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VIEWPOINT

A Newsletter providing information for and about people who have a physical or sensory disability



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EDITORIAL



Welcome to the Winter edition of Viewpoint!

Christmas is just around the corner and we hurtle towards the end of another year. It does not seem very long since we bid goodbye to 2016.

Our independent living services and wellbeing services have been continuing to support people with all manner of issues, large and small, throughout the year and have started to take these services to people in their homes.

2017 was a particularly sad year for us because two of our Trustees died during the year: Tony Fitch, who was a vice-president and also treasurer for many years and Ian Britton, who was a vice-president and had also been Vice-Chair.

They both worked tirelessly for Disability Stockport and all volunteers, staff and members of Primus and Connect send their condolences to Tony and Ian's family and friends.

They will be sorely missed!

The Disability Stockport family will remember them at their various gatherings over this festive period.

Send your news, views, letters and comments to:

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**A VERY
HAPPY
CHRISTMAS**

**and a wish
for peace,
health and
prosperity to
all our
readers**

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Too Little on Universal Credit and nothing on Social Care

Disability Rights UK welcomes the removal of the Universal Credit waiting period, but it is an inadequate solution that will still leave people waiting up to five weeks for their first actual payment.

Every claimant should be able to receive fortnightly payments as a right, and not have to apply for a loan for money that they qualify for. Disabled people need more fundamental change. Additional support available with Employment and Support Allowance is not available with Universal Credit - leaving some disabled people nearly £4,500 per year worse off.

In the meantime, there'll be deep disappointment amongst disabled people that there was no mention of social care in the budget. The crisis in services looks set to continue unabated.

[budget speech and documents](#)

Universal Credit

From January 2018, those who need it, and who have an underlying entitlement to Universal Credit, will be able to access up to a month's worth of Universal Credit within five days via an interest-free advance. The government will extend the period of recovery of the advance from six months to twelve months.

New Universal Credit claimants in December will be able to receive an advance of 50% of their monthly entitlement at the beginning of their claim and a second advance to take it up to 100% in the new year, before their first payment date.

From February 2018, the government will remove the seven-day waiting period so that entitlement to Universal Credit starts on the first day of application.

From April 2018, those already on Housing Benefit will continue to receive their award for the first two weeks of their Universal Credit claim.

The government will also make it easier for claimants to have the housing element of their award paid directly to their landlord.

Universal Credit to be rolled out more gradually between February 2018 and April 2018, and roll-out to all jobcentres will be complete in December 2018.

Read Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, David Gauke's [statement to the House of Commons](#)

MPs, unions and charities have been warning that the six-week wait for claimants before receiving their first payment is unfair and has caused hardship. No doubt we will be hearing more on this in the coming months.



Time for charities to lead the way

Many things have changed since the banking crisis and austerity has impacted on all areas of society, not least charities and disabled people. Few good things have come out of this, but they do say it is an ill wind that does no good. We are certainly less complacent as a society and adversity has focused more people on working together, recognising and removing barriers and perhaps, a more honest approach to how we run things.

Along with business and public services, charities have seen more scrutiny about how they operate and how they use funds for worthy causes. Big Lottery and other benefactors now demand focused outcomes and stringent governance. Public services are under constant pressure to work within decreasing budgets. In answer to widespread public criticism, shareholders of private companies have demanded scrutiny of top salaries. Talks of caps and ratios have become major topics at AGMs.

Salaries of top earners have also been questioned amongst major charities and for many, the argument for and against is the same as in commerce and the public sector. I believe it is time for charities to stand up and be counted regarding salaries and how they raise and use funds. I also believe it is not realistic to rely on either government or the Charities Commission to provide the necessary leadership and guidance. Instead we should call on charity leaders and governors to set an example for all charities and later perhaps public services and others.

I cannot accept the widening gap between salaries at the top and bottom and have never been convinced that it is necessary or true that it is simply down to 'market forces'. For me it is too often a self-serving cartel that operates in a corrupting and controlling manner to ensure it protects the lifestyle of the few and the continuation of privilege.

There are not many people I will meet in my lifetime that think it is equitable for someone to have billions when there are so many with little or nothing. Likewise, in public life for someone to have salaries in millions, tax breaks and bonuses on top is simply unjustifiable however talented they are. So, what about those that earn a million or a hundred thousand or fifty thousand?

