

Welcome to the third newsletter from Select Support Partnerships.

Staff Consultation

A staff consultation has taken place across all of our services. The feedback received from this consultation has helped to feed into the strategic development of SSP.

Thank you to everyone who completed their feedback forms.

Update in our Services

Blackburn

SSP are developing services in Blackburn. We are currently in negotiation with Blackburn With Darwen for a new supported living service.

Blackburn's Outreach team is going from strength to strength with the introduction of new outreach packages in the Blackburn with Darwen Area.

Oldham

Following a period of consultation our Oldham team are ready to consider new services. We are currently exploring New Supported Living Services and Support with Friends Group.

Liverpool

Our Liverpool Service is expanding with the new Supported Living Scheme. This is 5 supported flats for people with Mental Health Issues.

LATEST NEWS

LD PARTNERSHIPS

James Holme, Team Manager, Nadia Amin and Balquees went to the learning disability partnership meeting at Bank Top Neighbourhood Learning Centre on 3.4.14.

The meeting was held so people with learning disabilities could highlight what was working and what was not working in Blackburn With Darwen and what changes could be made to improve support and community based activities.

There were several issues raised with the meetings committee, one of which was:

- People with Learning Disabilities obtaining a job in the community and having support to keep their job.

Nadia, Balquees and James were asked to join a team with some other people at the meeting. They came up with some good ideas that were written and passed onto the board.

Balquees enjoyed attending the meeting and said:

" I really enjoyed the meeting and would like to go again."

A big thank you to Nadia for Supporting Balquees and all your input into the meeting.



ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Kelly Walling, Stephen Beswick and Nerjivane Sylva attended an event at Ewood Park on 4.3.14 promoting assistive technology.

Technology (rather than football) was on the agenda and there were a number of demonstrations of products that are available to promote individual independence.

A big thank you to all who attended.

VIDEO STARS!

Employees Azhar Abbas and Claire Bibby have been asked to participate in a promotional video following the successful introduction of assistive technology. During the video they talk about how we are embracing and utilising the technology to assist individuals within our services. The video will be used to promote assistive technology within different boroughs of the UK.



WHATS GOING ON

MY HOBBY

Chris a Service User from Blackburn attended a wrestling event back in April 2013. He recently brought in a picture (see below) and wrote a few words about the event.

" I went to London at the O2 Arena, April 12th 2013 to watch WWE Smackdown. The camera pointed up at me when the Sheild Dean Ambrose, Seth Rollings and Romeh Reigns came down the steps. I was next to them. It was Undertaker Vs Dean Ambrose single match, none of them had championship belts. Undertaker won the match! I'm on TV and I'm famous. My Support Worker Lewis, touched Dean Ambrose on the shoulder."



DREAM JOB

Nadia Amin and Anne Peplow have helped Safina to fulfil her ambition to work in a nurse with young children. Nadia and Anne have worked hard to put in place all the necessary paperwork and DBS checks to allow Safina to work at the nursery. Safina now has her dream job and her family are very grateful to the staff who have put in the effort to assist Safina to achieve her goal.

We wish Safina all the best in her new job!

SOCIAL EVENING

Thank you to Rob Austin who arranged for Chris to attend Gateway Social Club in Blackburn on Wednesday evenings.

Chris is enjoying meeting new people and making new friends.





DISCO TIME!



Every Thursday night Carol Ann from our Oldham Service, attends a disco and karaoke night at her local pub.

Carol says:

I look forward to Thursday night because it is the day I get to meet all my friends and sing and dance the night away at the Three Crowns pub in Oldham. I go with two of my staff who like to dance to some of my favourite songs like Disco queen by Abba and Gangnam Style.



My friend Jonathan is the DJ at the pub and he always gives me a hug then plays my music that I like to sing to. One of my favourite friends also meets me at the pub and she is called Karen, we always sit together and have a good natter about what we have been upto.



But best of all I get to wear my beautiful dress and let my hair down and enjoy a fab night with my friends and my staff. So remember when you go out:

"Don't worry be happy"

POLICE VISIT

The police are kindly coming to visit our Blackburn office week commencing 21st April. This is a chance for the people we support to find out more about Hate Crime Reporting, the Police Force and what they do to support them in the community.

For further details please contact James Holme on 01254 676 565.



HEALTH FIRST PROJECT

Andy Bowskill, Managing Director was involved in the recent Health First Project in Merseyside.



The Health First Project was organised by health champions from People First in Merseyside to look at the addressing health needs of people with Learning Disabilities.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Following a successful tender submission in 2013 we are pleased to announce that SSP has been shortlisted to undertake domiciliary care services in the Peterborough area.

We are now in the process of seeking office Accommodation as we begin to develop our services within Peterborough.



May we take this opportunity to welcome Iqbal Manji to our team. Iqbal is our new Area Manager for our Peterborough Services.

STAFF UPDATE

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE!

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following people for recently achieving their long service achievement.

8 Years	Dilshad Bachu
7 Years	Hamida Shaikh
6 Years	Joanne Duxbury Asma Matadar Laura McGrath
5 Years	Adil Makda Muddassar Choudry Catherine Walmsley
4 Years	Imtiyaz Vika Stephen Davies Jill Cheung
3 Years	James Parsey Azhar Abbas Claire Bibby Julie Nuttall Aqeela Shaukat
2 Years	Stephen Oram Stephen Beswick Inga Klovance
1 Year	Kelly Walling Gary Taylor Roy Dixon Stephen McDermott Kyle Willetts James Gillett Laura Gartside Harry Gill Victoria Arthur

WELL DONE EVERYONE!

SOMETHING A LITTLE LIGHT HEARTED

A sandwich walks into a bar.
The barman says "Sorry we don't
serve food in here"

What goes up and down
stairs with out moving?

Carpet.

How do you make the
number seven even?

Drop the "s."

Student: "Should I get in trouble for something I didn't
do?"

Teacher: "No."

Student: "Good, because I didn't do my
homework."

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

Hospitality: making your guests feel like they're at home, even if you wish they were.