

# Stoke-on-Trent Learning Disability Partnership Board

## Reach Update - October 2016



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- Focus Groups on Living With Spending Cuts
- Portland House Advocacy Group
- Community Conversations about Health

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At the Parliament meeting on Monday **8th August**, Reach members looked at some information Stoke-on-Trent City Council had sent to Reach.



Senior Partnership and Planning Officer Richard Skellern had written to Reach members about their work on the consultation for a new Health and Wellbeing Strategy (plan).



Reach members had looked at the plan and shared their thoughts and ideas on what was good about it, what was bad and what was missing.



Richard thanked the Reach members for their work, answered questions they had raised and shared more information about how the plan would work.

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At the **Parliament** meeting on Monday **12th September**, Reach members talked about self-advocacy and spending cuts in Staffordshire.



They talked about the importance of speaking up and how the end of the self-advocacy project in Staffordshire would affect people.



At the Parliament meeting on Monday **10th October**, Reach members reviewed the way Reach write clear information reports and letters.



They looked at some recent Reach reports and talked about the size of the writing, what sort of pictures should be used and how reports should be designed to make them clear to people.



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Reach members also decided they wanted to invite Staffordshire police to the next meeting to talk about community safety, anti-social behaviour and hate crime.



Reach have been holding focus groups and talking to people about how years of spending and service cuts have affected them.



On Thursday **6th October**, Reach worked with the Portland House advocacy group to find out how they feel about their services and support.



On Thursday **20th October**, Reach members are going to the Community Conversation event about health at the King's Hall in Stoke.



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