

# Co-Production Partnership



Sharing the power

## Taking Co-Production Forward Engagement Event

# Easy read report

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024






at Margaret McMillan Tower, Bradford








## What is co-production?







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|    | <p>Disabled people want to have a say in how the services they use are run.</p>                                 |
|    | <p>Co-Production is about disabled people and people who run services working together to make them better.</p> |
|   | <p>It is making sure disabled people are given a voice and listened to by people who work in services.</p>      |
|  | <p>Co-production can be about how each individual chooses what services they use.</p>                           |
|  | <p>Co-production is also about how disabled people can join together to make services better.</p>               |
|  | <p>Bradford Council has funded Equality Together and BTM to run a Co-Production Partnership.</p>                |

## Taking Co-Production Forward event 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024


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|    | <p>The Co-Production Partnership held an event to bring together disabled people, their carers, people who work in services and people who commission (buy) services.</p>                             |
|    | <p>The event wanted to give disabled people and carers a chance to say what the important issues are for Bradford Council to spend money on care services on.</p>                                     |
|    | <p>The event was about letting disabled people and carers say what the Co-Production Partnership should be doing over the next year.</p>  |
|   | <p>It was also so disabled people, carers and people who work in services to talk and listen to each other as equals.</p>   |
|  | <p>The event brought together 90 people. These included disabled people and carers, people who work in services used by disabled people, as well as colleagues from Bradford Council and the NHS.</p> |






## What has the Co-Production Partnership done so far?



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|    | <p>The day started with Wil Quick, Co-Production Co-ordinator, outlining the work of the Partnership over the last two years.</p>  |
|    | <p>In the first year the Partnership looked at making sure disabled people were able to say what the important issues were. It also looked at how the Partnership should work.</p>   |
|   | <p>In 2023 the Partnership set up four working groups. These brought together disabled people and people from the council to make changes.</p>   |
|  | <p>The Access to Services group looked at how mainstream services (services open to everyone) could be made better for people with autism, ADHD and other neurodiverse conditions.<br/>This group also looked at how the hospitals could be made more accessible for disabled people.</p>                  |
|  | <p>The Accessible Information group worked with the council to help make the Connect to Support service directory easier for disabled people to access.<br/>It has also worked on helping to decide which organisation would make accessible information for social care services in Bradford Council.</p> |

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|  <p>Day Centre</p>  | <p>The Day Services group looked at what was need in learning disability day services. This was particularly as many day services which had been run as part of New Choices were going to be run by different organisations.</p>   |
|    | <p>The Independence and Choice group supported disabled people and carers to be part of a council team which was deciding which organisations should provide home care support to allow disabled people to live independently.</p> |
|                   | <p>Wil told people that the Co-Production Partnership had been asked by Bradford Council to find a disabled person to be a representative on the Health and Social Care Committee.</p>   |
|    | <p>One part of the work which has struggled is the setting up of the Partnership Board.</p>  |

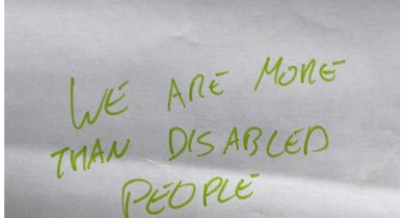

## Adult Social Care commissioning intentions 2024/25

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|  | <p>Holly Watson works as a commissioning manager for social care services in Bradford Council.</p> |
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| <br> | <p>Holly explained how the commissioning team had to decide what social care services were needed within the Bradford District. These are things such as day services and home care support.</p>  |
|    | <p>The main areas social care are looking at are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mental Health Supported Living</li> <li>Advocacy</li> <li>Homeless services</li> <li>Local Community Support Grants (small amounts of money to support local community led groups)</li> <li>Extra Care Services (support to allow people with complex needs to remain independent)</li> <li>Small Supports (personalised care for adults with learning disabilities)</li> </ul> |
|   | <p>Holly said that the council needs to save £5million each year within adult social care. However the council recognises that stopping people's disabling conditions getting worse is important and saves money in the long run.</p>   |
|   | <p>After Holly's talk, people talked about what was important to them.</p>  |

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|  | <p>One of the key points to come from the discussion strongly was that services need to be person centred and accessible.</p>                         |
|  | <p>The main service areas which people felt were important were advocacy, social inclusion and support for voluntary and community organisations.</p> |

### “We are more than disabled people”

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|  | <p>The afternoon session was called ‘We are more than disabled people’.</p>   |
|  | <p>Many disabled people feel that they are just seen as disabled people and not given a chance to be a full member of the community they live in.</p> |



People talked about what they needed to be able to take part in their community. Some of the main things people mentioned were:



Arts and culture: Events which are part of Bradford 2025: City of Culture needs to be accessible to all. This includes making events accessible to disabled people. It also means having events throughout the district.



Housing: There is not enough affordable or accessible housing. If you need accessible housing the wait can be really long.






Health: Health staff need to be more aware of the needs of disabled people. They need adapt their communication methods and services to suit this. For example, people may need longer for their appointments.








Work: Disabled people often find it hard to get experience in entry level jobs, so are excluded from work for their whole lives. Large organisations such as the council and NHS should run work experience placements for disabled people.

## Priorities for the Co-Production Partnership

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|    | <p>The final part of the day was looking at what the most important things for the Co-Production Partnership to do in the next year.</p>   |
|   | <p>People wanted to see more opportunities to be involved with co-producing services. This means we need to support disabled people who are involved in working with council. This includes providing training for people in working effectively together.</p> |
|  | <p>Other important issues were advocacy, transport and accessible information.</p>   |

## What next

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|    | <p>We are sending a copy of the report to everyone who came to the event.</p>   |
|    | <p>We are sending information about what everybody said to the right team in Bradford Council and the NHS.</p>                                  |
|   | <p>We will make sure that disabled people and people who work in services can get training to work together better.</p>                         |
|  | <p>We will set up some new working groups so disabled people and people from the council can make the changes to services which are needed.</p> |
|  | <p>We will support the disabled person who is the representative on the councils Health and Care Committee.</p>                                 |

## Contact the Co-Production Partnership

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|    | If you want to contact the Co-Production Partnership you can   |
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