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| **TITLE**  | **Learning Disability: Improving Lives Programme** |
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Today, we publish our report on our Learning Disability - Improving Lives Programme.

The Improving Lives Programme emerged from the challenge in Welsh Government’s national strategy, Prosperity for All, to ensure the services we provide support people in Wales to live healthy, prosperous lives.

The Programme began in February 2017 with a wide ranging review that considered what a person with a learning disability, along with their families and carers may require across the course of their lives, and if and how these needs are currently being met.

We have worked collaboratively with the learning disability community to achieve the review’s agreed outcomes. Meetings were held with over 2,000 people and the recommendations reflect the voices of people with a learning disability along with their families, carers, and those who work with them.

The Learning Disability Improving Lives Programme is a product of that extensive review and collaboration. To support the implementation of the programme, I have established a Learning Disability Ministerial Advisory Group, whose membership includes people with a learning disability, families, carers and key professionals from local government and the health and charity sectors. The group will be chaired by Gwenda Thomas, former Assembly Member and Deputy Minister for Social Services and co-chaired by Sophie Hinksman, a representative of All Wales People First.

The Improving Lives Programme can be accessed by following this link:

<https://gov.wales/topics/health/professionals/nursing/learning/?lang=en>

I will be making an oral statement on this Programme in the coming weeks.