



HEAR OUR VOICE

Sheffield's Learning Disabilities Strategy 2023-2030

Appendix 2 - How this strategy was developed

Introduction



This document is an add on to Hear Our Voice, Sheffield's Learning Disabilities Strategy 2023-2030.



Everything in our strategy came from people with learning disabilities, their families, and carers. This document explains how we did this.



You can find out more about the things we will do to help make the lives of people with a learning disability better in another document - 'All Come Together: Our 2023 Plan'. This will be updated every year.



The [Sheffield Learning Disabilities Partnership Board](#) will check the strategy every year to make sure we are doing what we said we would do. We'll work with our communities to figure out how we can share our progress in the best way. You can find out more about this in another document - 'How we'll check our plan's progress'.

How this strategy was developed



We spoke with around 500 people with learning disabilities, as well as their families and support staff and organisations that deliver or pay for services for people with a learning disability in Sheffield.

There were some key events.

- We Speak, You Listen
- Festival of Involvement
- Chance to Choose
- Provider Marketplace
- Big Voice Conference
- Learning Disability Service review.



We wanted as many people as possible to be able to share their views. People told us that formal meetings can be hard to take part in. We held informal discussions, surveys, and one-to-one conversations.



We also went to sessions that were already taking place, such as farming and outdoor sessions, coffee and chat groups, and gardening sessions. We visited 35 different day services, supported living, and respite services in and around Sheffield.



Chance to Choose was a creative project where we spoke to around 400 people in Sheffield.



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Sheffield

Disability Sheffield and Healthwatch Sheffield used their existing networks and connections to work with people in their communities, as well as developing new ones.

SHEFFIELD VOICES

We worked with Sheffield Voices to use more creative ways of hearing from our communities. We involved 8 different local creative organisations including, drama facilitators, artists, musicians, writers, puppeteers, a magician, and a vegetable art performer.



About 60 people came to 'We Speak, You Listen' at Hillsborough and Norfolk Park. These groups are now taking place in local areas, to make sure services keep listening.



We asked people about the services they use, such as supported living and respite care. We asked questions about what good services look like and what would make the lives of people with learning disabilities in Sheffield better.



Writing the strategy is the start of how we want to work better with our communities in Sheffield. We know we need to do more to listen to people who communicate differently and who come from different ethnic backgrounds.

Where to find support



To find out what support is currently available for people with a learning disability and their carers and families in Sheffield please visit

<https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/adults/>

Or call Sheffield City Council First Contact Team on **0114 273 4908**

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