

Bradford Co-Production Partnership

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Sharing the power

Welcome to the first Co-Production update of 2023. In this edition we will look back at the Making Day Services Work events which took place in November, as well as looking forward to what we have planned for the first few months of the year.

The Co-Production Partnership (CPP) aims to give disabled people a genuine voice in how services develop across the Bradford District. It works with disabled people and disabled people's groups within the Bradford Council area.

We aim to work across all disabling conditions, ensuring that we are representative of the population of the district. This includes making positive steps to allow people of colour and people from LGBTQ+ communities to be involved in our work.

Contact the Co-Production Partnership

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The CPP is jointly managed by Equality Together and BTM, with funding from Bradford Metropolitan District Council.



Let's Make Day Services Work events, November 2022.

Last November the Co-Production Partnership (CPP) held some events to look at what is needed from social care day services in the district. This is so disabled people can influence the work being done to change how day services are provided on behalf of Bradford Council.

We combined less formal drop-in sessions alongside a more traditional engagement event and an online meeting. A total of 70 people attended at least one of the four events held across the district.



We held three in-person events and one online event looking at day services. This one was at the Mayfield Centre in Bradford. Others were at Sight Airedale in Keighley and Cottingley Community Centre near Bingley.

All the events brought together disabled people and people who provide services, with commissioners (people who decide what services are provided) attending two of the events. The aim of the events was to find out what disabled people thought made a really good day service. People thought about what works well and what could be improved within current day services, as well as what people missed in building-based day services during lockdown.

Much of the discussion focused on what people are wanting to get out of day services, and what a high-quality day service looks like. All the comments were analysed to see what themes emerged. From this we found that services need to be accessible, person centred and offer a range of activities. Many people thought that peer support was an important aspect of day services. High quality day services need good staff to work in them, which can be hard to recruit sometimes.

People who attend day services said that what they are looking for is similar to what most people are wanting in their day to day lives. These are things such as:

- Making friends and socialising
- Having a routine
- Having something to do
- Making a contribution to their community or group
- Having a space where people can be themselves.

These simple ideas need to be at the forefront of our thinking when considering how day services are provided.



The discussion generated lots of ideas. This engagement event was held at Cottingley Community Centre near Bingley.

Although there was much people agreed upon, it should be recognised that there were some disagreements. One of these was should day services be provided by specialist providers or by supporting mainstream activities such as sports or community-based groups be accessible to disabled people who have high levels of support needs.

- What happens next?

Copies of the report from the events is available in various formats and can be found online at <https://equalitytogether.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Day-Services-Report-Summary.pdf> Or you can get them by emailing The Co-Production Partnership, co-production@equalitytogether.org.uk or call/ text 07432 264 881.

The report has been sent to the Adult Services Commissioning team at Bradford Council. They will use the ideas to help them shape what day services they commission (buy) in the future. The report will also help the new CPP Day Services Working Group with its work.

What has the Co-Production Partnership got planned for 2023?

The first few months of 2023 are looking like they will be busy for the Co-Production Partnership.

- Working groups

In January and February, the four new working groups will be having their first meetings. We will be focusing on Access to Services, Accessible Information, Day Services and Independence and Choice.

Organisations for disabled people have been invited to send a representative to the different groups. Part of the role of the representative will be to go out to talk to other disabled people and groups to find out what people think about these issues.

Each working group will feed into projects of the Adult Services Commissioning Team. This will ensure that disabled people can influence what is happening now.

- The Partnership Board

Each of the four working groups will send a representative to a Partnership Board. This will have disabled people and people from Bradford Council. It will be meeting in March.

- Engagement event

We are beginning to plan another engagement event. This will be looking back at the first year of the CPP as well as seeing how we can build Co-Production as we move forward. The date and venue are still to be decided, but it is likely to be at the beginning of April.