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Evaluation of Building the Right Support

There are still too many people with a learning disability, autism or both living in hospital because their needs are not met through support in the community. Progress has been slow in helping people to live the lives they want through the right support close to home.

The national plan to address this - 'Building the Right Support' - was produced by NHS England, the Local Government Association and the Association of Adult Directors of Social Services in October 2015.

NHS England has commissioned an evaluation of progress towards the aims set out in Building the Right Support. It is being carried out by a partnership of:

- The Strategy Unit, which is part of Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit, and which provides expert analysis and advice.
- ICF, a global policy consultancy focused on applied health research
- BILD, the British Institute of Learning Disabilities.
- University of Birmingham, providing academic expertise.

The evaluation is focused on learning. It will share findings quickly, enabling local Transforming Care Partnerships, national partners, and policy makers to understand the actions that they can take to improve care and outcomes.

The study will not audit or performance manage. Instead, it will be:

- *Inclusive* – putting people with lived experience at the heart of the work;
- *Flexible* – working in partnership to generate usable results;
- *Ethical* – enabling people to participate with confidence;
- *Expert* – drawing on insight wherever it is found; and
- *Constructive* – acting as a critical friend to the programme.

The evaluation will run until July 2019. It includes several components, including: surveys and case studies of Transforming Care Partnerships, interview programmes with national and regional stakeholders, and research with people and their families. The evaluation team will also work closely with NHS England to share lessons and reports widely across the programme.

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