
Social Inclusion Working Group

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Report of the Head of Performance Improvement

Provision of Adult Changing Places

Summary

1. The provision of standard accessible toilets for disabled people have greatly increased the accessibility of town centres, transport and other services and facilities for disabled people however these standard accessible toilets are not sufficient for some disabled people who either need assistance to use the toilet or to have their continence pads changed. York People First will give a presentation about this issue and in particular the lack of any such facilities in most city centres in Britain, including York.

Background

2. A number of disability and other organisations have come together to launch a national campaign about the lack of adult changing places. These include: Mencap, PAMIS, Nottingham City Council, Dumfries and Galloway Council, the Department of Health Valuing People Team and the Scottish Executive Same as You Team.

Corporate Objectives

- Improve the health and lifestyles of the people who live in York, in particular among groups whose levels of health are the poorest
 - Improve the life chances of the most disadvantaged and disaffected children, young people and families in the city
3. Access to goods and services for many people can be dependent upon the provision of accessible toilets. Without these trips to the shops, to access services or leisure activities can be severely restricted. This has an impact upon people's life choices, opportunities and health.

Implications

4. The attached paper and presentation is for awareness and discussion purposes only.

Recommendations

- Members of the group are invited to consider the attached paper and presentation and to consider what steps it could take support the development of adult changing places in York.

Reason: To update Members on steps that could be taken to support the development of adult changing places in York.

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Wards Affected: *List wards or tick box to indicate all*

All

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Annex

Annex 1 – Changing Places – Changing Lives