Fifty thousand is barely seen as a living wage for someone residing in London, but to the clear majority across the country who work in charities it is still an unattainable sum. Are the CEOs really so much better than those who actually deliver the services? Are they not mutually dependent? How many of them could swap roles equally well or better? Maybe not everyone. Certainly, many bosses would struggle to do some of the jobs many charity workers perform daily. I suspect there are more workers who could do the bosses job.



Time for charities to lead the way

There are many examples of good leaders who are invaluable to the success of their organisation. Equally there are many poor CEOs who still go on to repeat the trick of obtaining new positions even after the worst of failures. It seems they are often rewarded for failure!

I would like to call on other charities to think seriously about how we connect with the people we are here to serve. We need to re-examine the main motivations driving them. Are they self-serving and introspective with high earners simply justifying high salaries/expenditure? Or are they about passion and commitment to delivering a mandate shaped by the people we serve? I guess there are good arguments for and against both.

My suggestion would be for the sector to cap all pay at the salary level of the Prime Minister, around £150,000 to 2020. I am not convinced anyone should be worth more as a charity worker or public servant. The gap between the lowest paid and the highest earners should never exceed 10x. In addition, subject to the limits above - because there are some charities who pay their top earners so generously they could be deemed shareholders; an earnings ratio of no more than 10% of turnover. The exception to this will be the smaller, individual projects where most or all the funding supports a single post.

This would work best if it was agreed as a code of practice throughout the whole of the Third Sector with information made visible in the same way annual reports are seen. The Charity Commission would be well placed to provide advice and oversight as well as disseminate information to donors, beneficiaries and the public in general.

If this seems to be a good idea - how about we start today? If you disagree or have different suggestions - let me know. If you agree - send this to others for a response so we can actually make this happen.

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CHRISTMAS SCAMS



THINK - Don't fall victim to a Christmas Fraud this year!

New figures released 21 November 2017 show that last year, victims reported losing nearly £16 million to Christmas shopping fraudsters, increasing from £10 million lost the year before. **Action Fraud** reports rose by 25% when comparing the Christmas period in 2016 with the same period in 2015. Analysis of last year's crimes also shows that 65% of crimes at Christmas were linked to online auctions sites, with the average loss for these reports coming in at £727.

Trending items victims reported losing out to fraudsters on included Yeezy trainers, Kylie Jenner make-up, hair dryers, drones and Fitbit watches.

Mobile phones continue to be the most likely thing that people try to buy from fraudsters, with clothing and accessories second on the list and footwear shooting up from sixth to third place. Watches have also over taken jewellery and are now more commonly offered by fraudsters.

This year's campaign is asking people to slow down when they are doing their Christmas shopping so that they are able to not only think about the gifts they are purchasing, but who they are purchasing them from. By making a rush purchase it could be the case that they are simply paying into the hands of a fraudster. A series of videos will be released over the seasonal period which show how one small mistake can result in a Christmas without gifts.

City of London Police analyses all Action Fraud reports and tries to prevent more people falling victim to fraud by requesting the suspension of the websites, bank accounts and phone lines that fraudsters use to commit their crimes. Last year 658 websites, email addresses and telephone numbers were disrupted during the Christmas period.

The City of London Police's Commander Dave Clark, the National Co-ordinator for Economic Crime said:

"Christmas is a busy time of year when we are required to make several quick decisions, especially when it comes to present buying. Our fraud awareness campaign is highlighting that it is very much 'the thought that counts' especially when it comes to avoiding fraudsters.

"Fraudsters see the Christmas rush as an ideal opportunity to take advantage of people's generosity without a single care about the consequences this may cause for the victim.

"With a sharp rise in fraud reporting at Christmas time it is more important than ever that people do everything they can to protect themselves from fraudsters, stopping them from enjoying the holiday season at the expense of others".

Action Fraud

National Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting Centre

Telephone 0300 123 2040 to report scammers.

TIMELY TIPS



Alcohol safety over the festive period

The festivities are almost here, so many of us will be drinking and eating more than normal – in fact on average people put on an extra five pounds over the holiday period.

Why not quench your thirst with a soft drink first and save the alcohol for later? Try having a soft drink every so often during your night out and if you're on spirits make it last longer by topping it up with a low calorie mixer or turning your glass of wine into a spritzer.

After the decorations are all down, if you decide you want a healthier lifestyle but need a bit of help to change, then call the **START** Team on 0161 474 3141 or email at start@stockport.gov.uk.

Prepare for winter: stock your medicine cabinet!

