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people who have a physical or sensory disability



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EDITORIAL



Welcome to the Autumn/Winter edition of Viewpoint!

As the season's festivities gather pace and we race towards the end of the year, do spare a thought for those people who are not as fortunate as ourselves and may need some help especially at this time of year.

If you know of anyone who needs:

*Emergency and long-term accommodation (including health and employment support) contact Stockport Homes on 0161 217 6017

* Hot Food, support and advice they can visit the Wellspring Resource Centre at Harvey Street, Stockport, SK1 1YD and get a free hot meal - seven days a week.

www.thewellspring.co.uk

* A food parcel - call Stockport loaves and fishes on 07938 967 063 or visit 'The Olive Branch' at 2C Castle Street, Edgeley.

www.stockportloavesandfishes.org

* Helping the Homeless into Housing (H3):

www.h-3.org.uk

2016 draws to a close and it has been a rollercoaster of a year in every way, both at home and abroad, particularly in politics, and we await the outcome of it all.

If you have a personal story to tell, or an issue you would like to bring to everyone's attention, then we would be delighted to hear about it.

Send your news, views, letters and comments to:

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MPs vote to postpone controversial cuts to ESA

Mencap response to ESA Cut debate - MPs vote 127 - 0 to postpone controversial cuts to ESA following warnings from the disability community.

Following a debate in Parliament on Thursday 17 November, MPs voted overwhelmingly to postpone a £30 weekly cut to Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) and Universal Credit (UC); Mencap believed this should have been reversed in the Autumn Statement. The vote followed over a year of warnings from the disability community and MPs alike and an open letter from over 70 disability charities voicing concern at the devastating effects a £30 weekly cut to ESA and UC would have to people with a disability.

Rob Holland, Mencap Parliamentary Manager said:

“We are delighted to see that MPs from across all political parties have listened to the concerns from disabled people and voted to postpone the £30 weekly cuts to Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) and Universal Credit and look again at their impact with 127 votes to 0. The call for this cut to be reversed in the Autumn Statement was not heeded.

“For over a year the disability community together with MPs from across all parties have been warning of the disastrous effect that a cut to ESA would have on the lives of disabled people and their families; over a quarter of whom already struggle to afford food on the amount they currently receive.

“Disabled people have seen their support reduced from all angles with cuts to their benefits and a collapsing social sector. Today’s (Thursday 17 November) vote while not binding is hugely encouraging, and we hope that the Government takes on board the strength of feeling from people with a learning disability.”

APPG Draft Report Goes To MPs

The draft report from the All-Party Parliamentary Group (AAPG) on disability has gone to MPs and peers for their consideration and support.

The report is the product of over 80 individuals and organisations including numerous disabled people-led organisations. The report, into how the Government could enact its manifesto commitment to halve the disability employment gap, calls for new policy interventions to help around 57,000 disabled people; the report predicts this number will be part of an annual shortfall by Government.

The policy interventions examined by the report include self-employment, up-skilling and early intervention to take advantage of growth sectors of the economy, the use of public sector procurement, research and development grants to be inclusive and targeted at disabled people, inclusive business networks and organisational policies especially employment retention.

Studies suggest that enhanced employment retention policies could reduce the on-flow of between 35,000 and 48,000 newly disabled workers onto benefits each year.

Contingent upon consensus with the APPG on Disability the report will be forwarded to Government imminently.





Drowning not Waving **The case against evidence-based practice**

We are all constantly trying to improve our health, our work and our environment. Many of us are involved in helping others improve and do better. Evidence-based practice was introduced to show where these improvements had most impact and the best outcomes, this has been a cornerstone in all kinds of development for the last decade and more.

However, like all too many good ideas it slowly but surely develops into dogma and becomes the goal rather than the means. However much benefit it originally bought, in many ways it can erode the very purpose of its introduction. We become the dog endlessly chasing its tail as we relentlessly produce statistics to prove what we already know.

