# West Glamorgan Regional Partnership Workstream Brief Transport Project and Workshop



# **Summary**

## Why is this Important?

People with learning disabilities said transport is their top priority. Transport helps people access health and social care services, community activities, jobs, and education. Without good transport, people can feel isolated and unhappy.

### Who is Involved?

- Local Authority Transport Departments from Swansea and Neath Port Talbot.
- Parent carers.
- Third sector organizations.
- People with lived experience.
- Transport companies.
- Community transport schemes.
- Transport-related organisations.
- People with learning disabilities.
- Parents and carers.

### What Will We Do?

- Set up a group to plan a transport workshop for adults with learning disabilities.
- Raise awareness about the transport issues people face.
- Give people with learning disabilities a chance to talk to travel companies.
- Create a Travel Charter that outlines what people with learning disabilities expect when traveling.

### How Will We Do It?

Engage with all stakeholders.

Contact and invite travel companies and community transport schemes.

Promote the workshop to learning disability organizations.

Manage attendance and arrange transport to the venue.

Keep everyone updated on progress.

### **Timeline**

The transport priority work will run from January to March 2025.

The workshop, action plan, and feedback will be completed by Summer 2024.

# **Full Description**

# Why:

Why does this work need to be completed? Include the scope, context and fixed points.

Through engagement and coproduction with people with lived experience, transport was identified as the top priority within the Regional Learning Disability strategy.

Transport is a not an area under health and social care or covered under the West Glamorgan Regional Partnership, however it is an enabler to health and social care services.

Transport provides access to other priorities in the Regional Learning Disability Strategy including: My Community, Jobs and Volunteering, Getting the Right Care and Support and Lifelong Learning.

Transport barriers has been identified in several West Glamorgan population boards. Not having accessible transport can have a detrimental impact on wellbeing and mental health due to feeling constrained in how people can get out and about.

The Regional Learning Disability Strategy outlines transport barriers identified, and changes needed from the strategy's engagement. In response, the strategy has committed to:

- Working with travel companies to make them more learning disability aware
- Work with partners to facilitate low-cost community transport provision for people with a learning disability

### What:

What are you asking the workstream to do? What is the purpose?

A transport task and finish group will be set up to coproduce and plan a regional transport workshop for adults with learning disabilities.

By raising awareness of the transport issues that have been highlighted through the engagement work in the development of the strategy, we will be working towards the following outcomes:

- Raise awareness of the barriers people with learning disabilities face, when using public transport or trying to get around the region
- Providing people with learning disabilities with the opportunity to speak to travel companies and community transport schemes about their services and support already available, which will give transport companies the information and experiences direct
- Coproduce a Travel Charter on people with learning disabilities' expectations when traveling around the region

#### How:

A half day Transport workshop will be booked at Llys Nini, Penllergaer.

The Transport Task & Finish group will meet monthly in the lead up to the Transport Workshop to plan the content.

The Task & Finish Group will plan all elements of the workshop i.e. who to invite, what will be included on the agenda, coordination etc.

West Glamorgan Project Manager will project plan the workshop, including:

- Making contact, inviting and liaising with travel companies and community transport schemes regarding the transport workshop
- Promoting to learning disability organisations/people with learning disabilities
- Managing attendance and arranging transport to the venue
- Keeping the Task & Finish Group and Wellbeing and Learning Disability Board up to date with progress

### Who:

Who needs to be involved? Who are the specific stakeholders to include To ensure this project is coproduced, the task and Finish group will need to include partners from:

- Swansea and Neath Port Talbot Local Authority Transport Departments
- Parent Carer
- Third Sector
- People with lived experience

The transport workshop will require representation from:

- Transport companies
- Community transport schemes
- Transport related organisations
- People with learning disabilities
- Parents/carers

### When:

When does the work need to be completed by? Be realistic about timescales

The strategy's timeline for the transport priority is January until June 2024.

The workshop, action plan and feedback will be completed by Summer 2024.

Actions resulting from the workshop will continue after the workshop is held. An action plan will need to be created, monitored and reported back to the Wellbeing and Learning Disability Board, with any follow up actions discussed with the board.

Time commitment for task and finish group will be 2 to 3 meetings before the workshop and 1 or 2 meetings after the workshop.