



# North Yorkshire Learning Disability Partnership Board

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Dear friends



This is a letter from Mark and Katie. We are the new co-chairs of the North Yorkshire Learning Disability Partnership Board.



We hope you are all OK during the lockdown. It is a very strange time for everyone.



Sadly we have to cancel our Partnership Board meeting in July because of coronavirus.



Even though there is no meeting, we have been very busy!

This letter has information about the work we have been doing in lockdown.



Instead of meeting in March, KeyRing sent self-advocates questions about the Partnership Board work. They also talked on the phone.



People had lots to say about things like:

- Employment and jobs
- Direct payments
- The North Yorkshire Health Task Group
- The Keeping Safe guides
- Our self-advocacy celebration day

You can read what self-advocates said in the attached presentation.



We have been writing our new Partnership Board Work Plan. This is all the work we are doing, the work we have to do and the work we want to do.

We have grouped our work into four big themes:

1. Living a good life
2. Being healthy
3. Keeping Safe
4. Our Voice



There is a presentation about our new work plan attached to this letter. Let us know what you think!



We have been sending **Keeping Safe Activity Packs** to self-advocates and organisations.

These include our new easy read Keeping Safe guides and some puzzles and questions to help people think about safety.

You can download copies for free from here:

[safeguardingadults.co.uk/keeping-safe/easy-read-guides/](https://safeguardingadults.co.uk/keeping-safe/easy-read-guides/)



North Yorkshire  
Health Task Group



Christopher Porter is the new self-advocate co-chair of the North Yorkshire Health Task Group.

He has been helping North Yorkshire County Council to think about the future of the Health Task Group and how to make work it better.

Christopher, Katie and Karen Murray joined an online meeting with Richard Webb and the North Yorkshire Disability Forum to talk about how disabled people feel about coronavirus.

We collected good accessible information about coronavirus on the North Yorkshire Partnerships website: [www.nypartnerships.org.uk/covidinfo](https://www.nypartnerships.org.uk/covidinfo)



You can find great easy read posters about helping people to stay safe from coronavirus on the [keepsafe.org.uk](https://keepsafe.org.uk) website.



Our next Partnership Board meeting is planned to be October. We do not know if this meeting will happen. We will listen to the Government and follow advice so that everyone can stay safe.



We will keep working with the co-chairs of all the local groups to make sure self-advocates are involved in Partnership Board discussions.



Until we meet again you can read self-advocates stories about life in lockdown in the KeyRing newsletter which you can download from the KeyRing website [here](#)

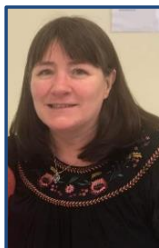


We hope you are all safe and we can be together soon. If you have questions please contact:

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Take care and please stay safe!



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