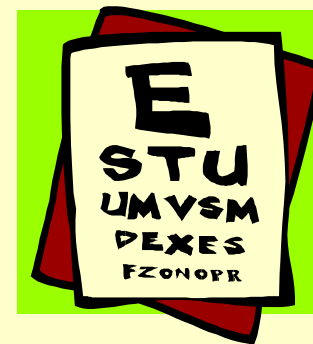
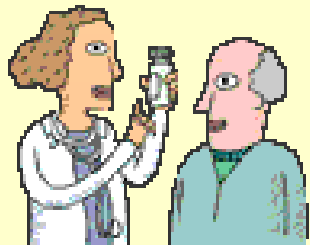


The Total Communication Network New 'Easy Information' Prizes

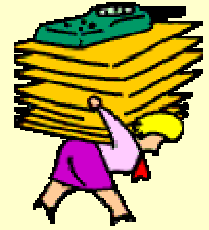


This is some information about what
we are doing in the South West

- The Valuing People Support Team will give us £500 for prizes for organisations that make information easy to understand.
- The Regional Forum of self advocacy organisations decided at their meeting on March 9th to collect information on health care including dentists, opticians, doctors surgeries and hospitals



How it will work 1



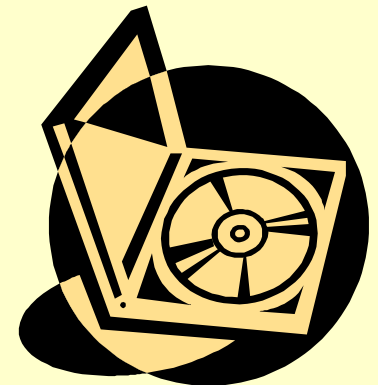
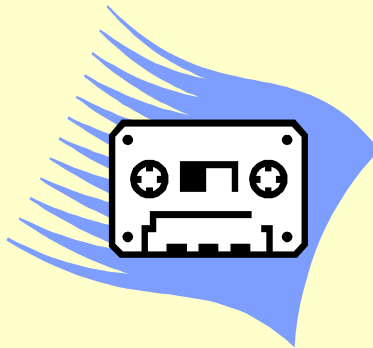
- Each self advocacy group can collect examples of good information about health issues between March and September 2006.
This can Information can be from anywhere in their area
- Other organisations that are proud of the information they have made can send it to their Valuing People Support Team at:

Easy Language Competition
Valuing People Support Team
Westward House, Lime Kiln Close,
Bristol, BS34 8SR

By 22nd September 2006

How it will work 2

- Self advocacy groups can enter an example of information that they have made.
- The information can be on paper, tape, CD, video or DVD.





The Prizes



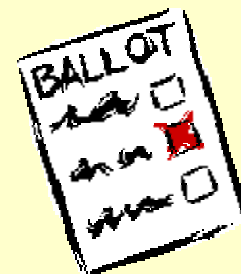
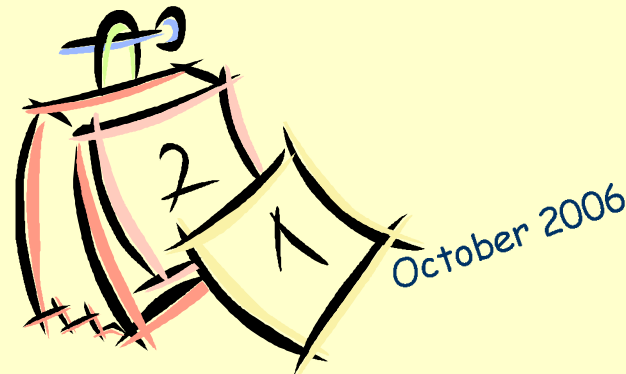
- There will be two prizes- one for self advocacy groups and one for other organisations that have made information easier to understand.
- We can also send out certificates to people who are the runners up.



How we will decide the winners

- We decided that each group would bring good information to a joint meeting of the Regional Forum and the Total Communication Network in September.
- We will decide which information is easiest to understand by voting

We will get support from the Plain English Campaign



The Award Ceremony



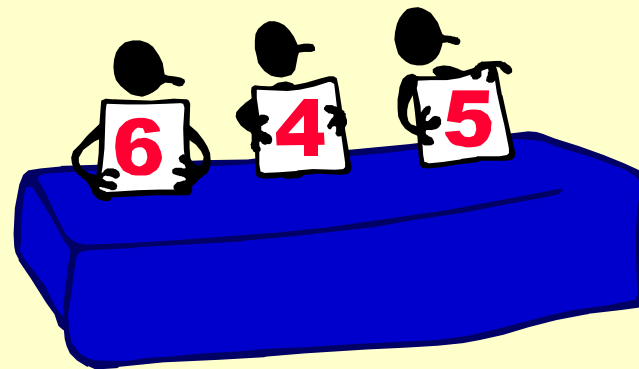
We will have an award ceremony in October or November where we will give the people their prize

If we can, we will run it again, next year about information on another subject.



What we need to think about now

1. How do we choose the best ones?



2. Who should award the prizes?

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The last big thing

3. Where should we have the big meeting with people from the Regional Forum ?

- We need your ideas



Three ideas about how we could choose

1. We take all the entries to the big meeting. We ask each person to choose 3 they like but they cannot vote for their own. We then have a second vote from the ones with the most votes. Whoever gets the most votes in the second round is a winner. We can give certificates to people who have very good entries but still do not win a prize.

Idea 2

- If we get lots of entries, we could have a small group of people to help us choose the best 10. At the big meeting, we choose by voting, 2 winners and 2 runners up. We would need to decide who from this meeting will help decide.

Idea 3

- We ask the Valuing People Support Team to send round copies of the paper entries before the meeting and each advocacy group chooses their top 3 entries. People in the Total Communication Network get to meet in September before the big, joint meeting to choose their favourites. We have a vote to decide on the winners at the big meeting.