

## **CALDERDALE DART: SPRING 2015 NEWSLETTER**

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### **➤ *Graham Wardman***

We are sorry to announce the sudden and unexpected death of our colleague Graham Wardman who died on 9th February. Graham had worked in numerous roles over the years including CAB; DAMBA; and CCCS. Graham had worked at DART since 1999 apart from 14 months when he took on a role at CCCS. We are sure his clients appreciated the help he gave them and he will be sorely missed by the Trustees and staff at Calderdale DART

### **• *Vacant Posts at Calderdale DART***

Post 1: Disability Rights Adviser (30 hours per week) - Life Plan Project, Funded by the Calderdale Clinical Commissioning Group until 31st May 2016

Post 2 Disability Rights Adviser (30 hours per week)- Life Plan Project & Cancer Support Project (15 hours per week on each role) Funded by the Calderdale Clinical Commissioning Group until 31st May 2016

Salary for each post: £17,456 pa (actual) or £334 per week for 30 hours

\*All applicants will be considered for both posts unless you specify a preference for either one of the posts in your application, but please read the job descriptions for both posts\*

Hours: 30 hours per week to be arranged. We will consider job share for each of these posts with a minimum requirement of 15 hours per week on each post. You should specify your preference in your application.

Holidays: 20 days, plus bank holidays (pro rata)

Special Conditions: Occasional weekend and evening work may be possible. Must be able to travel across Calderdale

**Key purpose of the posts:**

The personal planning (or Life Planning) process aims to assist disabled people and is intended to allow them to control and coordinate the help they need. A Personal Plan will identify any short, medium and long terms needs that they may have; what advice and information they will require to enable them to meet these needs, and from which agency in the area they will access the support. (This will include providing information about other appropriate voluntary/statutory agencies to allow them to access this support at a local level)

The successful candidate will work with the Manager and other members of staff in developing and maintaining an advice and information service for people with disabilities; offering advice and information to enquirers; and completing a life plan for clients referred to the service.

The Cancer Support Project aims to assist people diagnosed with cancer to access advice and information to meet their immediate needs including assistance to claim Welfare benefits; Blue Badges and other appropriate services

**Experience required:**

- Previous experience of working for a similar organisation to DART and delivering advice to clients
- A proven knowledge of the Welfare Benefits System
- Proven experience of completing application forms for a wide range of benefits including ESA; PIP; HB; CTB; AA
- Experience of working with computers and software including word and excel
- Good oral and written communication skills
- The ability to organise and manage your own workload and meet deadlines
- A team player, willing to undertake all roles within the organisation including reception; post etc.
- Good listening skills
- Experience of keeping detailed Client records
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Closing date for all applications is 3pm on Friday 8th May

The application form and Job descriptions can be downloaded from the bottom of this page, or you can email and request an application pack from [calderdaledart@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:calderdaledart@hotmail.co.uk)

There is a separate job application form and job description for each post but we will consider you for both posts unless you specify one post or the other. Just complete one of the application forms and write 'both' in the box headed 'Post applied for' at the top of the application form.

➤ ***Would you like to become a Calderdale DART Charity Trustee?***

Are you interested in becoming a Trustee at Calderdale DART?

Do you have Business skills; Personnel skills or experience of running a voluntary Organisation? Do you have an interest in helping people with disabilities? If the answer to any of these questions is yes and you would like to be considered for a position on our Management Committee please get in touch with the Manager, Tony Kay for further information.

### ➤ **Fundraising Committee**

If you are not interested in joining the Management Committee but have an interest in fundraising activities we would like to hear from you. You could join our small fundraising Committee which meets approximately every two months to share your fundraising ideas. If Committee work is not for you but you could help out at fundraising events such as Charity stalls; on street collections; charity concerts etc. we would also like to hear from you. Contact the Manager Tony Kay for further information on 01422 346040, email us at [calderdaledart@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:calderdaledart@hotmail.co.uk) or write to us at the address at the top of this newsletter.

### ➤ **Life Panning Service**

Our Life Planning service may be of interest to you or someone you know. We receive funding from the Calderdale Clinical Commissioning Group, to deliver what we describe as 'a Life Planning Project'.