We see this everywhere: hospitals chasing patient outputs; teachers chasing pupils' grades; police chasing arrests; the list is endless. While evidence is the very key to science and is a superb tool to develop services and support; it can also be the main obstacle to spending time nursing, teaching and policing. At its extreme it ends up with desperate lies rather than evidence.

I remember reading of Mao's Great Leap Forward in China. The only response local officials could make in response to impossible outputs demanded was to make up fantastical results to please their Chairman. Year after year demands were increased and failures punished severely. Unsurprisingly, the figures reported began to rise in line with the demands. As deceit was uncovered, new incumbents pilloried the old and continued the deceit until they were also caught. This had such an impact that I would argue the scars of this policy remain in the Chinese psyche many decades later.

Disability Stockport itself is not especially a victim of overload and we have long balanced accountability with pragmatism, but the fight to retain this balance becomes more difficult. Nor do I suggest that we are in danger of emulating the Chinese experience - and that was more to do with producing outputs rather than outcomes (the numbers rather than the effect of the numbers), but the analogy holds in more mundane examples.

If you make a casual call to our office, or drop in for a chat, the list of information we are asked to gather from such an encounter is a very long one; I won't bore you with it. We may also be asked to measure how you feel at the point of contact, midway and at the end. None of these questions are likely to be relevant to the enquiry from your perspective, or even our own.

All too often they are built into systems that support funding or regulation. The outcomes are not necessarily yours or ours - but are often dictated by civil servants and officials carrying out policy they have little connection with.



DIRECTOR'S CUT

So, am I saying we should abandon evidence gathering to inform practice and ultimately decide who gets funded and who doesn't? The answer is emphatically no!

What I would like to see is the process of evidence-gathering altered, to reflect the need to minimise time spent collecting and collating, to maximise time spent doing the things we measure. Instead of logging and processing every call, action and contact, it would be better to take samples throughout the year. In addition, outcomes should be focused on the end user - not on service or procurement. Good records will still be necessary.

I am sure occasionally people will respond to questions about their personal situation but we become caught in the riptide of information overload, quickly learning to say and record the information that gets us through the process fastest. Not only do we lose any sense of purpose or incentive, but it leads us down a slide into false or useless information. From the shoreline, it may look like all is well but beware, we may be drowning not waving!



Kieran McMahon
CEO
Disability Stockport

TRUSTEES NEEDED

Disability Stockport is looking for people who are interested in disability issues and would like to see disabled people treated equally in society.

Have you got what it takes to become a Trustee?

If you believe that you do, then please get in touch with **Kieran McMahon** for an informal chat about the role of a Trustee.

You may telephone him on:
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Illegal Money Lending Teams to be funded through levy on credit companies

Following an announcement from the Chancellor, a levy will be placed on consumer credit firms to raise the money required for the Illegal Money Lending Teams' budget. The Bank of England and Financial Services Bill is in the process of being amended to allow the Financial Conduct Authority to impose the levy on the companies.

Since their inception, the Teams have been both tackling loan sharks and the related criminal activity they are involved in, as well as raising awareness of the issue. Loan sharks prey on some of the most disadvantaged members of our communities and promoting the 'Stop Loan Sharks' message among members of the public, as well as ensuring that partner agencies who find themselves on the front line of debt management are skilled in spotting the signs of potential illegal money lending activity, is a key part of the Teams' work.

The Teams also support victims of loan sharks, giving them whatever help they need and empowering them to work towards financial stability. Details of the levy are yet to be finalised, but the announcement ensures that the Teams will be able to continue their work in investigating and prosecuting loan sharks, which has so far led to 334 prosecutions, 212 years' worth of custodial sentences, £63 million in illegal debt wiped off and more than 26,000 victims of illegal money lending helped.

