

Disability Hub

28 June 2017

Actions and notes



Attendees

- Andrew Crooks (AC), Disability Sheffield
- Andy Fletcher
- Craig Williams (CW), Disability Hub Vice Chair
- Deborah Sunday, Disability Sheffield
- Edd Harford, Sheffield City Council (SCC)
- Enid Bensa
- Gail Davies
- Garth Nevin, SCC, Gibson House
- Gemma Gervis, Disability Sheffield
- Gina Rashid
- Grace Parry, Disability Sheffield
- Hardeep Pabla, FaithStar LLP
- Ian Furness, DWP
- Jake Green, Disability Sheffield
- John Quinn (JQ), Disability Hub Chair
- K Bradburn, Leonard Cheshire Disability
- Kath Housley, LGBT+ Hub
- Laura Hegarty, Showroom/Women's Hub
- Lauren Sweeney, Support Dogs
- Lisa Markham, Women's Hub/Sheffield Feminist Network
- Martin Brighton, VolCom
- Patricia Western
- R Allen, Leonard Cheshire Disability
- Rachel Sanchez, SCC
- Sam Cleasby, Scope
- Sarah Sheenan, SCC
- Simon Ovenden, SCC
- Steve Leedale, SCC, Gibson House

Apologies

- Angela Wells, SCC
- Cllr Dianne Hurst, SCC
- Faraz Choudhry, Heeley City Farm
- Fiona Harrison
- Louise Alford, Sheffield Hallam University
- Michael Edyvean, SCC
- Michelle Turner
- Paul Taylor, SCC
- Sarah McHardy, Sheffield Foundations
- Saskia Peet, Heeley City Farm
- Stacey Anderson

Actions

- Write to **Sheffield City Council** chiefs to look to setting up more support in terms of advice around PIP – **(Item 4) Disability Hub (JQ/CW/AC)**
- Roll out priority setting exercise and survey for wider Disability Hub Members **(Item 6) – AC**
- Follow up with **Healthwatch Sheffield** about potential joint work/event on Adult Social Care **(Item 7) Disability Hub (AC)**
- Put together Action Group for taxi issues in July – **(Item 8b) Disability Hub (AC)**
- Use results of the survey and prioritising exercise to produce the final Disability Hub Action Plan for 2017/18 – **(Item 9) Organising Group (AC)**

Welcome and introductions (Item 1)

Feedback from Disability Hub meeting 28 March 2017 (Item 2)

No comments or amendments.

Feedback from Equality Hub Network Board (Item 3)

- The Equality Hub Network (EHN) Board hasn't met due to the recruitment of a new independent Chair for the EHN Board.
- Lee Adams has been appointed as the Chair of the EHN Board.
- The next EHN Board meeting is Wednesday 20 September, 6pm to 7:30pm.

Personal Independence Payments (PIP) (Item 4)

- The 'Personal Independence Payment and the reassessment of Disability Living Allowance claimants' report by **Citizens Advice Sheffield** appraises the introduction of PIP for people already receiving DLA. Members can read the report at <https://citizensadvice.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/PIP-and-the-reassessment-of-DLA-claimants-April-2017.pdf>.
- It was put to the Disability Hub that elected representatives write to Sheffield City Council chiefs asking to set up local support in terms of advice to take people through the PIP process (**Action**).
- Participants were directed to a range of online videos and sources of help on PIP for disabled people:
 - How to Prepare for a Personal Independence Payment (PIP) Assessment: www.youtube.com/watch?v=gq5QV_SnkJs
 - 'Advice Now' Guides including 'How to Win a PIP Appeal': www.advicenow.org.uk/guides/help-directory
 - Disability Rights UK Personal Independence Payment (PIP) Guide: www.disabilityrightsuk.org/personal-independence-payment-pip

Tackling Poverty and the Welfare Reform Group (Item 5)

