

Connect Update
12th March 2010

Bradford & Airedale Mental Health Forum

Bradford LINK is thinking about new ways to support the Bradford & Airedale Mental Health Forum. We are holding an event to find ways of doing this.

Thursday 25th March

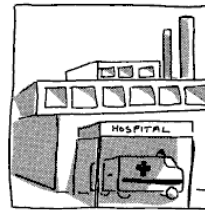
10.30 - 12.30 with lunch to follow
Kirkgate Centre Shipley BD18 3EH

The Bradford & Airedale Mental Health Forum is unique and useful because it cares about ALL mental health services in the district. We hope the meeting will help us develop a programme to make us an effective voice with the people who fund and provide mental health services.

If you would like to attend please email emerson@bradfordlink.org.uk or you can call the Bradford LINK support team on 01535 665258.

About 50 people attended our recent meeting about health and social care services of people with Autism and Asperger's Syndrome in Bradford. We are producing a report based on everything that was said at the meeting. It will be emailed out to everyone who came as well as the decision makers at Bradford Council. If you would like a copy please email info@bradfordlink.org.uk

Bradford LINK Visits Group



Bradford LINK has the power to visit any health or social care service for adults in the district, to make sure it is working well for the people who use it.

Our volunteers are forming a Visits Group. Members will be able to arrange to view services if they believe there is a need for a check-up.

Anyone who represents Bradford LINK on this group needs to complete a one-day workshop.

The workshop will include:

- ✓ understanding the powers of Bradford LINK
- ✓ finding out what these visits will achieve
- ✓ looking at codes of conduct and behaviour
- ✓ learning how to record the findings of a visiting group

The next workshop is
Enter and View Visits Skills
Wednesday 24th March

10am-4pm
Bradford Resource Centre,
17-21 Chapel Street
BD1 5DT

To book a place please email info@bradfordlink.org.uk or call 01535 665258

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Positive Minds March Meeting

Positive Minds is a group that looks at ways to make sure older people with depression get the treatment and support they need in Bradford and the surrounding District.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 16th March 2010,
2pm-4pm
Age Concern
19-25 Sunbridge Road
Bradford, BD1 2AY

To find out more call Julie Lintern on
01274 728216

Living with Dementia

People whose lives are affected by dementia can find out more about the condition at an event taking place this month. It will feature a Question and Answer session chaired by Dr Ruth Bartlett of Bradford Dementia Group. Two people who have dementia will be sitting on the panel, along with a representative from the National Dementia Strategy in England.

Friday March 19th
2.00 – 5.00 pm.
Otley Court House,
Courthouse Street,
Otley,
LS21 3AN

If you would like to attend please contact John Chatwin.
Email j.chatwin@bradford.ac.uk or call
01274 23 6494

Dying Matters

There is a chance for people in Bradford and Keighley to talk about dying, death and bereavement on **Monday March 15th**. The Dying Matters Campervan is coming to town. The aim is to encourage people to talk more openly about the subject of death and what they want to happen when their time comes.

NHS Bradford and Airedale is a member of the Dying Matters Coalition and a series of activities and events have been organised to encourage people to talk to friends, families and loved ones about their wishes.

To find out more visit
www.dyingmatters.org

Whose Community is it?

How can local people have more power and influence over decisions about their communities? That is the question that will be asked at an upcoming event for community groups and active residents from across Yorkshire. The 'Whose Community is it?' has been organised by the regional Community Panel.

Wednesday 24th March
10:30-3:30
Doncaster Trades Conference Centre

For more information call Tony Herrmann at COGS on 0114 268 7070
or email mail@cogs.uk

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The logo for Bradford LINK features a group of orange silhouettes of people standing together, representing a community or family.

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