



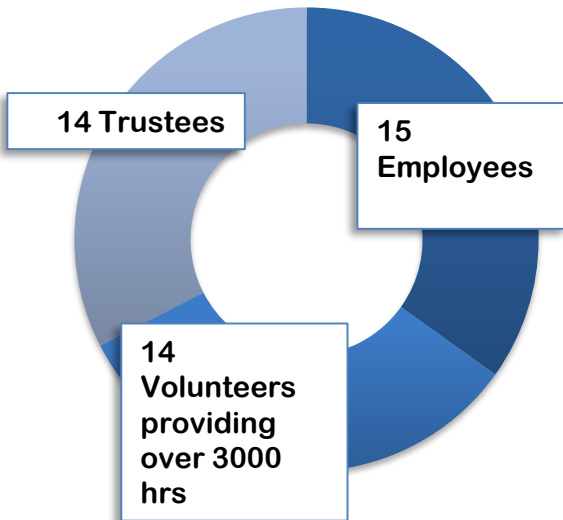
Disability Sheffield
Centre for Independent Living

Our vision is for Sheffield to be a place where disabled people have freedom, equality and independence

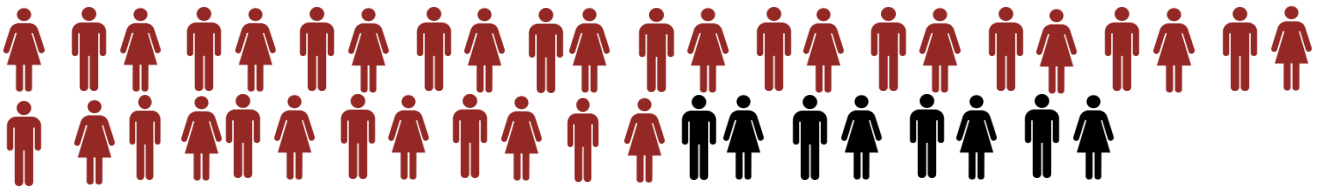
Our Aims

We work with disabled people and the wider community to:

- Promote Inclusive Living
- To campaign for equality and complete control
- To co-produce innovative solutions to the barriers disabled people face.



Of our **43** employees, trustees and volunteers **81%** have a disability or long term impairment



During 2017/18 we hosted 2 social work students

We achieve our aims by:

Campaigning for change through strengthening the voice of disabled people

Facilitating the Disability Hub as part of the Equality Hub Network, raising issues of concern for disabled people in the City, for example barriers to accessing transport



Sheffield Voices our learning disability group raising awareness around Hate Crime.



One of our workers has gone on secondment to the DWP for 20 months to work with staff aimed at improving the service disabled people receive,



Contributing to discussions with other user-led organisations. e.g. attending round table discussion on legislating for Article 19 of the United Nations Convention for Rights of People with a Disability



An alliance of Disabled People & our organisations in England

Developing and delivering services which promote inclusive living – and promote good practice across Sheffield and nationally

Over the past year we have secured funding to enable us to provide a range of services and projects :



Health Advocacy and information service



Sheffield Advocacy Hub – delivery of statutory advocacy in partnership with Cloverleaf and Citizens Advice Sheffield (who are key partners)



Organised training programme for over 50 personal assistants employed by people in receipt of a direct payment



Developed a workbook and animation on Digital Security for people in receipt of a direct payment who employ a personal assistant. Funded by SfC the animation was produced by FlyCheese Production who work with people with Autism.



Expanded the provision of our inclusive cycling project 'Sheffield Cycling 4 All' to provide more sessions, between 30 and 40 people access the bikes each week.



Continued to promote the Access Card as a means of breaking down barriers for disabled people, funded by SCC,



began to work with Sheffield Carers Centre to develop a Carers Card recognising barriers they also face.

Widening our reach to disabled people and developing our networks with other organisations and disabled peoples groups

Over the Past Year we have worked in partnership with a range of organisations including:

Rotherham and Sheffield Branch of MS Society to develop a benefits service for people with MS. (Citizens Advice Sheffield support us to deliver the service)



Sheffield Occupational Health Advisory Service (SOHAS)
Working to Prevent and Alleviate the Effects of Work on Health

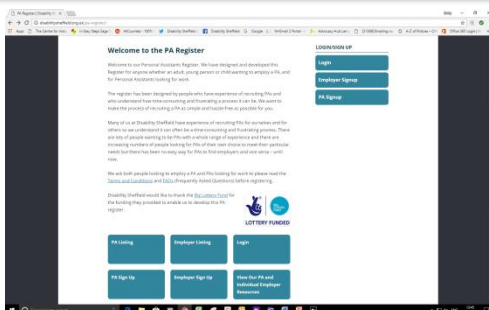
SOHAS on  funded project employing 4 disabled people to carry out research with employers on their experience of employing disabled people.

Our advocate, a British Sign Language User, worked with HealthWatch Sheffield and Citizens Advice Sheffield to investigate the experiences of Deaf people accessing health and social care in Sheffield



In the past year we had contact with over 1000 disabled people and people with a long term impairment

Over 100 PAs and over 60 people who employ PAs used our on-line PA Register



500 people regularly received our weekly news