

Making Participation Work



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Berkshire Healthcare: Research

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Participation, Information and Advice Consortium

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The Making Participation Work support provided to Berkshire Healthcare was delivered through the Department for Education funded Participation, Information and Advice Contract which Kids delivers alongside consortium partners Council for Disabled Children, the National Network of Parent Carer Forums, and Contact.

A representative from Kids¹ worked with Berkshire Healthcare's Research and Development Operations manager² to develop and deliver a support package that met the acknowledged needs for Berkshire healthcare (as identified below).

Berkshire Healthcare Support overview:

1: Face to face sessions with young adults from across 6 localities to understand their health priorities and share information about research.

2: Develop accessible information with young adults to understand research and the opportunity to engage. Including:

- Easy read guide
- A video

The workshops were facilitated over 3 consecutive days in November 2023

Approximately 50 young adults took part from 4 Colleges and 1 day service from across the 6 localities.

Information about the support delivered and content of the workshops is in the subsequent sections of this report.

Recommendations

Throughout this report we have made recommendations based on the development and outcomes of the session, combined with over 7 years' experience working on participation with local authorities across England.

Recommendation 1: Berkshire Healthcare to continue building connections and relationships with staff and young adults across the colleges.

Recommendation 2: Berkshire healthcare to use this information to guide prioritisation of future research projects.

Recommendation 3: Berkshire Healthcare should develop a communication matrix based on the young adult's preferences.

Recommendation 4: Berkshire Healthcare to consider the feedback from young adults and make changes to previous and future handouts where appropriate.

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Recommendation 5: *To use and share the video and easy read guide created about research on the relevant platforms.*

Recommendation 6: *Feedback to young adults on impact this and future work they are involved in has.*

KIDS would like to maintain contact with the local area, being kept informed of progress against the above recommendations.