

Update
Friday 30th July

The future of the NHS

The government has published a White Paper which is their ideas about what changes should be made to the NHS. In the last edition of Connect Update we summarised some of their ideas on new powers for GPs and the future of Local Involvement Networks like Bradford LINK.

In this edition of connect we have written summaries of some of their other ideas including:

- How the government wants to give people using the NHS **more say** in how it is run.
- How the government wants to give people **better information** about medical conditions
- Government ideas on ways to give people **more choice** about how, when and where their health is looked after.

If you would like to read more, you can download a copy from our website:

www.bradfordlink.org.uk/whitepapersummary2

The government has also written four consultation papers. A consultation paper is one that asks people what

they think about government ideas. We have also written some summaries of the papers. You can download copies by following this link.

www.bradfordlink.org.uk/WPconsultation

In the next edition of Connect Update we will have our final summary of the government White Paper about the future of the NHS and any new consultation papers that have been written by the government.

Have Your Say

An event is taking place on **Thursday September 16th** to give people across the country a chance to find out more about the ideas set out in the White Paper and talk about how they might work. We will give you more details about the event when we have them. Bradford LINK also hopes to organise an event in the district later this year. Watch this space!

World Mental Health Day

Planning is underway for this year's World Mental Health Day. It's happening on **October 10th**. A group of people who work for mental health services in Bradford and Airedale and

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who use these services, met to talk about what should happen in the district to mark the day. These people are going to work together to put on an event that highlights the importance of good mental health, raises awareness of the services available to people in the area and helps remove the stigma that can be attached to mental health conditions. The next planning meeting is coming up soon:

Tuesday August 10th
10am-1pm
Cellar Project
Fairfield Road
Shipley
BD18 4QP

If you want to know more about World Mental Health day or want to get involved in planning an event to mark the day, please contact **Marcella Celli** on **01535 665258** or email marcella@bradfordlink.org.uk

Your Care, Your Choice:
Autism and Asperger's
Syndrome

The autism and Asperger's syndrome work group will be meeting with

commissioners from Bradford council to talk about how **personalisation** should work in the district.

Personalisation means having more control over the care you receive. It means making decisions about what services will help you live your life. That might mean deciding how your own care budget is spent. **Commissioners** are people who make decisions on health and social care services available in the district.

The workgroup is also helping Bradford Council to write a new plan about how it will help people with autism and Asperger's syndrome.

The next workgroup meeting is coming up:

Thursday 5th August
1pm-3pm
Victoria Hall
Saltaire
BD18 3JS

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