- Following the launch of 'Basic Income Sheffield', a project developed by the **Sheffield Equality Group**, local activists and academics, the Hub Organising Group wanted to mention ongoing work by the Sheffield Equality Group and the **Centre for Welfare Reform**.
- 'Basic Income Sheffield' is a movement to develop a Sheffield pilot of basic income – further info to be circulated with notes:
 - Sheffield Equality Group: <https://sheffieldequality.wordpress.com>
 - Centre for Welfare Reform is a useful depository on facts relating to poverty, including this link to Basic Income Sheffield: www.centreforwelfarereform.org/our-work/basic-income-sheffield.html

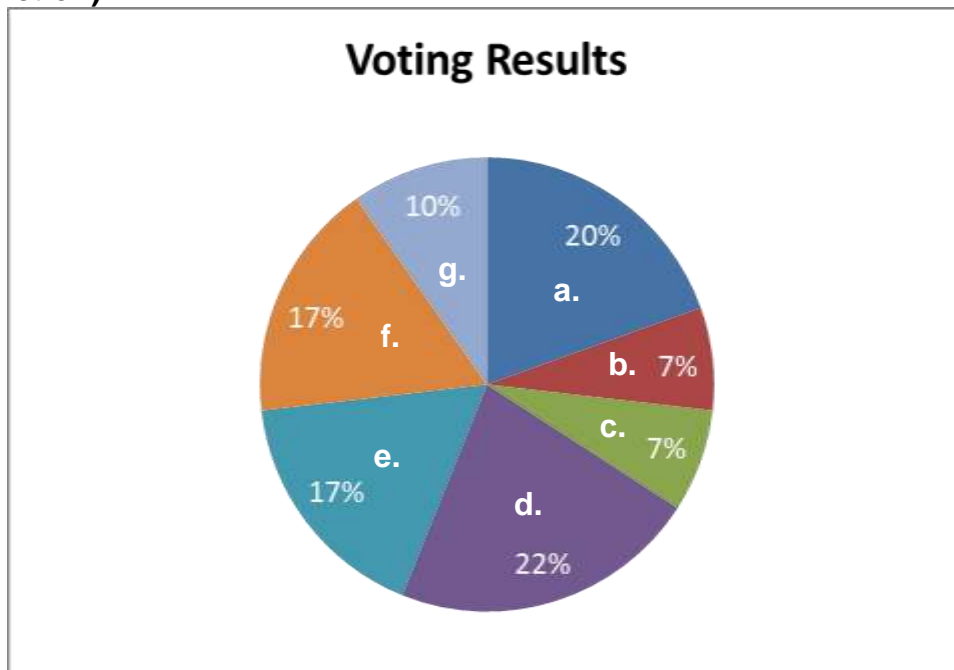
[Comfort break]

Priority issues and planning for the Disability Hub (Item 6)

- The session was introduced as a chance to conduct debate and voting on setting priority issues for the Disability Hub's annual plan, building on the work the group already started by Diane Owens on behalf of the EHN. Draft templates were available to participants.
- Participants were invited to take part in breakout groups to present 3 main areas and preferences for the issues they felt the Disability Hub considered most important in relation to accessible and equitable services for disabled people in Sheffield. Participants were separated into 4 groups. People were asked to express topics, words and actions they felt the Disability Hub should try and have most impact with over the duration of 1 year (**see separate document 'Breakout Groups Feedback - Disability Hub 28 Jun 2017'**).
- Participants used 2 votes on the topics put forward by all 4 groups. The exercise would be relayed to the wider Disability Hub membership who would be invited to take part by completing a survey based on the results collected, but also inviting them to submit additional ideas to be considered for action (**Action**).

