

# Bradford Co-Production Partnership

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Co-Production  
Partnership



Sharing the power

## Welcome

A decorative image showing the year '2026' in large, glowing, light-bulb-style numbers against a dark background with bokeh lights.	<p>Welcome to the first update of 2026 from the Bradford Co-Production Partnership.</p> <p>Co-Production is about disabled people and people who run services working together to make them better.</p>
A 3D rendering of a long, two-story red brick building with multiple windows and chimneys, representing housing.	<p>In this edition we will look at some work we will be doing around housing.</p>
A photograph of a modern electric wheelchair with a black seat and backrest, blue frame, and large rear wheels.	<p>You can find out about the government's plans to update the rules around powered mobility aids. This includes things like the rules for electric wheelchairs.</p>
A photograph of two women standing next to a whiteboard. One woman is pointing at the board while the other looks on, representing training or a meeting.	<p>There is information on the Oliver McGowan training being delivered by people with lived experience of autism and learning disabilities for health and care staff.</p>

# Housing



Where we live is really important. Whether we live in a house or a flat, on our own or with other people, our housing matters.



We want to hear from disabled people about what the important issues are for them about housing.



Many people in the Bradford District don't have housing which is right for them.

Disabled people can have less choice of good housing than other people



We will tell Bradford Council what people have said are the important issues. This will help them make a plan for housing in the district.








We will be having some meetings for disabled people to tell us about what is important for housing.

These are on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 1 - 2.30 at Manningham Mills Community Centre, Lilycroft Road, Bradford, BD9 5BD

Or Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 1 – 2.30 at Central Hall, Alice Street, Keighley, BD21 3JD

Please let us know if you have any access needs. Email [willq@equalitytogether.org.uk](mailto:willq@equalitytogether.org.uk)

# Plans to change the rules around powered mobility aids (electric wheelchairs and mobility scooters)


	<p>The government is wanting to hear from people about how to make the rules around electric wheelchairs and mobility scooters work better. These are called 'powered mobility aids'.</p>
	<p>Many of the current rules were written in the 1980s. Since then, the technology available has changed.</p>
	<p>They want to know how people who use them can have more independence and choice.</p>
	<p>They want to make sure that if there are changes, everyone who is on the road or pavement can remain safe.</p>
	<p>The government consultation documents are available at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/reviewing-the-law-for-powered-mobility-devices/reviewing-the-law-for-powered-mobility-devices">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/reviewing-the-law-for-powered-mobility-devices/reviewing-the-law-for-powered-mobility-devices</a></p> <p>It is available in easy read at <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/695d480ff41883f4e50ed9e5/dft-powered-mobility-devices-easy-read.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/695d480ff41883f4e50ed9e5/dft-powered-mobility-devices-easy-read.pdf</a></p>

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## Oliver McGowan training

	<p>All staff working in health and care should be trained in working with people with learning disabilities or autism. There is a programme called Oliver McGowan Training which will help make this happen.</p>
	<p>The NHS are looking for people with learning disabilities or who have autism to help train staff. It will mean talking about your experience, and how you want staff to treat you.</p>
	<p>If you want to find out more about being a trainer, there is an information session. This will be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January. It will be held at New Mill in Saltaire.</p>
	<p>If you want to join the session contact Anthony. You can email <a href="mailto:olivermcgowan.training@bthft.nhs.uk">olivermcgowan.training@bthft.nhs.uk</a> You can call or text 07970285152</p>

## Contact the Co-Production Partnership

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