well Supporting People is working in each local area.



- 3) There will be some people called **Regional Champions** who will work in local areas.

These people will help local councils and other groups of people work in the best way to make Supporting People happen.

- 4) We also have a plan called an **Outcomes Framework**. It will help councils and groups who run services check how well their services are working.

4) We will help local councils and other groups do their work in an even better way



We are making a plan called a **National Value Improvement Programme**.



It will help local councils and groups who run services do things in an even better way.

For example, it will help local councils and groups make sure they are spending money in the best way.

This will help local councils and groups give the right services to as many people as possible.



A story about a girl who got help from Supporting People.

Katie moved from one house to another quite a lot.

This was because she sometimes found it difficult to live with the other people in her house.

Then Katie got some help from Supporting People to move to a house near her mum.

She also got some money from Supporting People.

With the money, Katie got someone to help her learn how to live on her own.

Katie is now learning more new skills. She is even doing some work in a home for older people.

Katie is much happier with her life now.

