

## **What is Wolverhampton Challenge Board about?**

In the Children and Families Act 2014 the government said it wants to make sure that all children and young disabled people and children and young people who have been told they have Special Educational Needs, have good lives.

- They want to make sure children, young people and families get support early to keep them healthy.
- They want young children and people be involved in making decisions in their lives.
- They want children, young people and families to be able to find information easily that can support them.
- They want children, young people and families to be supported to prepare for the future, having a job, choosing where to live and being part of their community.

In each area around the country there are Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Partnership Boards. The SEND Board works on these things.

Changing Our Lives have developed and facilitate a 'Challenge Board' in Wolverhampton to make sure young disabled people and young people with special educational needs have good lives. It a strategic body for young people in the city to influence at a strategic level.

We work with board members and a network of young people (including schools and colleges) around the city - **the board is about achieving outcomes.**

### **The Challenge Board will make sure young people:**

- Have paid employment.
- Know about different places they can live when they get older.
- Have good healthcare that means they can lead a full life.
- Have friends and are part of the community.

The Young People's SEND Board will write White Papers about these things and launch these with decision makers present to get strategic sign up to ensure that this results in outcomes.

Strategic decision makers and members of the SEND Partnership Board will also be invited to the Challenge Board periodically to be held accountable for their pledges.

**The Challenge Board is not ...**

It is not about consultation. Consultation is when people are asked their views. Sometimes these views are taken into account, and sometimes they are not.

It's not about holding meetings where people talk and nothing gets done.