

# Bradford Co-Production Partnership

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**Welcome**

Welcome to this latest edition of the Co-Production Partnership update.

Co-Production is about people who use services being genuine partners with people who work in them.

One of the things the Co-Production Partnership is going to focus on over the next few months is how disabled people can access health services.

In this edition of the Co-Production update we will look at how we are working to improve access to health services. We will also tell you about the engagement events which happened in September for people with learning disabilities and neurodiverse conditions. Finally, we will tell you about some other events which are happening soon.

## **Improving access to health**

Being able to use the health service is important for everyone. Disabled people don't always find this very

easy. The Co-Production Partnership has been looking at how to make health services better for disabled people.

When we go to hospital, it can be hard to say what we want and need. To help people with this a number of Hospital Passports have been developed.

We have found that there are different ones being used for learning disabilities, autism and dementia. We want to find out from people who use Hospital Passports if it would work if there was one document for all groups.

Members of BAVIP (Bradford Association of Visually Impaired People) are working with the eye team at Bradford Royal Infirmary. They will be getting staff to experience what it is like to move around the hospital with different types of visual impairment.

Earlier this year we brought together people with different access needs to look at the signs at BRI. People said how the main sign could be made easier to read and understand. We said that the words need to be clear. We also said that having all the information from A to Z was helpful.

When we are in hospital, staff do not always know that we have extra support needs. We thought that it would be a good idea for people to have an extra wrist band. This will tell staff that you may need extra help or for them to talk to you in a way which is best for you.

Tell us about your experience and get involved in making health services better for disabled people. Email [willq@equalitytogether.org.uk](mailto:willq@equalitytogether.org.uk) or call/ text 07432 264 881.

## **Airedale Hospital rebuild**

In September it was confirmed that Airedale Hospital has been told that they will get the money to get a new building. They need a new hospital building as the current one has been built with a type of concrete that does not last for very long. This means it will need to be replaced soon.

The new hospital will be on the same site as the current hospital. This is at Steeton, between Keighley and Skipton. The current hospital will keep on running in the old building until the new hospital is ready to open.

Having a new hospital building means that disabled people can say what they need to make sure it is really accessible.

Listening to what people tell us will help to get this right first time and make sure the hospital meets everyone's needs.

The new hospital will take a few years to build. It is hoped that it will be finished and ready to see patients in 2030.

If you want to find out more, you can visit the website <https://www.airedale-trust.nhs.uk/about-us/securing-the-future-of-airdale/our-vision-for-the-future-a-new-state-of-the-art-airdale-general-hospital/>

If you want to have your say or get involved in designing the hospital, email [anhsft.yournewhospital@nhs.net](mailto:anhsft.yournewhospital@nhs.net)

or you can call or text 07386 682 517.

## **Access to GP (family doctor) services**

Most people know that it can be difficult to get an appointment with a GP (family doctor). We want to know if there are things which make it even harder for disabled people to get an appointment than other people.

This is an issue which Bradford Council's Health and Care Committee will be looking at soon,

We have developed a short survey to find out about the experience of disabled people when using GP services. The survey takes 5 to 10 minutes to complete. You can fill it out online <https://equalitytogether.org.uk/disabled-people-and-access-to-gp-family-doctor-services/>

## **Learning disabilities and neurodiversity plans**

The Co-Production Partnership has been working with Bradford District Care Trust (NHS) and Bradford Council.

We worked together to find out what people with learning disabilities and neurodiverse conditions thought were the important things in the neurodiversity and learning disabilities action plans.

People thought it was really important that staff who work for the council and NHS know about learning disabilities and neurodiversity. More training for staff is planned and will involve people with learning disabilities and neurodiverse conditions.

Another important thing for people was being part of a community. This means that community based services will need to have the money to run good services.

# Other events and chances to have your say and be involved

We are wanting to let you know about the following events and opportunities to have your say and be involved. Please note that these are not organised by the Co-Production Partnership.

## Safe and Sound Consultation

Safe and Sound supports people to stay safe and independent in their own home. This service allows disabled and elderly people to let others know if there is a problem, like they have fallen or are stuck.

Bradford Council want to know what is important in this service for the people who use it.

At the moment people pay some money each week to use the service. The council are wanting to change these costs for some of the people who use it. Some people will pay more. Others will pay less.

The council are running some events to find out what people think. These are for people who use the service and their family members and carers.

Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 11AM	Bradford City Hall Banqueting Suite, Bradford	<a href="#">To book your ticket click here</a>
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Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 10AM	Sedburgh Sports Centre, Bradford	<a href="#">To book your ticket click here</a>
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 12.30PM	Online	<a href="#">To book your ticket click here</a>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 6.30 PM	Online	<a href="#">To book your ticket click here</a>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 10AM	Victoria Hall, Keighley	<a href="#">To book your ticket click here</a>

If you are unable to attend the events, you can still take part by completing the online survey. [The Safe and Sound Consultation - General Questionnaire \(office.com\)](#)

For more information follow this link

<https://bradford.moderngov.co.uk/mgConsultationDisplay.aspx?ID=740>

The consultation runs until Monday 11 November 2024

### **Bradford City Centre Street Audit**

Anyone who has been in the centre of Bradford recently knows that whilst the regeneration work is going on, it has become difficult to get around. This is even harder for disabled people.

There have been regular meetings between disabled people and the team managing the work. They walk around areas of the city centre and look at what can be done to make things easier for disabled people whilst the work is going on.

The next walk around is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November, at 11 AM. Meeting at Bradford City Hall public entrance, at the junction of Channing Way and Hall Ings, BD1 1HY

### **BAVIP: Better Together event**

BAVIP (Bradford Association of Visually Impaired People) are holding an event. They are inviting people who are visually impaired to find out about the support which is available. It will also be a chance to socialise and be entertained.

The event is on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November. It starts at 10.30 and finishes at 3.

It is at Fountain's Church, Little Horton Lane, Bradford.

To book your place please email

[willq@equalitytogether.org.uk](mailto:willq@equalitytogether.org.uk) or call/ text/ WhatsApp  
07432 264 881

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