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New Government, New Plans

The new government started work earlier this month. It has written a paper telling us what they plan to do in the next 5 years about health and social care.

Some of the changes they want to make to health care include cutting the number of organisations that look at health and letting people vote on whether hospitals and their staff are doing their job. Some of the changes they want to make to social care include helping charities and community groups to do more to grow and help run public services and giving carers more chance to take some time away from the person they care for.

Bradford LINK has written a summary of the new government's plans. You can download a copy from our website.

<http://www.bradfordlink.org.uk/>

If you would like us to post you a copy please call Bethan Davies on 01535

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Bradford's Advocacy Network

As this newsletter went to press, a big meeting was taking place about **advocacy** in Bradford. Jae Hargan is working with Bradford LINK to set up a new advocacy network in the district. We'll have more details on what people talked about at the meeting and what is going to happen.

If you want to know more about Bradford's Advocacy Network you can call Jae Hargan on 01535 665258 or email jae@bradfordlink.org.uk

Autism and Asperger's Syndrome

Bradford LINK's Autism and Asperger's Syndrome work group will be meeting again later this month. A commissioner who helps make important decisions about services for people with these conditions will be there to listen to what the group members say. We'll have more details about what happened in our next update.

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Airedale Hospital Dignity Suggestion Boxes

There is now a chance to tell staff at Airedale Hospital what you think of they can do to help make sure everyone that comes through their doors is treated with dignity and respect. Dignity suggestion boxes have been placed in the Main Reception and in the Outpatients department.

Staff members will read the suggestions and they will be put forward at the hospital's Dignity Forum and the Essence of Care Meetings.

Out of the Box

If you're using the internet to influence health and social care services in the Bradford district, you might be interested in a big event coming up next month.

Out of the Box is a free national conference taking place in Birmingham on Tuesday June 22nd. It is about using the web to connect, encourage, and inspire people and services to think and act differently.

The event organisers say the web is helping shape the future so it won't be top-down any more. They hope people will share ideas on how to make change happen through the internet.

If you're interested in going you can find out more and register at:

<http://box10.eventbrite.com/>

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