Disability Hub Members presentations and voting on priority issues (Item 7)

- Everyone was reminded of the limited resources of the Hub and ultimately some may be disappointed their own particular issue may not be taken forward as a priority area.
 - a. **Access and Accessible housing** scored 8 votes.
 - b. **Advocacy** scored 3 votes at one table. Noted by one table that advocacy runs through all areas and priorities.
 - c. **Education** collected 3 votes.
 - d. **Employment** received 9 votes and all 4 tables talked about employment and received at least one vote each.
 - e. **Social care and Stopping isolation** collected 7 votes. All tables mentioned health and social care whilst two talked about living independently and living in dignity.
 - f. **Transport** collected 7 votes but only one table discussed the issue of transport.
 - g. **Joined together services**, including advice and advocacy received 3 votes. **Health** collected 1 vote only and one table talked about health and social care and one table talked about working with others ie with other Hubs and Healthwatch Sheffield (**Action**).



Updates (Item 8)

Independent advocacy (Item 8a)

- The Advocacy Hub has been set up.
- The Disability Hub's Advocacy Action Group can influence the Advocacy Hub in how it:
 - provides advocacy
 - promotes independent advocacy
- The Advocacy Action Group supports the notion of peer advocacy.

Transport Action Group (Item 8b)

- Action Group on taxi services is arranged for July (**Action**).
- Sheffield City Council is working on a new Transport Strategy to meet the needs of the city.
 - They hope to make this public at a Cabinet meeting in the autumn.
 - There will be a consultation on the vision and principles they have identified.
 - They are keen to engage with people with protected characteristics through the Disability Hub to ensure the Strategy is inclusive.
- In view of this it is proposed to adopt the name of 'Transport Action Group' rather than 'Taxi Action Group'.
- Disability Sheffield and Hub Reps had already met with the Council's Licensing service but still await a response to their queries.

Employment – DRILL (Item 8c)

- Disability Sheffield recruited 4 disabled people as researchers who will be working with SOHAS (Sheffield Occupational Health Advisory Service) to find out why employers are not employing people with disabilities.
- This project is being funded by the [DRILL programme](#) (Disability Research on Independent Living and Learning).

Leisure and Sport – Special Olympics (Item 8d)

To coincide with the Special Olympics, Disability Sheffield are planning a photographic exhibition in the Winter Gardens during August.

Next Steps

- The results of the prioritising exercise will be relayed to the wider Disability Hub membership who will be invited to take part by completing a survey based on the results collected.
- They will also be invited to submit additional ideas to be considered for action (**see Action in Item 6 above**).
- The Organising Group will then use the results of the survey together with the prioritising exercise to produce the final Disability Hub Action Plan for 2017/18 (**Action**).

Information sharing (Item 10)

- The Cross Hub Health Working Group have organised a Health event for the following day, Thursday 29 June 2017, 10am to 5pm at the Town Hall, reminding us that health continues to be a priority for most Hubs. For more info contact Hardeep Pabla, Health Working Group Lead – Hardeep.Pabla@faithstar.org, 0114 3503310.
- Pinknic – Kath Housley (LGBT Sheffield) invited the Disability Hub to take part in Sheffield's biggest inner city LGBT event on Saturday 15 July 2017, 12pm to 6pm at the Peace Gardens. Further info at www.pinknic.co.uk or email chair@lgbtsheffield.co.uk.
- Scope's Digital Inclusion Officer Sam Cleasby introduced herself and gave members details of the Scope online community: <https://community.scope.org.uk>

Close

Date of future meeting

Wednesday 27 September 2017, 10am to 12.30pm, The Circle

Comments and suggestions

“If anyone has any events to publicise, could they bring some hard copy info to the meetings.”

“It's quite a walk from the main bus stop at the Peace Gardens.”

“Holidays – such as brochures for cottages, Peak District are only written for fit car drivers it seems. This needs challenging with ‘Visit England’ and Access4All – really difficult to find practical info and on access to shops etc”

“Suggestions for disabled people to be more involved in services that deal with disabled people (either as employees or volunteers)”

“Very open, accessible, constructive and positive in the face of the wider landscape of cuts etc”

Sheffield City Council’s Citizen Space

Citizen Space is Sheffield City Council’s consultation hub. You can take part in consultations that interest you, and [sign up for alerts](#) on a wide range of topics, including ones for the Equality Hub Network. Visit <https://sheffield.citizenspace.com>.