The news has been welcomed by agencies in the financial sector, including the Consumer Finance Association. Russell Hamblin-Boone, Chief Executive of the Consumer Finance Association, said:

"The Consumer Finance Association and our members have long been supporters of the Illegal Money Lending Teams. All firms operating in the financial services sector have a responsibility to protect consumers and ensure that the Illegal Money Lending Teams are funded long into the future. A levy administered by the Financial Conduct Authority funded from across the financial sector is the correct way to go."

**To report a loan shark call the hotline
on 0300 555 2222**





TIMELY TIPS

Shopping on the High Street

Check the shop's policy on refunds and exchanges – you are not automatically entitled to take things back if there is nothing wrong with them and there may be a time limit on returns.

Keep your receipts

Know your rights in respect of refunds etc and if you are not sure **ring Consumer Direct for advice** – 08454 04 05 06 or check out their website at: <http://www.consumerdirect.gov.uk>

Check that the toys have a CE mark on them and if they are for a child under three make sure there are no small parts or any pieces that could pull off, and check whether the toys could break into small pieces if they were dropped.

Shopping online

Get recommendations before buying from companies you don't know.

Pay by credit card so you have extra protection if things go wrong.

Check that websites are secure.

Do not send your credit card details by email when buying on line.

Online shoppers have additional rights in many cases, including a seven-day "cooling off" period for goods during which an order can be cancelled [**but be careful, the rules for buying services are different**].

Check the terms and conditions on the website – do you have to pay the postage if you return goods?

Keep a copy of the webpage and of your order form and receipt.

Shopmobility Stockport

The Stockport Town Centre Service is open until 7.00 pm every Wednesday until 21 December (last hire is one hour before closing). All other days open Monday to Saturday 9.00 am—5.00 pm. Prior registration and 24 hours' notice for bookings beginning or ending after 5.00 pm are essential on **0161 666 1100**.

FREE Metroshuttle Bus

Every 15 minutes, every day, calling at all the main town centre shopping areas. Hop on and hop off whenever you need to. (No service on Bank Holidays).

Market Place (as usual except as follows)

Sunday 18 December 10.00 am - 4.30 pm

Tuesday 20 December 9.00 am - 4.30 pm

Saturday 24 December 9.00 am - 3.00 pm

Late Night Shopping in Stockport Town Centre Merseyway

Wednesdays to 21 December open until 8.00 pm

Weekdays between 12 December & 23 December open until 8.00 pm

Christmas Eve Saturday 24 December open until 5.00 pm

Boxing Day Monday 26 December, open from 10.30 am to 4.30 pm.

*** Check with individual stores for other special late nights**

Free Town Centre Car Parking*

- ◆ Wednesdays after 3.00 pm to 21 December
- ◆ Sundays all day between 4 December & 29 January
- ◆ All day 26 & 27 December and
- ◆ 2 January

Park free of charge in Council owned pay and display car parks* on the dates and times above.

***Car parks where this offer applies include: Merseyway, Heaton Lane, Newbridge Lane, Churchgate and Knightsbridge**



Dramatic fall in numbers placed in ESA support Group

Disability Rights UK reports that Disabled People placed in the support group following a new ESA claim fell by 42% in the three months up to March 2016, according to the latest DWP statistics.

(<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/esa-outcomes-of-work-capability-assessments-including-mandatory-reconsiderations-and-appeals-september-2016>)

For assessments completed during November 2015, 57% of claimants were placed in the support group. But by February 2016 that had dropped by 24% points to just 33%.

Ken Butler, Disability Rights UK's Welfare Rights Adviser, said:

"The dramatic fall in the number of disabled people being placed in the support group is very disturbing. There has been no recent statutory change to the work capability assessment descriptor scheme. In addition, there has been no healthcare professional or decision-maker guidance publically issued by the DWP that would account for the fall in support group numbers."

I suspect that the reduction is related to more restrictive assessment of whether someone meets the provisions of ESA Regulation 35 (substantial risk to physical or mental health if found not to have a limited capability for work-related activity).

Earlier this year the DWP was reported to be considering abolishing Regulation 35.

