

What we are doing in

Oldham

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





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 Oldham.



Our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion plan will be updated by 2025. Next year, the Policy Team will be looking to see what we have done and what we should be doing over the next few years.

Our plan will say what we will do to support disabled people in Oldham. Such as:



✓ We will be thinking about how we can make it easier for residents who have limited mobility to access council services.



✓ Carry on checking how what we do affects vulnerable residents.



✓ Our new Health and Wellbeing Plan aims to:

- Get life expectancy in Oldham to rise to closer the national average.
- Support residents to gain the knowledge and skills to make choices about their health.
- Give children the best start in life.
- Improve wellbeing and mental health.
- Less people smoking.
- People being more physically active.





- ✓ Part of the Household Support Fund to be used to help disabled residents or carers with energy costs over Winter.



- ✓ Adult Social Care and the Customer Service Team are working together to support residents with money issues who are having problems with the cost of home care.

- ✓ We started the Access Needs Task and Finish Group, which is looking at what we do to support people with:



- Sensory impairments, including hearing impairments, visual impairments and deaf-blindness.
- Learning Disabilities and Autism.
- Dementia.
- English as a second language.



- ✓ Part of our 'Residents First' approach is looking at what is working well and where we need to do things to make council services better. We have learned from what works best and the lived experience of residents.

The Management Board will be looking at what we should do next.

These are some of the things that are being done:



- We have started doing Dementia Friends training again. We now have a network of Dementia Friends across council services.

- We are giving council staff Learning Disability Friends training. This is being given by Oldham Personal Advocacy Limited.



- We are aiming to make our Residents Panel more diverse by including residents with disabilities and access needs.

- At the moment we involve residents with disabilities through Action Together, our Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) partner, and Oldham's Disabled People's Panel, which is supported by the Greater Manchester Disabled People's Panel.