

Co-Production
Partnership



Sharing the power

Co-Production Partnership Board

Notes from meeting held on Wednesday 15th
March at Mayfield Centre

People who were at the meeting

Stewart Ross - BAVIP (Bradford Association of
Visually Impaired People)

Tom Beattie, Obaid Malik. - IMAS (International
Mixed Ability Sport)

Diane Dewhirst, Michelle King - BSL Interpreters

Marilyn Dube - Morley Street Resource Centre

Debbie Robertson, Surekha Thind, Angie Pinder -
Bradford People First

Suzanne Longley, Joel Lambert – NEET
(Northcliffe Environment Enterprise Team)

Bryan King, Donna White, Jo Ingham - BTM

Trevor Ramsay – DPAG (Disabled People's Action
Group)

Paul Wilshaw - Mind the Gap

Wil Quick, Darryl Smith - Equality Together

Holly Watson - Bradford Council

Apologies (People who wanted to come but couldn't come today)

AWARE, Inclusion North, HealthWatch Bradford District, People First Keighley and Craven, Mark Nicholson (Equality Together)

Introductions

Everyone said who they were and what organisation they came from.

Purpose of meeting

Wil told everyone that co-production is about people who use services and people who work in them working together to make services better.

A Co-Production Partnership has been set up to make sure that disabled people and people who work in social care services (things like day services, home support, independent living help and supported accommodation) work together to make these better.

This meeting has been set up to help the Co-Production Partnership decide what it should be doing.

It is also a chance for disabled people and people in Bradford Council who make decisions about

social care services to talk and listen to each other.

What the Co-Production Partnership has done so far

Will told everyone about what the Co-Production Partnership has done in its first year.

You can read the report by emailing willq@equalitytogether.org.uk or calling/ text 07432 264 881

It has held three events with disabled people, people who work in services and staff from the council and NHS attending. These events heard about what things were important for the Partnership.

It has set up some working groups. These are on access to services, accessible information, day services and independence and choice.

The working groups have not had as many disabled people attending as we hoped.

Updates from working groups

Access to services working group

This group is working on a project looking at how people with neurodivergent conditions (things like autism, ADHD, Tourette's Syndrome) can use

mainstream services. These are services which anyone can use.

They have also written to transport providers about issues which disabled people face when using buses and trains.

Accessible information working group

The accessible information group looked at how the Council's Connect to Support website can be made more accessible to disabled people. BTM are also working on this.

They are also writing to Bradford Council's Social Work department to ask if they can be better at recording people's communication needs and be better at sending information out in the way people ask for.

Someone asked how well Bradford Council is working to the Accessible Information Standard.

These are rules which the government says the council need to follow to make sure disabled people can get information in a way they can access.

Day services working group

The day services group will support people with learning disabilities to talk to people who use the

New Choices day service about what they want from the service.

Independence and choice working group

The independence and choice working group only had two people from disabled people's organisations there. It did not set up a project.

The Co-Production Partnership has been asked to find and support disabled people and to help decide which organisations should provide home care services for the council.

Issues facing disabled people

We split into two groups so people could talk about what issues were important to them. Both groups came up with similar things.

Many people felt that other people and organisations did not treat disabled people very well.

There also needs to be more awareness of what disabled people need.

Organisations should take small steps to make improvements.

There used to be disability champions in different departments of Bradford Council who promoted disability issues.

One example is being able to use BSL interpreter apps at shops, banks and council offices.

People said that they were having difficulties in accessing a range of health services. Some of these, like not having a dentist or waiting a long time to see a GP (family doctor) are problems for everyone. However, some things affect disabled people more.

This includes more things like making appointments being online and information not being made available in accessible formats. Holly will invite someone from the NHS to future meetings.

Streets and pavements are not very accessible. There are lots of potholes and uneven pavements which are dangerous.

Many businesses still have 'A' boards which block the pavement. These are not allowed. Also, during lockdown many businesses were allowed to put tables and chairs on the pavement. Many of these are still there. Holly will find out who in the council she can raise these issues with.

What should the partnership do next?

We will see how we can improve how disabled people can be involved in the working groups.

The Social Care commissioning team (who decide on which services the council buy for disabled people) has some projects which they will be working on over the next year.

Holly will send this list to Wil who will then send it to people who attended today and other people who may be interested. People can say what they are interested in being involved with.

Holly asked people to think about how we can involve disabled people who do not attend any services. We will talk about this next time.

We could hold a big event early next year to help Bradford Council decide on what the important issues are for disabled people.

Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Bradford Council have a committee called Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This is a group of councillors who look in detail at issues around health and social care. There are some people from the community who are also members.

The Co-Production Partnership has been asked to send someone to the meetings. The meetings are usually once per month. Wil can support whoever goes.

People asked some questions about being on Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Question: Is the role paid?

Answer: No. The role is not paid.

Question: Are BSL interpreters there?

Answer: Not usually, but if a member of the committee needed them they could be booked.

Question: If the meeting is next week why are we only asking for people now?

Answer: As there are meetings most months, there will usually only be a short time between one of our meetings and the committee meeting.

Some people wanted time to think about joining but no-one was wanting to join right now.

Thank you!!!

Wil and Holly thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.