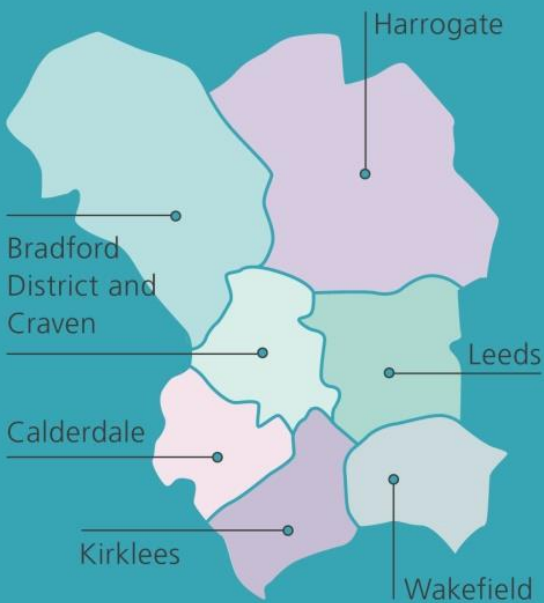


Telling our Partnership story



Proud to be the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership

Committed to improving the health and wellbeing of people living in:



- > Working to improve people's health with and for them
- > Improving people's experience of healthcare
- > Making every penny in the pound count
- > Working to keep people well and make life better for 2.7 million people living in West Yorkshire and Harrogate.

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Keeping people connected -

helping autistic and neuro-diverse people during Covid-19



What's happening?

The coronavirus outbreak has had an impact on everybody's life. Social distancing is hard for everyone and for some autistic people, it can trigger intense stress and lead to a meltdown or a shut down.

The eight week **Keeping Connected** project worked with specialist organisations from across the area. These organisations made contact with people with autism who live independent lives in their own homes or shared housing and who might not have the support networks of family and carers.

They asked the people they contacted how they could be better supported during the pandemic.

What we are doing

We aim to reduce the risk of self-harm and self-neglect by connecting autistic people who live independently with local community support and services and to take a proactive approach with our partners to reach out to people in our communities that otherwise would not be able to access support to keep them safe and well.

We have worked with specialist organisations from across the area including, People First, Equality Together, Specialist Autism Services, Advonet, Autism Plus, Support 2 Recovery, Cloverleaf, The Society 4 Neurodiversity and Keyring to reach out to autistic people in our six places who may benefit from extra connections during the coronavirus outbreak.

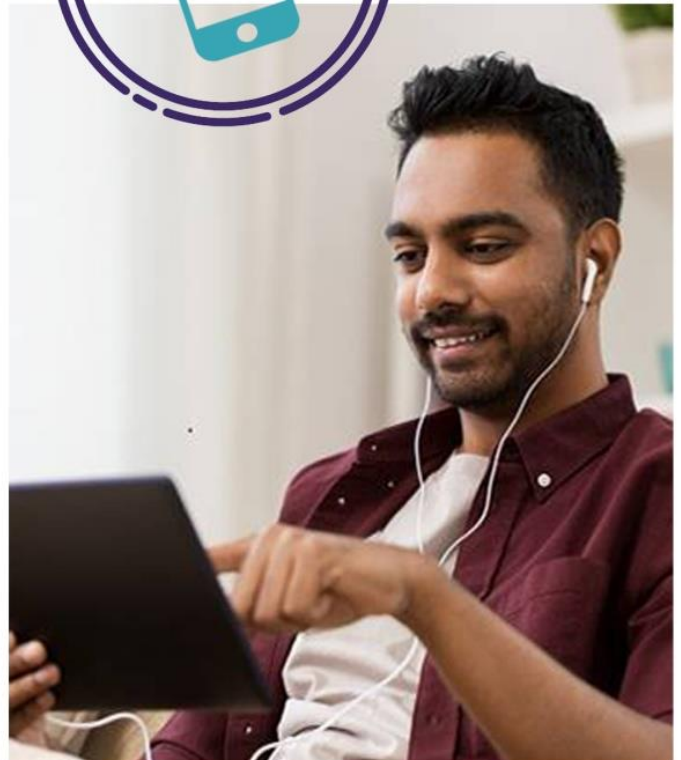
What's next?

Autistic people and people with ADHD or a learning disability, think, sense and process the world differently so it's really important that a service exists to make sure people with neuro-diverse conditions, such as autism, ADHD and learning disability understand the current guidance so they can stay safe and well.

This project has provided them with the opportunity to connect with other neuro-divergent people which can provide a sense of belonging.

Organisations can also help neuro-divergent people to access support from other organisations when they need practical help.

Find out more about
[Keeping Connected](#)



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