

# Bradford Co-Production Partnership – Update Number 13 – July 2024

Co-Production  
Partnership



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## Welcome

Welcome to the latest update from the Bradford Co-Production Partnership. There is a lot to talk about this issue.

Co-Production is about disabled people and people who run services working together to make them better.

The Co-Production Partnership Board met in June. You can find out what it did on page 2.

We are setting up some new working groups. You can find out how to get involved with these pieces of work on page 4.

You can also find out about an opportunity to get involved with training social workers and other care staff. You can find out about this on page 7.

# Co-Production Partnership Board

The Co-Production Partnership Board has been set up.

The Partnership Board has been set up to make sure the Co-Production Partnership is working well. It decides what the important issues are for the Partnership to work on are.

All the organisations which support disabled people in Bradford district were able to send one or two people to come to the meeting.

We had a meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> June. 21 people came to the meeting. They came from 12 different organisations for disabled people.

## **How do we know services are working well?**

Bradford Council wants to make sure that services people use are good. They want to make sure that people who use services can say what works well and what does not work well.

One of the things we talked about was how can we know if a service is working well.

We talked about using 'I' statements. People who use care services would be asked if they agree with some statements.

People thought lots of the statements which we looked at were too long. Lots had jargon in them.

It is also important that services can get better by thinking about what has worked well and what has gone wrong. This is called 'learning from'.

## **Report on the Taking Co-Production Forward event**

Wil Quick told people about the Taking Co-Production Forward event. This happened in March.

You can read the report on the event here.

<https://equalitytogether.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Taking-Co-Production-Forward-report.pdf>

It is also available in easy read

<https://equalitytogether.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Taking-Co-Production-Forward-easy-read-report.pdf>

## **What should the Co-Production Partnership do next?**

The Co-Production Partnership is making sure that disabled people can make sure that care services work well for them.

At the meeting we looked at what areas we should be working on for the next year.

We decided that the most important things are:

- Access to Services;
- Health;
- Neurodiversity and Learning Disabilities
- How Do We Know Services Are Working Well

You can find out more about these projects and how to get involved in the rest of this update.

# Co-Production Partnership Work Groups.

The Co-Production Partnership is about making sure that disabled people can make the services we use work well.

To do this we need to work with people who run and work in different services. These are services like the council and NHS.

We have set up four working groups. Each working group will look at a different area which is important for disabled people.

**Access to services** – meeting Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 1-3pm at Morley Street Resource Centre, Bradford, BD7 1BB

We need to make sure that disabled people can use the services which are open to everyone, like libraries, gyms and the job centre.

We also need to make sure that we can use the care services we need easily. These are things like home care support, day services, help to live at home, being independent and care homes.

**Health** Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> July, time 1-3pm online. Please click on this link to join us on Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83716858766>

Sometimes it is difficult for disabled people to use the health service. This group wants to make it easier for them.

Sometimes it can be difficult to get around a hospital or health centre.

Sometimes people who work in the health service don't always work well with disabled people.

Disabled people don't always find it easy to stay healthy. We want to make it so disabled people can have a healthy life.

**How do we know services are working well?** Meeting: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August, venue Sight Airedale, 31 Scott Street, Keighley, BD21 2JH

It is important than disabled people can say how well the services we use work. This group will look at how we can let disabled people say which services work well and which ones don't.

**Neurodiversity and learning disabilities** – meeting date and venue is to be decided.

This group will look at how to make sure that there are good services for people who are neurodiverse (things like autism or ADHD) or having learning disabilities.

This might include both services which are just for people with a learning disability or neurodiverse condition. It might also include how to make sure services which anyone can use work well for people who are neurodiverse or have a learning disability.

How will the groups work?

Each group will bring together disabled people and people who work in services.

The groups will look at what can be done to make services better.

Everyone will be there to share their ideas and experiences. We will need to listen to each other.

Who should be there?

We want the groups to have disabled people to come to the groups. We want people with different experiences to come to the groups.

We are inviting people who work for Bradford Council and the NHS to come to the meetings.

How long will each meeting be?

Each meeting will last for about two hours.

How often will the meetings be?

The meetings will be about every two months.

Where will the meetings be?

We will be having meetings at different locations across the Bradford District. This might include Keighley, Bingley, Shipley, Ilkley as well as Bradford.

Can you pay for travel expenses?

We can pay for reasonable travel expenses if you can't get these from your organisation. This is usually the cost of a West Yorkshire day bus ticket (£5).

How can people get involved?

If you want to take part in one or more of the working groups, please email [willq@equalitytogether.org.uk](mailto:willq@equalitytogether.org.uk)

Please let him know which groups you want to be part of.

## **Training**

We have also been asked if any disabled people want to help train social workers, health staff and people who work in care services. This would mean telling workers about your life and how they can do a good job when they work with you and other disabled people.

If this is something you are interested in please email [willq@equalitytogether.org.uk](mailto:willq@equalitytogether.org.uk).

Or you can call, text or WhatsApp 07432 264 881

## **Bits and bobs.**

### **Mind the Gap community day**

Mind the Gap is a theatre and creative space for adults with learning disabilities and neurodiverse conditions. They are having a community day on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June. It starts at 10am and finishes at 3pm. It will be held at Mind the Gap, Patent Street. Bradford, BD9 5BD

### **Visit the VI Village.**

There will be an information day on services and support for people with visual impairments. It will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July. It starts at 10.00 and finishes at 2.00. It will be held at The Thornbury Centre, 79 Leeds Old Road, Bradford, BD3 8JX

## **Learning disabilities showcase 11<sup>th</sup> July.**

There will be a learning disabilities showcase event. This is on Thursday July 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM at Margaret McMillan Tower, Princes Way, Bradford, BD1 1NN for a day filled with insightful presentations, interactive workshops, and networking opportunities.

Book your place at [eventbrite.co.uk/e/learning-disabilities-showcase-event-tickets-921498074547?aff=oddtcreator](https://eventbrite.co.uk/e/learning-disabilities-showcase-event-tickets-921498074547?aff=oddtcreator)

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