If you become ill or have a minor accident or injury you can often treat yourself at home straight away as long as your medicine cabinet is properly stocked. People are urged to only go to A&E if it is an emergency

Make sure you have these essentials at hand over the festive break in case your local pharmacy is closed:

thermometer, painkillers e.g. paracetamol, plasters and sterile dressings, antiseptic cream, antacids, scissors, distilled water (for cleaning wounds or use as an eye bath)

Do you have enough of your usual medicines? **Don't wait until the last minute.** Ask your GP in plenty of time!

Christmas Shopping in Stockport

Monday 11 Dec to Friday 15 Dec

Open 9.00 am - 8.00 pm

Saturday 16 Dec open 9.00 am - 5.30 pm

Sunday 17 Dec open 9.00 am - 4.30 pm

Monday 18 Dec to Friday 22 Dec

Open 9.00 am - 8.00 pm

Saturday 23 Dec open 9.00 am - 5.30 pm

Sunday 24 Dec open 9.00 am - 4.30 pm

Christmas Parking in the district centres

FREE all day Saturday

Saturday 2 December to 23 December

Participating district centres are: Bramhall, Cheadle, Cheadle Hulme, Edgeley (except Armoury Street), Hazel Grove, Heaton Moor, Marple, Marple Bridge, Reddish and Romiley

Look out for others

Check up on friends, relatives and your neighbours who may be more vulnerable to cold weather.

It's a particularly dangerous time of year for the elderly or people with serious illnesses so check up on them if you can.

So if you are caring for, or visiting, an elderly relative and they seem a little unwell please seek advice from your local pharmacist and potentially prevent a minor illness from becoming a serious one.

FREE Christmas Parking

in council-owned pay and display car parks
Merseyway, Heaton Lane, Newbridge Lane, Churchgate, Knightsbridge

After 3.00 pm

Wednesdays to 20 December

Thursdays to 21 December

Monday 11 December and 18 December

Friday 15 December and 22 December

FREE all day

Sunday to 28 January 2018

Monday 25 December, Tuesday 26

December and Monday 1 January 2018



Sir Ernest Ryder, Senior President of Tribunals has said the quality of evidence provided by the Department for Work and Pensions is so poor it would be “wholly inadmissible” In any other court

He added that most of the benefits cases that reach court are based on bad decisions where the Department for Work and Pensions has no case at all. Speaking at a recent Bar Council event, Ryder said his judges found that 60% of cases were “no-brainers” where there was nothing in the law or facts that would make the DWP win.

Such is the incompetence of the department, the Senior President said that he and his fellow judges were so incensed that they were considering sending them back - or charging the DWP for the cases it loses.

He said: “It’s an inappropriate use of judicial resources, it’s an inappropriate experience for the users, and the cost is simply not right.”

The percentage of cases lost by the DWP on appeal has been growing rapidly. In 2007, 44% of cases heard in the Social Security and Child Support tribunal went against the DWP. Ryder said the figures have now risen to a “staggering” 61%.

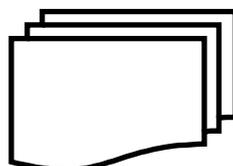
When appealing a decision on benefits you first have to go through mandatory reconsideration where you ask the department to look again at your case. Only then can you take it to tribunal and appeal it.

Ryder said this process was not preventing the DWP from taking huge numbers of cases through court that shouldn’t be there:

“In case management, I could send back those cases to the DWP and say, ‘You might as well remake them, because there is no argument that a tribunal could hear. There’s no justiciable defence to the appeal. Why don’t I? That’s the argument we’re thinking about long and hard, because the appellant doesn’t lose anything.’”

For more information see

https://www.buzzfeed.com/emilydugan/most-dwp-benefits-cases-which-reach-court-are-based-on-bad?utm_term=.wuwPPeBNz#.kbovvWGOz





Have your say on adult social care budget proposals

Stockport Council is asking residents to have their say on proposed changes to Adult Social Care services due to continued budget reductions.

The Council is considering changing its charging policy for home care, day services, extra care housing and telecare.

Currently, the Council subsidises these services which means that, even if service users pay a contribution towards the cost of the service, they are paying a reduced rate because the Council pays an amount towards the cost of the service.

Whilst the demand for non-residential services continues to increase, funding from central government has reduced.

This consultation is focused on a number of proposals to remove any subsidies across all non-residential services, so that people are charged the actual cost of the service to the Council, not a reduced rate.

However, this doesn't mean that we will expect everyone to pay the full cost of the service. The amount people pay towards the cost of their care depends on an assessment of their financial situation.

