

What we are doing in

Bolton

about the GM Disabled People's Panel
Big Disability Survey Report



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In 2022, Greater Manchester Disabled People’s Panel did their Big Disability Survey.

This looked at how badly austerity, the Covid pandemic and the cost of living crisis had affected disabled people in Greater Manchester.

They did a report, which gave ideas about what they thought should be done.

In 2023, Greater Manchester Combined Authority looked to see what work had been done to meet the recommendations.



This report is about what has been done in Bolton.



In Bolton, we are using the findings from the Big Disability Survey to do something about inequalities in all the different sorts of work we do.

Such as:



✓ How we run Cost of Living events.

✓ Extra local consultation to see the impact the Cost of Living is having and the support that is needed.



✓ We are working with Greater Manchester Poverty Action to come up with a local anti-poverty plan.

✓ Sharing information with officers and partners to shape the way work is done.



✓ We may start setting aside part of the Household Support Fund to support residents with disabilities.



✓ Looking at our funds, including the Hardship Fund to see which protected characteristics are getting support, and seeing if there are any barriers to access.



✓ Making sure our marketing, communications and event plans were inclusive. This included the King's visit in January 2023 and the Food and Drink Festival in August 2023.



✓ Using information in the report when we do work on infrastructure in UK Shared Prosperity Fund projects.



✓ Helping us give Children's and Adult Services.

✓ The way we train frontline staff in customer services, equality and inclusivity.



✓ Checking how accessible our website is.



✓ Ability Net training for Digital Champions staff.

✓ Workplace support for disabled staff, more inclusive ways of recruiting staff, and changing the way we do things to support neurodivergent people.



✓ Fairness in Employment Monitoring Form has more information about disability.

✓ Doing equalities case studies to help our funding for voluntary groups.

✓ Working on guidance for line managers to help them support neurodivergent staff.



✓ Being more aware about disabilities and getting staff on training that is available.