

Referrals: We have seen more new referrals over the past few months and have seen plenty of people coming back to use the service again for support with new issues. I have met a number of groups for people with a learning difficulty or disability and I attended the recent Art Exhibition at Community House by the Bromley Together group.

Monthly Workshops and Drop-ins

We have recently started our workshops, at the Lodge Community Hub in Norman Park, on the theme of technology. We will be looking to set everyone up with an email address and using the internet safely. I will be expecting a lot more emails in the future!



Outreach

I have continued to attend the outreach sessions in Cotmandene and Mottingham on alternate Wednesdays. If you are in the Cotmandene or Mottingham areas, look out for our flyers in the window to see when I am there next. Spaces are first-come-first-serve and we have been getting busier so I would recommend that people get there early!

I have also begun outreach sessions from Bromley Jobcentre Plus on Thursday afternoons. If you would like to meet me there, please ask your work coach or advisor and they will make you an appointment.

Call or email Rob Morgan if you would like any more information about the Bromley Well Learning Disability service on 020 8466 0790, mobile 07482 558 660 or email robert.morgan@bromleywell.org.uk



NEWS -

Learning Disabilities



People with a learning disability and people with autism will be one of the top priorities for the NHS in the next 10 years. The NHS is currently asking for opinions on its work so far and on what needs to happen next.

There will be meetings all over the country to discuss the work that has happened on making health services better, Transforming Care, Learning from death reviews (LeDeR) and other important work. Go to <http://www.learningdisabilityengland.org.uk/news/planning-for-the-next-10-years-of-the-nhs/?platform=hootsuite> to see how you can get involved.

Bromley Safeguarding Adults Board

The Board has produced its first newsletter which can be accessed here

https://bromley.mylifeportal.co.uk/media/24324/bsab_issue01.pdf

NHS Easy Read Newsletter

The latest NHS England Learning Disability and Autism Forum newsletter is out now and available here

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/nhs-england-learning-disabilities-news-summer-2018.pdf>



The Bubble Club

An East London club has been holding bi-monthly nights for people with a learning disability. It describes the event as a "super fun and inclusive club night that is safe and hosts some of London's most fantastic performers".

It has been running for 13 years, and provides an opportunity for people with a learning disability to enjoy a night out. The organisers say that employing staff with a learning disability or living experience of a learning disability can "be helpful for personal confidence and opening up opportunities for potential conventional employment".

The organisers ensure the night is accessible in every way, from easy-to-read menus to a carefully chosen line-up.

Anna, a support worker at Mencap, said "It's very difficult to get funding for these kind of events because people don't see the value. I like to be with my mates, I like to go to the pub. People don't see that as a necessity but it is, of course it is. Otherwise it's loneliness; it's depression; it's not meeting up with people."

Here is a link to their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/bubbleclubbeast/>

You can ring them 07545034542 or email at info@bubbleclub.org