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Sharing the power

Welcome to the latest update from the Bradford Co-Production Partnership.

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

There are reports on the work being started by our new working groups.

We also look at work being done on the learning disabilities and neurodiversity plans for the Bradford district.

Co-Production Working Groups

The Co-Production Working Groups have brought together disabled people with decision makers from the council and NHS.

The aim of the working groups are to look at where we can make real changes to make the lives of disabled people better.

The working groups can't do everything at once. Some of the important things people want to see happen will have to wait.

We also have to think about what can be done to make things better for disabled people which don't cost much, as the council and NHS are trying to save money.

All the working groups have thought about the things which disabled people have said are important in that area.

We really want people to help with these groups. If there is something you would like to get involved with please contact Wil at the Co-Production Partnership.

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The **Access to Services** group is looking at how disabled people can use services in the community. It is also thinking about how to make it we easier for people to use care services.

People need to know what care and support services are available across the district. There are some good

websites which tell people this. However, not many people know about these sites. We will look at how we can make them better known to people.

There is an online list of people who work as Personal Assistants for disabled people. People have said that it is not very easy to use. There are not many people on the list. We will work to see if we can make the filters work better and have more people on the list.

People have told us that some taxi companies charge more to take people in wheelchairs. This is against the law. We want to find out which companies are doing this and then ask the council to stop them.

We are going to write to the government's transport department to ask them to allow disabled people to use their bus pass before 9.30 in the morning.

The **Health** Working Group is looking at how to make health services work better for disabled people. This includes making it easier to use the health service and making sure staff know how to work well with disabled people.

To start with we are going to do the following things.

There are different 'health passports'. These allow people to write down things which are important to them if they go into hospital. We will work with different groups to see if it would be better to have health passport for different groups, or if it is better for each group to have their own.

Some people with learning disabilities and autism have a 'red bag' to take into hospital with them. This helps will

make it easier for the person to take things they need into hospital. It also helps tell staff that the person has extra support needs.

We want to make sure that more people know about the red bag. We will work with Waddiloves Health Centre to help promote this scheme. We will also work with other groups of disabled people to see if something like this would be useful for them.

When disabled people go into hospital it is often useful for staff to be able to see that a person may have additional needs easily.

It was suggested that people have an additional wrist band which clearly shows a person's needs with a symbol.

We will work with Bradford Hospitals Trust to see if it is possible to develop this.

The '**How do we know services are working well**' group has been looking at how people can give feedback and share their views on care services.

The group looked at 'I' statements. These are statements which start 'I am' or 'I feel'. They allow people to talk about the services they use.

We have worked with the council to make sure that these will be understood by people who use care services. This means they need to be quite short. They also shouldn't have long or jargon words.

We started thinking about how people who use care settings such as care homes, home care support and day

services can give feedback about the services they use. It needs to be easy for people to share their views.

Learning Disabilities and Neurodiversity Plans

Bradford Council and the NHS are working on plans to make things better for people with learning disabilities and neurodiverse conditions (things like autism, ADHD or Tourette's Syndrome).

There are different plans for learning disabilities and neurodiversity. However, some people live with both and this should be recognised.

Some of the things which the plans are looking at are:

Support in the community

Help to live independently

Looking for work and being in work

Using the health service

Moving from one service to another (this is called transitions).

There are going to be some meetings to look at the plans and say if we think they are good or bad.

These will be in Keighley, Bradford and online.

Carers and family members are welcome too.

The meetings for people with learning disabilities are:

Monday 9th September, 1 to 3pm, Keighley Healthy Living, 13 Scott Street, Keighley.

Monday 16th September, 1 to 3pm, Bradford City Hall,
Channing Way, Bradford

Online – Monday 9th September, 6.30 to 7.30pm. Please
email Samina.Khan@bdct.nhs.uk to get the link

The meetings for people with neurodiverse conditions are:

Friday 13th September, 10.30am to 12.30pm, Keighley
Civic Hall, North Street, Keighley

Monday 16th September, 10.30am to 12.30pm, Bradford
City Hall, Channing Way, Bradford

Online – Friday 13th September, 6.30 to 7.30pm. Please
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