There are lots of other ways to have your say on proposals and influence decisions, including attending [Council meetings](#).

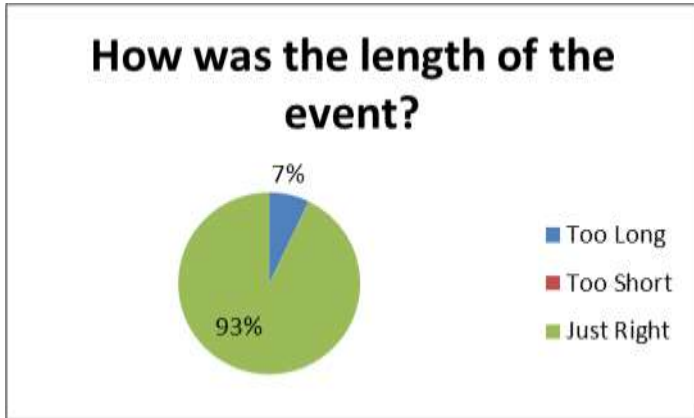
Evaluation of the meeting

Question 1 – Have you enjoyed the format?

Yes 100%
No 0%

Question 2 – How was the length of the event?

Too Long 7%
Just Right 93%
Too Short 0%

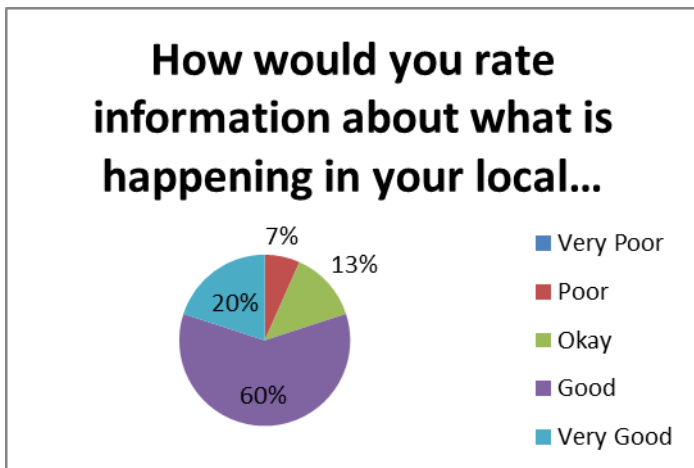


Question 3 – Did you feel able to participate?

Yes 100%
No 0%

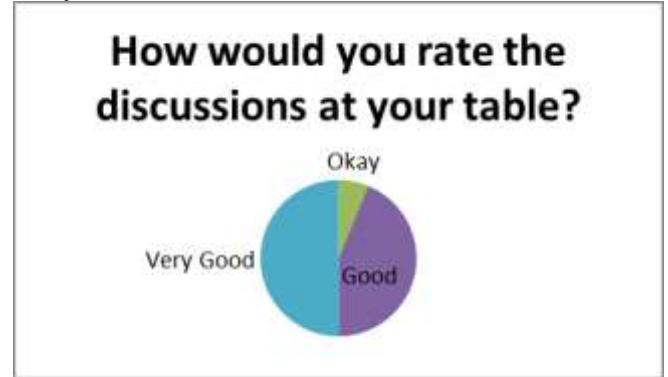
Question 4 – How would you rate information about what is happening in your local area?

Very Poor 0%
Poor 0%
Okay 25%
Good 50%
Very Good 25%



Question 5 – How would you rate the discussions at your table?

Very Poor 0%
Poor 0%
Okay 0%
Good 75%
Very Good 25%



Question 6 – Overall did you find the afternoon to be worthwhile?

Yes 100%
No 0%

Question 7 – Additional comments or suggestions?

Yes 100%
No 0%

Question 8 – Overall did you find the afternoon to be worthwhile?

Yes 100%
No 0%

Question 9 – Any other comments or anything you would find useful at the Disability Hub meetings? [See Page 4.](#)

Question 10 – Would you like to receive further information?

Yes 100%
No 0%

