

What we are doing in

# Stockport

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 Stockport.**

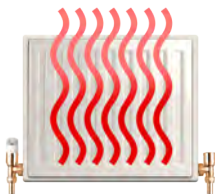
## Advice Services



We are putting our information, welfare advice, debt support work together with a new cost-of-living advice line. We will be doing more for benefits uptake work and neighbourhood based outreach work. We are part of the wider Stockport Community Advice and Information Network, and we work closely with the Department for Work and Pensions.



We can also help people in crisis with fuel vouchers and refer them to foodbanks.



## Warm Spaces

Last Winter there were over 120 places in Stockport people could go to stay warm.



We gave out information about issues with pre-payment meters. We are planning to do a similar thing this Winter.

## Social Care Charging Project



This aims to make sure people are getting all the benefits they are entitled to. They will be helped to put in Disability Related Expenditure claims to reduce the charges they have to pay. Disability Stockport is working with the council's Social Care Team to make the way the council does things better for disabled people.

## Retrofit

The council is working with Age-UK to have a small service doing this work.

## Household Support Fund



The council is spending £800,000 with 7 'Trusted Partners' to do personalised assessments of need for vulnerable households. These include households with a pensioner, disabled person and unpaid carer. Of this, Disability Stockport has been given £200,000 to support disabled people.

## Training



We are looking at how to include the lived experiences of disabled people into our Equality, Disability and Inclusion training. We would support the Greater Manchester Disabled People's Panel if they were able to do this.

The Lead Officer for the Ability Rights Network is looking at becoming a representative for Stockport on the panel.

As part of our Autism Plan the Autism Team has asked for funding to co-produce and co-deliver 10 training sessions about neurodiversity with people who have lived experience of neurodiversity.

## Engagement Work

Adult Social Care listen to what people who use services think about them. We also talk to community groups such as Carers of Adults with a Learning Disability (CALD). Feedback from people with lived experience has an impact on the way we deliver our services.

### Adult Social Care



Is setting up a 'Keeping it Real Board'. This will have service users and carers making decisions about how things are done.

### All Age Autism Board



This now includes 3 autistic people, and 2 parents of young autistic people. The Chair of the Board is an autistic adult. We think the membership of the Board shows a good example of people with lived experience having a big role in planning.

The Board is looking at how to fund paying autistic people for their time on the Board.

The Board has also written to Transport for Greater Manchester about issues they have about travel passes.



## Learning Difficulties

People with lived experience of having a learning difficulty are involved in Stockport Council's work such as SEND and Autism.

## Engagement with Disabled People

Stockport Council has worked with Sector 3 (our Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise support agency) and other local VCFSE groups to launch 'Stockport Ability Rights Network'.



This will be funded by the Council for 3 years. It will work with Disabled People's Organisations, people living with a disability and organisations that support disabled people. It aims to:

- Have better communication and involvement with local disabled people.
- Help communities that face more than one disadvantage to have their needs recognised and their views heard.
- Make sure local services and the way we run things are developed with the needs of disabled people in mind.
- Join with our partners to celebrate and value our diverse communities.