"My concern is instead that it may effectively be trying to do the same thing by issuing 'secret' guidance to Maximus, which carries out Work Capability Assessments (WCAs) on behalf of the DWP, which restricts support group recommendations."

The number of claimants placed in the ESA support group because of Regulation 35 has seen a fall from 9,500, for claims that started in April 2015, to just 3,000 for claims that began in December 2015.

That new DWP restrictive guidance is responsible for the fall in support group numbers is supported by Ben Naumberg Geiger, Senior Lecturer at the University of Kent.

In a detailed statistical analysis—The return of the stricter WCA? - he concludes:

"The guide to healthcare professionals notes that "the revised Substantial Risk Guidance was issued by the DWP in 2015 and implemented early 2016", so we should just be about to see the impact of it now. And we do.

From claims begun in June 2015 to December 2015, people allocated to the Support Group due to Regulation 35 dropped from 30% of completed assessments to merely 12%. In contrast, Support Group allocations for other reasons stayed basically the same (reducing from 26% to 24% of claims).

To my mind this is all pretty convincing—it has become harder to get allocated to the Support Group from the start of 2016, because the DWP has made it harder for assessors to make judgements on the ground of a risk to people's health."

DWP statistics also reveal that in July 2016, of the 13,200 mandatory reconsiderations of fit for work assessment outcomes, just 4% resulted in a revision. However, 60% of ESA fit for work appeals are successful.

MENTAL HEALTH CHANGES



Pennine Healthcare provides mental health services across Stockport, Bury, Glossop, Tameside, Rochdale and Oldham. **Access and Crisis** are now separate entities. A total of six staff comprises the Access and Crisis Teams and both are currently located at Stepping Hill Hospital. Here is an overview of the Stockport support structure since May 2016.



Access

Non-emergency access to mental health support is via the single point of entry (SOE) at the Mental Health Unit, Oasis Building, Stepping Hill Hospital, SK2 7JE. Telephone: **0161 419 4678**. Office hours are Monday to Friday from **9.00 am – 7.00 pm**. There are plans to relocate the service within the community at some point in the future. It operates within these hours with a Duty Worker on a shift basis and can respond to face-to-face, telephone or email enquiries.

Referrals are usually via GPs, police, health visitors, social workers, carers or self-referrals. The team makes assessments and can make urgent referrals but offers limited follow-up appointments; home visits are possible based on strict criteria. For example, if psychosis is suspected and there are children in the home or if the patient refuses to attend appointments for assessment.

The Access Team works closely with TPA (Targeted Prevention Alliance) and Healthy Minds. It also links in with MARS, the Multi-Agency Risk Service operated by the Probation Service.

Crisis

The Crisis Team of two or, occasionally, three staff members fulfil a number of different functions. It finds beds in acute medical wards, assists police and other emergency services in Street Triage (advice and/or preliminary assessment over the telephone), staffs the 24/7 crisis (RAID) telephone line and delivers **RAID** (Rapid Assessment Interface and Discharge). It also works with the out-of-hours AMHP (Advanced Mental Health Practitioner), who is needed if someone needs to be sectioned under the Mental Health Act.

RAID functions like a mental health A & E. It is 'located' in Stepping Hill A&E and operates on a 24/7 basis. There is usually one team member (out of two or three) in attendance. Referrals can be via police (Section 136), GPs or self-referral. RAID can offer follow-up clinics.

RAID is commissioned by the CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) and funded by £2 million for the next two years. There are three client groups served by this crisis service: the elderly (dementia, depression, delirium); working age; and substance misuse (drugs, alcohol). 2 staff per shift are usually in attendance. The Crisis Line telephone number is **0161 419 5795**. Where the answer-phone function is active callers can leave a message and the call will be returned as soon as is practicably possible.

ACCESS number – 9.00 am - 7.00 pm – 0161 419 4678
CRISIS (RAID) number – 24/7 – 0161 419 5795



New Joseph Rowntree Foundation report says disabled people account for half of those in poverty

Monitoring poverty and social exclusion 2016: the latest annual report from the New Policy Institute, published by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF).

