

## **A Safer Place to be** Making safe places happen in Tees

### **What we want to do**

Safe Places are being set up across the country and there is growing evidence of their effective contribution to safeguarding the citizenship of people with learning disabilities and their families.

Safe Places are designated venues in the community (identified by a Symbol) that people with learning disabilities (or other members of the community) can go to if they are feeling unsafe or need some support. These venues can be local businesses, libraries, community centres and much more.

We want to support organisations and groups across Tees to work together to develop a unified sustainable safe place scheme across all 4 Local Authority areas.

### **How we will we do this**

Inclusion North will project manage the development of the scheme across Tees by:

1. Co-ordinating a scoping exercise of what resources (people, physical & organisational) might exist already in Tees to create and sustain a Safe Place Scheme
2. Researching models of best practice from across the country
3. Co designing the Tees approach with local people & organisations based on what we know has worked well elsewhere and the assets in Tees
4. Supporting the local leaders to enlist the support of or engage any stakeholders that are needed to make it happen
5. Developing with local leaders an implementation plan including how the Safe Place will be resourced long term
6. Supporting implementation. This will be dependent upon the model chosen and will need to be collectively agreed however this might include:
  - Train and support staff/people to develop and manage the scheme
  - Identify funding streams and write bids
  - Develop a tool kit/guidance for those managing the scheme
  - Review its success

### **When we will do this**

Inclusion North can start this work in February and will want to agree a more detailed timeline & milestones once the broad principles and outline are agreed.

## What it will cost

We think this will be at least 10 direct days' work so a commitment of 10 member vouchers from across the 4 Authorities would be required. For this commitment we would guarantee to deliver up to 12 days if the project required it without using more of members' investment.

Inclusion North members support is counted in direct delivery time so preparation, resources & travel costs are included in this.

Activity	Actual cost	Cost using membership/notes
1. Co-ordinate a scoping exercise of what resources exist already in Tees to create and sustain a Safe Place Scheme	2 – 3 days	Covered by vouchers
2. Research models of best practice from across the country	1 day	Covered by vouchers
3. Co designing the Tees approach	2 days	Covered by vouchers
4. Supporting implementation	4 days	Covered by vouchers
5. Admin support/travel		Covered by vouchers
6. Materials		Covered by vouchers
7. External expertise or advice if needed	1 day allowance of £500	Covered by vouchers

## What we would need from members in Tees

- Provide venues / meeting rooms if needed
- Provide contacts, information and support to work with local stakeholders

## Issues/ Questions

1. We believe that the project should start from the basic premise that all stakeholders already have some knowledge or commitment to the Safe Place idea. The idea has been warmly welcomed through the Seen Heard Valued work via the Tees wide Safeguarding Board and has been described in many events and meetings and therefore at this point we feel large events etc. are not needed.
2. We are presuming that at the end of this piece of work you will have an agreed working model. However, the involvement of Inclusion North beyond this will be decided locally once the model is agreed
3. We would prefer to agree 1 project lead or link person to liaise with us on the development.

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