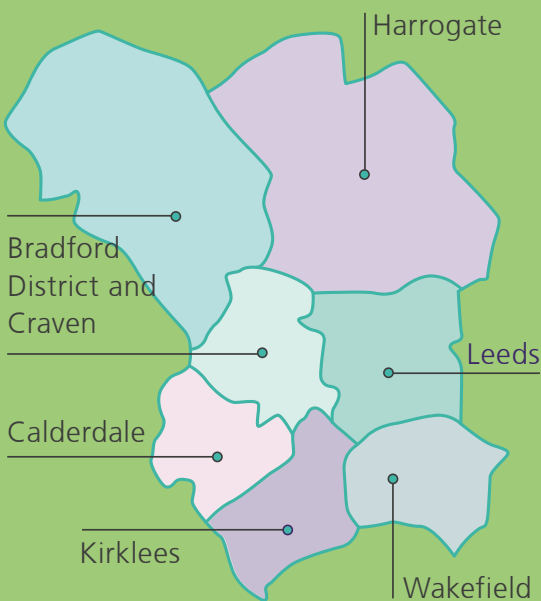


Telling our Partnership story



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 2.6 million people living in West Yorkshire and Harrogate.

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People with learning disabilities - health champions

Our ambition

People with a learning disability have worse physical and mental health than people without a learning disability. On average, the life expectancy of women with a learning disability is 18 years shorter than for women in the general population; and the life expectancy of men with a learning disability is 14 years shorter than for men in the general population (NHS Digital 2017).

We want people with learning disabilities in West Yorkshire and Harrogate to receive the best possible care. We also want people with learning disabilities to feel supported to have their say as they are the experts when it comes to knowing what help, support and personalised care they need.

What we are doing

We are working with people with learning disabilities so they can become health and care champions

for our priority programmes, including cancer, mental health, maternity care and hospitals working together.

These health and care champions will work with us and the wider community of people with learning disabilities to

further develop our plans and put them into action. We will do this by involving them in future conversations about improvement and asking them about their experience of care for people with learning disabilities.

This is a Partnership approach supported by councils and NHS organisations.



What next?

We are working with an organisation called Bradford Talking Magazine (BTM) for an initial period of 12 months. They will help us identify health and care champions with learning disabilities from all equality groups across West Yorkshire and Harrogate. Their involvement will help us become more informed in their experiences of using health and care services so we can improve the way we plan services.

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