The report brings together the most recent data to present a comprehensive picture of poverty in the UK. Disability Rights UK says that the report is a damning indictment of Government policy towards disabled people.

It comes just a month after a United Nations report highlighting the Government's failure to uphold disabled people's rights. Instead of aiming to ensure no disabled person lives in poverty the Government is pressing ahead with benefit reforms that will further damage disabled people's independence and standard of life.

In relation to disability and poverty, its key findings are:

- 7.1 million people in poverty are either disabled themselves or live in a household with a disabled person; that is half of all people in poverty
- There are 4.2 million disabled people in poverty, 29% of all people in poverty.
- Of disabled people in poverty, 2.8 million are working-age adults (19% of all people in poverty), 1.1 million are pensioners (8%), and 320,000 are children (2%).

The report states:

“Disability needs to be central to our understanding of poverty. Disabled people face extra costs, such as equipment or appliances, as well as potentially higher costs such as higher heating bills due to immobility. Once we partially adjust income for the extra costs that come with disability by removing the social security benefits given to help with them, we find that 50% of people in poverty are either themselves disabled or living in a household with a disabled person.

Disabled people face higher poverty rates than non-disabled people, and are more likely to lack basic goods and services for reasons of cost. Working-age carers also face higher poverty rates than average if they provide over ten hours of informal care a week. Most long-term (two years or more) workless couple families with children have at least one disabled adult.”

The report also find that there are 5.3 million informal carers in the UK, of whom 1.22 million are in poverty. The majority of carers in poverty are working-age (85%) and caring for someone other than their spouse (70%).

STAY WELL THIS WINTER



Healthy Lifestyles Services in Stockport

Since 1 October 2016 some of the healthy lifestyle services in Stockport have been delivered through new providers, including A Better Lifestyle (ABL) and Life Leisure.

You can contact the services directly by simply contacting the Stockport Triage Assessment and Referral Team (START) on 0161 474 3141.

The services on offer are:

- Stop smoking
- Healthy eating
- Healthy weight
- Being more active
- Drinking less alcohol
- Drug misuse
- Specialist physical activity, (including PARiS* and falls prevention)
- Social prescribing (including Desmond; Walking for health, and Food and health programmes)

* Referrals to PARiS must be made by your GP or practice staff

MISCELLANEOUS



Social Care

Working arrangements over the Christmas/
New Year period 2016/2017

Friday 23 December Close 12.30 pm

Monday 26 December CLOSED

Tuesday 27 December CLOSED

Wednesday 28 December As Normal

Thursday 29 December As Normal

Friday 30 December As Normal

Monday 2 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**.

Doctors

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

Boxing Day Monday 26 December 2016

Christmas Day Holiday Substitute

Tuesday 27 December 2016

New Year's Day Holiday Substitute

Monday 2 January 2016

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/

Disability Stockport

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

Saturday 24 December 2016

Monday 26 December 2016 to

Monday 2 January 2017

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

Tuesday 3 January 2017.

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
(Closed 1 January)

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

Contact Numbers for Utilities

Electricity – Scottish Power Energy
Faults & Emergencies: **0800 001 5400**

United Utilities Emergency Supply
helpline: **0800 195 4141**

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

HELP AND SUPPORT



Stockport Credit Union a great place to save and borrow!

Financial stress is a horrible thing. **Stockport Credit Union** is here to help! Unlike banks your local credit union is owned in Stockport by its members.

The key aims of Stockport Credit Union is to provide:

- * convenient savings
- * affordable loans
- * and to help people manage their finances

SAVINGS: Convenient and secure – protected in the same way as bank deposits, up to £85,000! If you are saving for a special occasion or event, the Credit Union can help!

LOANS: Affordable and based on your ability to pay. If you are looking to borrow money for equipment, a holiday, to pay off high cost loans or for any other reason, check out the credit union! There are two kinds of loans:

Saver Loans: - save regularly for at least three months, and you can then apply for up to three times the amount saved.