The Council is consulting on three options outlined below:

- ◆ Remove all subsidies so that people are charged the actual cost of non-residential services to the Council
- ◆ Increase the maximum assessed charge from £289 to £400
- ◆ Remove the subsidy for two carer packages so that people are charged for both carers

Councillor Wendy Wild, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, said: "We find ourselves in a very difficult financial situation and these proposals will help us have a conversation about how we're going to address next year's budget shortfall and previous years' shortfall that were not addressed.

"The Council needs to address what would otherwise be £18m in reduced resources next year and we need residents to help us find ways to meet the budget whilst minimising the impact on frontline services. Also, the proposals are not all intended to take effect in April 2018; some would be phased in, reflecting the need to implement change as fairly as possible."

To read more about the proposals and to have your say visit:

www.stockport.gov.uk/haveyoursay.

The consultation will close on 22nd December 2017.



Helen Dolphin, MBE LLB BSc, Independent Mobility Consultant writes

Many disabled people benefit from the independence and freedom that a Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV) provides. Although it is often a difficult decision, going from a standard vehicle to a WAV, most people say they would never go back. However, once the decision has been made the next step is to find the WAV that is most suitable, and with so many makes and models available it can be difficult to know where to start. To help, many vehicle convertors and organisations have written WAV buying guides, the majority of which are available on-line. Having read a number of these, they are indeed very useful, giving lots of good advice and information, but to my surprise none of them mention PAS 2012, which is something I believe is essential information when choosing a WAV.

What is PAS 2012?

When the first WAVs came into production most conversions were rudimentary, addressing only access and basic securing of the wheelchair. However, the WAV industry has grown enormously and with an ageing population it is therefore important that there are standards which customers can trust when purchasing a WAV and therefore PAS 2012 was introduced.

PAS 2012 stands for Publicly Available Specification and was developed by the Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle Convertors Association (WAVCA) according to guidelines set out by the BSI (British Standards Institute). Accreditation to PAS 2012 concentrates on the elements of vehicle design and manufacture that a WAV owner will be particularly interested in.

These include structural integrity, the fitting of lifts, ramps and winches, testing and fitting of wheelchair securing systems and ground clearance. It also addresses the amount of space a wheelchair user needs for access and comfort inside the vehicle and service guidelines for demonstration and handover. PAS 2012 has been one of the criteria for a new WAV model to be available on the Motability Scheme since 2012 and is also a popular benchmark with local authorities, charities, and care home groups for all their WAV purchases. There are currently 55 models in the UK which hold the PAS 2012 accreditation.

Is PAS 2012 the same for every vehicle?

As part of the PAS 2012 accreditation wheelchair tie-downs and anchorages must meet a high level of safety testing, but historically these were only tested with an 85kg wheelchair. Since the likelihood of a powered chair weighing less than 85kg is remote PAS 2012 has two tests; one at 85kg and one for wheelchairs up to 200kg, although many WAV convertors will also test to weights in-between. As the standard PAS 2012 accreditation only insists on PAS testing up to 85kg in terms of tie-downs it is important for customers with powered chairs to check with the convertor if the vehicle has been additionally tested to accommodate the weight of their wheelchair.



PAS 2012 is also limited to WAVs in which the wheelchair is restrained using four-point strap type tie-downs as there is a lack of technical data for other types of wheelchair tie-down equipment.

Is this information readily available?

When choosing a WAV it is important to make sure the vehicle will suit you and all your requirements, including checking that your wheelchair can be carried safely. All WAV convertors will be able to tell you what wheelchair weight the vehicle has been tested to, although there is no handy guide to tell you. Motability Operations Ltd say they currently do not publish whether a vehicle complies with this additional testing however this is something being considered for future development. In the meantime, they recommend customers talk to their WAV convertors to discuss wheelchair compatibility with their individual needs.

Allied Mobility is the leading manufacturer of Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles for the UK and Ireland. They have tested to 200kg on models such as the Peugeot Horizon, Ford Freedom and Ford Independence. A spokesman said:

“Ultimately, the safety of passengers is of paramount importance and we warmly welcome anything that helps to ensure this. The PAS 2012 benchmark should also assist customers who are potentially not aware of what vehicles or restraints are most suitable for their particular wheelchair which has to be of benefit for anyone choosing a new WAV.”

Is PAS 2012 applicable to drive-from wheelchair WAVs?

