

Name of the project	Best practice guidelines – for effective engagement of people with a learning disability in projects
Aim of your project	To create a set of best practice guidelines that would support the engagement of people with a learning disability in projects, ensuring they experience a positive and supportive experience.
Who was involved	Gateshead People self-advocacy group led the work for the North East and Cumbria Learning Disability Network, cancer project.
Project approach	<p>The best practice guidance was developed following a period of consultation delivered by self advocates; experts by experience. The consultation included focus groups and an online questionnaire with a range of people with learning disabilities, families and carers who live in urban and rural areas.</p> <p>These will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People with learning disabilities who live independently • People with learning disabilities who live in supported accommodation • People with learning disabilities who live with their families • Family carers • Paid carers • BME family carers
The impact of involving people in this project	<p>By developing the work in this way it ensured the best practice guidelines were fit for purpose and able to support our aims of effective engagement of people with a learning disability in projects.</p> <p>The guidelines have also been shared widely through our networks to support other groups thinking about how they can better engage with people with learning disabilities.</p>
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