Payroll Loans: If you work for an employer in Stockport, ask us about a payroll loan up to £2,500, where you pay back the loan out of your salary each month. Whether you save with us, or borrow from us, you can be sure that your money is kept in Stockport and used to help Stockport people. Anyone can join for £1.20!

Get more details from Stockport Credit Union on 0161 430 5808 or www.stockportcu.com

Solidarity

Are you struggling with forms from the DWP?
Need a hand with challenging a benefit sanction?

- * ESA Forms
- * PIP Forms
- * Benefit Sanctions

Come to the Solidarity Drop-In for support

Every Monday 10.00 am - 4.00 pm
at Disability Stockport
23 High Street, SK1 1EG

E-mail: solidaritystockport@gmail.com



Community Health Stockport

Your Partner in Health

Do you have clients unable to access sexual health services in Stockport due to a disability?

A Disability Liaison Nurse for Contraception and Sexual Health is available to Stockport Residents.

The following services are provided:

- Sexual Health Advice
- Contraceptive services including IUD and Implants
- Smear
- Full screening for Sexually Transmitted Infections

Clients may self-refer, or a referral can be made on their behalf to the nurse, who is a Contraception and Sexual Health Nurse, based at Central Youth/Choices Centre.

Her role includes delivering the service to males and females with disability, of all ages, within the Stockport area. She can go to a client's home, receive them in clinic, or at a venue of their choice.

Please contact:

Jean Dunning
C.A.S.H. Disability Link Nurse
Central Youth
1 St Peter's Square
Stockport
SK1 1NZ

Telephone:

0161 426 9686 /
5599

Fax: 0161 426 9632 (confidential fax)

E-mail: jean.dunning@nhs.net

Website: www.stockport.nhs.uk

Eye Tests made easy for people with a learning disability

What is the 'Eye test made easy for people with learning disabilities' Enhanced Sight Testing Service?

The free NHS-funded service is for people who will find it hard to have a standard eye test, but some people will need more time and has these adjustments:

- The option to visit the opticians before the eye test for people who need to
- A longer appointment or a few short appointments so people have the time they need
- Trained opticians who know how to test and communicate with people
- An easy read form to fill in to tell the optician important information
- An easy read report after the eye test to explain what was found

The service is for people registered with a GP within Greater Manchester and is for people aged 14 years old or above who are known by their GP or local learning disability team as having a moderate to severe learning disability.

For more easy ready information about eye tests, glasses and eye problems you can look at SeeAbility's website: **www.seeability.org**

Your local **Learning Disability Team** can help find an optician if you need support.

For Stockport residents contact:

Telephone 0161 218 1220

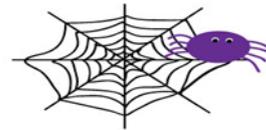
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Stockport Disability Forum

The next three meetings will be on:

Wednesday 08 March 2017

Wednesday 14 June 2017

Wednesday 13 September 2017

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 11 January 2017

Wednesday 08 February 2017

Wednesday 08 March 2017

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

TABLE TOP SALE

at Disability Stockport on the second Sunday of every month starting on Sunday **12 February 2017**

Booking Essential

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Electronic bed only used for 2 weeks maximum
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Contact: **Sue & Peter** on
01663 635 144

Job Vacancy

Disability Stockport is looking to recruit a **Peer Support Worker**

37 hours per week

Salary £21,057 per annum

Closing date for applications
30 December 2016

Telephone: **0161 480 7248**

Email:
email@disabilitystockport.org.uk

Write to: 23 High Street,
Stockport SK1 1EG
to request an application pack.

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

16 January 2017
20 February 2017
20 March 2017

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

7.00 pm – 9.00 pm

Please contact
Karen Lavelle on
0161 480 7248 or

E-mail:
email@disabilitystockport.org.uk

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