



The Greater Manchester Learning Disability Plan 2026



What is in the plan?



In 2018, a group of people with learning disabilities, families, and people who work in health and social care came together to talk about what we need to do to make sure people with learning disabilities have a good life.

In 2025, with the support of the Greater Manchester Confirm and Challenge group, the plan was updated.

We agreed 12 priorities



1: Ownership and Accountability	2: Advocacy
	
Priority 3: Commissioning	4: Good Health
	
5: Belonging	6: Homes for People
	

7: Employment	8: Workforce
	
9: Children and Young People	10: Justice System
	
11: Transport	12: Prevention
	

Priority 1: Ownership and Accountability



The Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Board has agreed the learning disability plan

They want people who work in health and social care to work with people with learning disabilities and their families to make the plan happen

Priority 2: Advocacy



- Supporting people to have more confidence and skills to speak up for themselves
- Support families to have more confidence and skills to speak up for themselves.
- Raising awareness about the different types of advocacy.

Priority 3: Commissioning

Person Centred Planning



- Person centred planning approaches
- Strengths based
- Outcome focused
- Explore new commissioning arrangements
- Share good practice.

Priority 4: Good Health



Reducing health inequalities by:

- Improving access to health services
- Screening
- Reasonable adjustments
- Learning from LeDeR
- Working with Public Health.
- Improved support from Mental health services.

Priority 5: Belonging



- Make sure people have choice and control to do the things they want to.
- Supporting people to make friends and have relationships.
- Support and training for people on Bereavement.

Priority 6: Homes for People



Make sure people have:

- A choice about where they live
- What kind of housing they live in
- Supported to live as independently as possible.

Priority 7: Employment



Supporting more people to get paid employment

Supporting people to think about their employment options as they prepare for adulthood.

Priority 8: Workforce

A skilled workforce

Quality providers that know how to support people and show humanity and values.



Priority 9: Children and Young People



- Ensuring children, young people and their families get the help and support they need.
- Stages of Life - Better support, planning and choice for people preparing for adulthood.

Priority 10: Justice System



- Make sure offenders are being represented, treated fairly and supported not to reoffend;
- Make sure victims have a voice.

Priority 11. Transport



- In Greater Manchester, we need better transport choices for people.
- Transport choices make a big difference to people's lives and what they can do.

Priority 12. Prevention



Support for people earlier can often prevent things from going wrong or getting worse.

Make sure there is support available for people without Adult Social Care eligible needs.

Support to complete everyday tasks, e.g. paying bills.

Working in Partnership

1. Local groups and Learning Disability Partnership Boards agree the priorities for 2026/27

Set targets

2. Work together with

- Greater Manchester Adult Social Care teams
- Local groups
- Local Learning Disability Partnership boards



3. Progress reporting
4 times a year

4. Annual reporting to:
Greater Manchester
Association of Directors of
Adult Social Services
(ADASS)

Greater Manchester
Learning Disability and
Autism Strategic Group.