PAS 2012 is not applicable to drive-from-wheelchair WAVs, because such WAVs are always bespoke, taking into account an individual's ability to access the WAV and drive it. Wheelchair tie-down arrangements and driving controls for these WAVs would be difficult to standardise, however, some of the requirements of PAS 2012 can be usefully applied to drive-from-wheelchair WAVs insofar as their basic level of accessibility is concerned.

PAS2012 is something that not many disabled people will currently be aware of, but it is definitely something to check when you are considering a WAV. Although many vehicles do now hold the accreditation it is still a question worth asking to ensure you are travelling in the safest possible vehicle.

I'm a disability campaigner and I believe PAS is something that WAV customers should be aware of but most people have no idea what it is and I would like to help disabled people become aware of this important safety testing.

If you have any queries or comments they will be passed on to Helen Dolphin for her response.

Please contact:

Disability Stockport on 0161 480 7248 to leave a message or

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MISCELLANEOUS



Social Care

Working arrangements over the Christmas/
New Year period 2017/2018.

Friday 22 December Close 12.30 pm

Monday 25 December CLOSED

Tuesday 26 December CLOSED

Wednesday 27 December As Normal

Thursday 28 December As Normal

Friday 29 December As Normal

Monday 1 January CLOSED

During office hours phone

Adult Social Care – 0161 217 6029

Children & Families – 0161 217 6028 or

www.mycaremychoice.org.uk

Over the festive season please be a good neighbour and if you have any concerns contact the **police on 101** or **Adult Social Care Customer Contact Centre on 0161 217 6029**

Children and Families on 0161 217 6028

Visit: www.mycaremychoice.org.uk

The **Emergency Duty Team** is available outside the normal office hours please **contact the Service on 0161 718 2118**.

The **Disability Stockport Office** and **Primus** will be closed on:

Saturday 23 December 2017

Monday 25 December 2017 to

Tuesday 2 January 2018

The **Disability Stockport Office** and **Primus** will re-open on

Tuesday 2 January 2018.

Pharmacies

Lloyds Pharmacy, on the A6 at 236 Wellington Road South, Stockport SK2 6NW is **open every day including Christmas Day 10.00 am to 10.00 pm** for help and advice.
Tel: 0161 480 3371

Your UK Pharmacy 0161 428 3056
9.00 am - 5.00 pm

Cheadle Pharmacy
7 Ashfield Crescent SK8 1BH
8.30 am - 7.00 pm

Most other pharmacies will be closed on Christmas Day, however they may be open at other times.

Please check now!

Doctors

The Doctors' surgeries **will be closed** on the following days:

Christmas Day Monday 25 December

Boxing Day Tuesday 26 December

New Year's Day

Monday 1 January 2018

If you need urgent help and advice that cannot wait until your GP's surgery is open, the GP out-of-hours service will be available by phoning your usual GP and following the instructions.

Please make sure you have repeat prescriptions and any medicines you need for the festive period in plenty of time.

If you have a medical problem, that's not an emergency, phone 111
or visit www.nhs.uk/

Contact Numbers for Utilities

Electricity – Scottish Power Energy
Faults & Emergencies: **0800 001 5400**
United Utilities Emergency Supply
helpline: **0800 195 4141**
In a power cut dial **105**

Gas Emergency Service
Gas Transco: 0800 111 999
Water United Utilities Leakline
0800 330 033
Water Supply: 0345 672 3723

Emergency Repairs – Council
tenants should phone **0161 217 6016**
Street lighting etc 0161 217 6111



Are you working with someone who could benefit from additional support?

Stockport Homes' customers can access **FREE** counselling through their Counselling Service.

This will give them an opportunity to discuss the things going on in their lives, their issues and have support in working through these.

What can people come to counselling for?

- ◆ Coming to terms with a relationship breakdown or losing someone important to them
- ◆ General support in managing any relationships in their lives
- ◆ Support with feeling happier in who they are
- ◆ Dealing with changes in their lives, like having children or living with a long-term illness.

How can I refer someone?

Referring someone is easy. You can refer on someone's behalf, or you can work with them to self-refer

The quickest way is to fill in a form online:

www.talklistenchange.org.uk/stockporthomes

E-mail: stockporthomes@talklistenchange.org.uk

Telephone: 0161 872 1100

Major lender Provident is in trouble Stockport Credit Union offers a local, ethical alternative

There has been a lot of press about the difficulties faced by Provident Financial, who are a major lender, especially in poorer areas of Stockport. This is worrying, but there is a local alternative.