The whole purpose of the project is to try to guide people through areas of their lives which may be affected by the sudden onset of disability (e.g. financial; benefits; employment; housing; transport etc.) with the aim of reducing their need to access health services for this help and ultimately the support they receive from DART will improve their health and well-being. The service is not available to all clients with disabilities and will give priority to patients with '**new**' disabilities within the CCG Strategic priorities as follows:

**Respiratory-** copd, smoking related illnesses

**Cardio Vascular disease-** high blood pressure, heart disease

**Endocrine-** prevalence of diabetes, blood pressure

**Musculoskeletal conditions- such as arthritis**

The Project may also help other groups of newly disabled people or those with new diagnoses e.g. MS; accident victims etc., subject to capacity but will give priority to the groups listed above. Clients can be referred to DART by GPs' or other health care professionals or they can self-refer. We will then carry out an assessment to check that if the person can access the service. Where we are unable to help, we will try to signpost clients to other appropriate services.



*The service currently runs until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016*

## ➤ **Motability**

### **PIP and Motability**

The Government has started to replace Disability Living Allowance (DLA) with Personal Independence Payment (PIP) for disabled people aged between 16 and 64. If you are awarded the Enhanced Rate of the Mobility Component of PIP, you will continue to be able to lease a car through the Motability Scheme.

PIP will replace DLA for disabled people aged between 16 and 64, even if you currently have an 'indefinite' or 'lifetime' award. Disabled children will continue to receive DLA until they reach the age of 16. DLA will also continue to be available for those who were aged 65 and over on 8 April 2013.

### **The timescales for PIP**

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The nationwide roll-out of PIP is not due to be completed until 2018. To begin with, the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) is contacting claimants on fixed term awards, so if you've got a lifetime or indefinite award you may not see any changes at all during your next lease.

### **What you need to do next**

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The most important thing you can do at this stage is ensure that the DWP has your correct contact details. You don't need to do anything else until the DWP writes to you, however, once they have contacted you, make sure you respond within their given timescales.

As part of its welfare reform programme, the Government has started to replace Disability Living Allowance (DLA) with a new benefit called Personal Independence Payment (PIP) for disabled people aged between 16 and 64.

### **How PIP works**

Most Motability customers currently use their DLA to pay for their vehicle leases. Like DLA, PIP has two components:

- a "daily living" component
- a "mobility" component

Each component has two rates of payment:

- a "standard" rate
- an "enhanced" rate

You are able to lease a Motability car by using the Enhanced Rate of the Mobility Component of PIP, which is set at the same amount as the Higher Rate Mobility Component of DLA. Like DLA, PIP is not means-tested or taxable, and can be paid whether the claimant is working or not.

## **The planned changes**

PIP will replace DLA for disabled people aged between 16 and 64, even if they currently have an 'indefinite' or 'lifetime' DLA award.

- DLA will remain for disabled children until they reach the age of 16
- DLA will also continue to be available for those aged 65 and over on 8 April 2013.

## **Eligibility for PIP**

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) awards PIP based upon their assessment of an individual's ability to carry out a range of everyday activities. The eligibility criteria for PIP is different from those for DLA today and existing DLA recipients will not be automatically transferred across to PIP. This means that even if you already receive DLA, you will need to make a claim for the new benefit when the DWP invites you to do so at some point between now and 2018. The DWP will then assess your claim and decide what level of PIP benefit you should receive.

## **Invitation to apply for PIP**

Since October 2013, children reaching the age of 16 and existing DLA recipients whose fixed term DLA award ends, or who report a change in their condition, have started to be invited to apply for PIP. From October 2015, all other DLA recipients including those with 'indefinite' or 'lifetime' DLA awards will be invited to apply for PIP. The process of reassessing current DLA recipients should be complete by 2018.

If the DWP invite you to apply for PIP, you will need to make a claim for the new PIP benefit within four weeks of being invited to do so. If you do not make a claim for PIP, the DWP will suspend and then stop your DLA payments completely. It is very important that you do not ignore any communications from the DWP; please read any letters you receive carefully and respond with any deadlines.

The changes explained above will apply to England, Wales and Scotland. The devolved administration in Northern Ireland is working with the DWP to consider how changes will be introduced in Northern Ireland.

## **PIP and the Motability Scheme**

The Motability Scheme will work with PIP in the same way as it does with DLA. Motability will continue to lease cars, powered wheelchairs and scooters to disabled people who receive either:

- The Higher Rate Mobility Component of DLA
- The Enhanced Rate of the Mobility Component of PIP
- The War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement
- The Armed Forces Independence Payment.

If you are an existing DLA recipient who is awarded the Enhanced Rate of the Mobility Component of PIP, then your Motability lease will continue as you move from DLA to PIP.

