
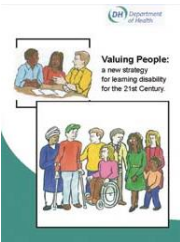








Statement from the co and vice chairs of the National Forum of People with Learning Disabilities

 <p>Department of Health</p> 	<p>The Department of Health has decided to stop funding the National and Regional Forums.</p> <p>The National and Regional Forums have been the voice of people with a learning disability since Valuing People in 2001.</p>
  	<p>We are upset and angry the Department of Health has made this decision.</p> <p>We are disappointed that they have not said Thank You for the work that we have done.</p> <p>We are disappointed that they didn't talk to us directly about their decision.</p> <p>We feel that the Department of Health does not value the work that we have done over the past 16 years.</p>

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	<p>We are proud of what we achieved, including Hospitals Are Not Homes and the Good Practice Guidance.</p> <p>We hope that our work will not be forgotten.</p>
<p>national forum of people with learning disabilities </p> 	<p>The National Forum has been the voice of people with a learning disability.</p> <p>We are the only group with local, regional and national meetings led by elected representatives with a learning disability.</p> <p>We are the voice of people with a learning disability.</p>

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We are worried that the Department of Health will not tell us how they will listen to the views of people with a learning disability in the future.



Advocacy groups are losing their funding. Support services and groups are being cut.



We think people are becoming more isolated and we are losing our voice.

We are concerned that local authorities will follow the Department of Health's bad example and stop listening to us to.

Will it take the next big crisis, Panorama or Dispatches investigation, before they listen to us?!

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