Stockport Credit Union is a co-operative, member-owned, ethical organisation whose lending rates are capped at 42.6% APR. Rates for members who save are even lower. People with patchy credit history are considered, people with good credit history can get lower rates. Provident advertises rates of 299% APR!

If Provident collapsed it could mean that borrowers need an alternative, and Stockport Credit Union is a great local lender. New members would be encouraged to get their finances in order, to save, and they would be able to borrow at much lower rates – what's not to like?

Find out more about your local credit union here: www.stockportcu.com

Telephone: 0161 430 5808

Julie Abbott, Stockport Credit Union



Live independently for longer

To assist you to live independently in your own home for as long as possible you sometimes need to make changes to your property. If you live in your own home you may be surprised to hear that Stockport Homes might be able to help with this. Stockport Homes offers a Staying Put scheme.

Staying Put is a Home improvement agency which can carry out repairs, improvements or adaptations for people living in their own homes. Examples of the work that can be done include the supply and fitting of stair lifts, level access showers, door widening and moving light switches and plug sockets. Improvements such as rewiring, damp proofing and reroofing can also be carried out.

The adaptation service is available to disabled people and the repairs and improvements service is available to homeowners over 60 or those on means - tested benefits.

For privately paying customers that don't qualify for a grant Stockport Homes can offer a repair/improvement and adaptations service for a fee. This will enable you to find a reputable contractor and give you peace of mind that the work is done professionally. Stockport Homes can also give information and assist with the application process for grants such as the **disabled facilities grant** which might be available for adapting your property.

If you would like to find out more about this you can **contact the Equipment and Adaptations service at Stockport Homes on 0161 474 4291 or email Aopsteam@stockporthomes.org** for more information, information is provided for you free of charge.

Stockport benefits from a beautiful and varied outdoor environments which are enjoyed by both local people and visitors.

Public paths, including public rights of way and routes in parks, have traditionally enabled people to exercise and explore the countryside around them and, increasingly, are popular routes for commuting and accessing essential local amenities.

To help the Council develop these paths, it is required to produce a Rights of Way Improvement Plan which identifies the changes that need to be made to improve the network and meet your needs in the future. Residents can get involved and give their views on the proposals by completing a questionnaire online or by visiting their local library where hard copies of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan draft document and questionnaire will be available. The consultation will run to 8th of January 2018.

Councillor Sheila Bailey, Cabinet Member for Communities and Housing said: "These proposed changes have been put forward to help improve our public paths that so many people use for exercise, access and for pleasanter routes across Stockport, away from traffic."

"I hope that residents will express their views through the consultation and let us know what they think about the proposed changes."

The online questionnaire can be accessed via www.stockport.gov.uk/haveyoursay consultation public paths

NOTICE BOARD

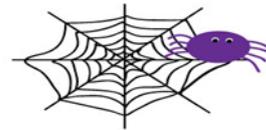


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NOTICE BOARD



Stockport Disability Forum

The next three meetings will be on:

Wednesday 13 December 2017

Wednesday 14 March 2018

Wednesday 13 June 2018

at 10.30 am - 12.30 pm
at Disability Stockport 23 High Street,
Off St Petersgate, Stockport SK1 1EG

Transport and Access Forum

The next three meetings will be on:

Wednesday 13 Dec 2017

(12.00 noon at Disability Stockport)

Wednesday 10 January 2018

Wednesday 14 February 2018

at 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
at Stockport Town Hall
Committee Room 1, Edward Street

WANTED

A **mobility scooter** that folds easily to fit in a car.

Contact **Jean on**

07793 112 538

SIGNPOST WELLBEING FOR CARERS

FREE for Carers - Winter Wellbeing Day
Monday 11 December 2017 at the Alma Lodge Hotel, 10.30 am - 3.00 pm. Drop in any time
Tel: 0161 442 0442 for more information.

Personal Independent Payment (PIP) Drop-in

with Solidarity
Mondays
10.00am - 4.00 pm

No appointments necessary

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Disability Stockport Ltd AGM will be held on

Tuesday 19 December
at
12.00 Noon

23 High Street
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Tel: 0161 480 7248

PEER SUPPORT FORUM

You are invited to come and share your experiences and get some answers from a host of reliable sources

Next three meetings

15 Jan 2018
19 Feb 2018
19 March 2018

Meetings are held at Disability Stockport
23 High Street
Stockport SK1 1EG

6.30 pm – 8.30 pm

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