

## How will you get involved in the new NHS?

The coalition government published a **White Paper** on July 12<sup>th</sup> called *Equity and excellence: liberating the NHS*. It sets out their ideas on how the way health services in the UK should change. A consultation is underway and people have until **October 5<sup>th</sup>** to voice their opinions on these ideas.

In September there will be several chances to tell the government what you think of their ideas for changing the NHS. You can attend one of the following events. Bradford LINK's own event will be on:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September  
11am – 1pm  
Bradford Resource Centre  
BD1 5DT

At this event you will find out what's in the White Paper and the changes it will make to the way people's voices are heard in making decisions about services.

Please book your place now. Call Bradford LINK on 01535 665258.

## Regional Consultation

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September  
10.30am – 3.30pm  
Leeds Civic Hall  
Millennium Square  
Leeds LS1 1UR

Regional Voices is hosting this consultation event that will look at all of the White Paper, not just the parts about involving people. There will be representatives from the Regional Voices networks and senior Department of Health officials.

Bradford LINK will support you if you want to go to this event.

## Regional LINK event

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September  
Regional LINK Event on the White Paper  
Leeds

The regional LINKs network is holding an event in Leeds to talk about HealthWatch Engagement Document. We will know soon what time the event will be and where it will be held.

**If you want to go to these events on behalf of Bradford LINK please get in touch with Melvyn or Marcella on 01535 665258.**

# Connect

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Bradford LINK has written some summaries of the White Paper and the consultation papers. If you want to read more about what ideas the government have put forward you can find the summaries on Bradford LINK's website.

[www.bradfordlink.org.uk/whitepaper](http://www.bradfordlink.org.uk/whitepaper)

If you want a hard copy of these summaries please call a member of the Bradford LINK support team on 01535 65258 or email [melvyn@bradfordlink.org.uk](mailto:melvyn@bradfordlink.org.uk).

## Easier Access Event

An event is being put on in Bradford for people who want to get involved in improving life for people with disabilities in the district. At the Easier Access event people can get involved with workshops and find out more information about services around in the district.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
10am-4pm  
Tong School  
Westgate Hill Street  
BD4 6NR

To find out more about this event get in touch with Jeanette Booth by

emailing

[Jeanette.booth@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:Jeanette.booth@bradford.gov.uk) or

call 01274 437957

## Positive Minds

The next Positive Minds meeting is on:

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September

2pm – 4pm

Age Concern Bradford

Positive Minds is an action group that looks at ways of improving the help older people get for depression.

If you would like to know more call Marcella Celli on 01535 665258 or email [marcella@bradfordlink.org.uk](mailto:marcella@bradfordlink.org.uk).

## What to expect from your hospital

Following the introduction of a new law, all NHS hospitals in England must now be licensed by the Care Quality Commission (CQC). They must show that they are meeting new standards of quality and safety. CQC has published a leaflet which tells patients, carers and families, what they can expect. The leaflet can be read or downloaded from CQC's website at [www.cqc.org.uk](http://www.cqc.org.uk)