

Report of the Assistant Director Governance and ICT

Discrimination against Disabled People in York Cover Report

Summary

1. This report presents the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee with a report into Discrimination Against Disabled People in York (Annex 1) prepared and published by Healthwatch York.

Background

2. Healthwatch York wanted to find out more about issues faced by disabled people in York. In March 2014 they met representatives from several charitable organisations supporting disabled people and their parents / carers in York. From these conversations and the anecdotal evidence they shared, Healthwatch York decided to focus on discrimination against disabled people in terms of the attitudes they face.
3. A survey looking at disabled people's experiences of discrimination in York was carried out and a series of focus group meetings were held after which Healthwatch York was able to identify several common themes which are discussed in detail in Annex 1.
4. As a result of this work Healthwatch York concluded that there are a number of problems faced by disabled people in York, including negative and discriminatory attitudes from the public and service providers as well as physical access issues. This led to a number of recommendations, contained in Annex 1, aimed at trying to resolve many of the problems faced by disabled people in the city.

Consultation

5. Healthwatch York consulted widely with partner organisations during the production of their report and these are detailed in Annex 1.

Analysis

6. This report and its annex are presented to the Committee for information only. A representative from Healthwatch York will be at the meeting to answer any questions Members may have.

Council Plan

7. This report and its annex are directly linked to the Protect Vulnerable People element of the Council Plan 2011-2015.

Risk management

8. There are no risks directly associated with this report. The risks of failing to take action to resolved discriminatory attitudes faced by disabled people area detailed in Annex 1.

Implications

9. There are no implications directly associated with this report. The Healthwatch York report at Annex 1 deals largely with equalities issues faced by disabled people in the city.

Recommendations

10. The Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee are asked to receive and comment on the information provided in Annex 1 and to ask questions of the Healthwatch York representative at the meeting should there be issues needing clarification.

Reason: To keep the Committee informed of issues faced by disabled people in York.

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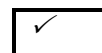
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Wards Affected:

All



**For further information please contact the author of the report
Annexes**

**Annex 1 – Healthwatch York report into Discrimination Against
Disabled People in York**

Abbreviations used in this report and its Annex:

A + E – Accident and Emergency
A-level – Advanced level
AS-level – Advanced Subsidiary level
BSL – British Sign Language
CAMHS - Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service.
CANDI – Children AND Inclusion
CYC – City of York Council
ED. Psych - Educational Psychologist
ISUF - Independent Service User's Forum
LMC – Local Medical Committee
SENCO – Special Education Needs Co-ordinator
SNAPPY - Special Needs Activities and Play Provision for York
YUSU DSN - York University Student Union Disabled Students' Network
YILN - York Independent Living Network