

26th March 2010

Mental Health in Bradford and Airedale

Bradford LINK's mental health workgroup is now up and running.

The first meeting took place on March 25th. Members talked about what the group will do. They decided they should make sure that people with mental health problems in the district understand any new plans for services that might affect them and get their voices heard. They also want to look at how these people use GPs and other primary care services. The group wants to make sure people from all different communities and backgrounds get the same standard of care.

The next meeting will be held on

Monday 10th May

2:30pm

Victoria Hall

Keighley

BD21 3JN

If you would like to get involved, please call 01535 665258 and ask to speak to a member of the LINK team. Or you can email mentalhealth@bradfordlink.org.uk

North Street Surgery Keighley

Bradford LINK is working with the Health Partnership Project to get people's views on changes being made at one GP surgery in Keighley.

Dr Alim is retiring from North Street surgery in April. All services will continue to be delivered. The surgery will remain where it is for now but it will move in the future into a more modern building. The NHS is asking people's opinions on where they think the surgery should move to and what new services should be available there.

The Health Partnership Project and Bradford LINK will be helping the NHS community development team to get people's opinions. There will be a series of events where patients from North Street surgery can make their voice heard. So watch this space.

New provider at Eccleshill

NHS Bradford & Airedale is looking at new providers for the independent treatment centre at Eccleshill. Two organisations are bidding to run services there and Bradford LINK has been asked to help choose between them.

If you have views about Eccleshill please get in touch with melvyn@bradfordlink.org.uk.

Yorkshire Ambulance Service and Yorkshire LINKs Working Together

People from Local Involvement Network's (LINKs) across the whole of Yorkshire met with Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) earlier this month. The conference in Wakefield was a chance to share information and look at ways of working in the future.

The Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) was formed on 1st July 2006 to serve the whole of the Yorkshire region which covers almost 6,000 square miles.

Regional LINKs, including Bradford LINK, are now looking at ways to move forward in making sure that patient's voices and views are heard by the ambulance service.

Autism and Asperger's Syndrome Report

Bradford LINK's report on Autism and Asperger's syndrome is out now. It is based on what people told us at a recent meeting. Around 50 people

whose lives are affected by the conditions came to talk about what support they need.

The report has been handed to the people who decide what services should be available in the district.

To read more follow this link. www.bradfordlink.org.uk/files/Autism_and_Aspergers_Meeting_report.pdf

Bradford LINK is helping to form a work group that will meet regularly to find ways of making change happen.

The next meeting will be held on

Monday 19th April

10am-12pm

Victoria Hall

Saltaire

BD18 3JS

If you would like to know more please get in touch with Becky Mears on 01535 665258 or email becky@bradfordlink.org.uk

**Places at our Dignity Champions
Network event are filling up fast!**

Book now

Wednesday April 28th

2pm-4pm

East Riddlesden Hall, Nr Keighley

**Email info@bradfordlink.org.uk or
call 01535665258**