If you are an existing DLA recipient who has not received the Enhanced Rate of the Mobility Component of PIP, you will not be eligible to use the Motability Scheme. If this happens:

- The leasing agreement will end
- Motability will arrange with you for the vehicle to be returned
- Motability refunds any Advance Payment on a pro-rata basis e.g. if the agreement ended after one year of a three year lease, two-thirds of the Advance Payment would be refunded
- You may be eligible for our one-off **transitional package of financial support and advice** regarding alternative mobility arrangements
- Subject to terms and conditions, Motability may in some cases be able to offer the vehicle for sale to you
- You will not be charged for any early termination penalties or administration charges.

### **Appealing the decision**

Customers will be able to appeal to the DWP if they disagree with the decision. However, DWP will not continue to make DLA payments while an appeal is being processed and so Motability will not be able to leave the vehicle with you. If the appeal is successful, you will of course be eligible to re-join the Scheme.

### **Returning the car**

#### **I'm not eligible for the Enhanced Rate of the Mobility Component of PIP, what happens now?**

If you are not awarded the Enhanced Rate of the Mobility Component of PIP, please contact Motability as soon as possible to let them know. As soon as the DWP confirms that you are no longer eligible for the Scheme, they will write to you giving you more information specific to your situation. This will include a personalised letter which outlines the transitional support package that may be available to you, as well as the purchase price of your vehicle.

#### **What are the timescales for taking the car back?**

The DWP will continue to pay your existing level of DLA for four weeks after their decision that you do not qualify for the Enhanced Rate of the Mobility Component of PIP. Once we have been informed of the DWP's decision, we will write to you with details of how to return your vehicle. You will be able to keep the car for a maximum of 21 days after the DLA payments stop.

It is very important that the car is returned within 21 days of the DLA payments stopping or you will not qualify for the one-off transitional support package.

### **How will Motability know about the outcome of my reassessment?**

The DWP will write to you to let you know the outcome and separately they will confirm this decision to Motability. However, if you are not awarded the Enhanced Rate of the Mobility Component of PIP it is important that you contact them immediately, so that we can support you in the transition from the Motability Scheme. Please make sure that both the DWP and Motability have your correct contact details so there is no delay if they need to send you information regarding your transitional support package, where eligible.

### **I am unable to return the car within these timescales, can this be extended?**

No, unfortunately you must hand the vehicle back within 21 days of the DLA payments stopping in order to qualify for the one-off transitional support package which is outlined in the 'Financial support' section. This gives you approximately six weeks from when you receive our letter to plan for your car's return.

### **I can't get to my dealership; will I still get the support payment?**

In order to qualify for the transitional support package, you must return your car to a Motability dealership within 21 days of the DLA payments coming to an end. This can either be your dealer or, alternatively if it is more convenient, you can arrange with Motability to return the car to a different Motability dealership which is closer to you.

## **Financial support**

### **How much financial support can I expect as a car customer?**

If you first became a Scheme customer before January 2013 and return the car to the dealership in good condition and within 21 days of the DLA payments stopping, you will be eligible for a one-off £2,000 transitional support package.

If you first became a Scheme customer in 2013, or you re-joined the Scheme during this period following at least a one year break, and return the car to the dealership in good condition and within 21 days of the DLA payments stopping, you will still be eligible for a one-off £1,000 transitional support package. This reduced, yet still significant, amount is because information on the Government's plans for PIP has been publicly available since this point.

If you become a customer after January 2014, or you re-joined the Scheme during this period following at least a one year break, you will not be eligible for transitional support or payments. However, if you return the car to the dealership in good condition and within 21 days of the DLA payments stopping, you will be eligible for the standard £250 which is in line with our general policy for ending your contract early.

Please make sure that both the DWP and Motability have your correct contact details so there is no delay if we need to send you information regarding your transitional support package, where eligible.

Scooter and powered wheelchair customers who joined the Scheme before 2014 will be provided with a package of support and advice with the objective of enabling them to purchase their current product wherever possible. Arrangements will be made to help those with specialised mobility needs.

There is further information on the Motability website. <http://www.motability.co.uk/understanding-the-scheme/pip-and-motability/q-and-a-transitional-support-package>

**Or phone Customer Services Tel: 0300 456 4566**

8am-7pm Monday to Friday

9am-1pm Saturday

Monday 9 am-11 am is their busiest period. You may find it easier to call outside these times

### ➤ ***What is Universal Credit?***

Universal Credit (UC) is a means-tested benefit for people of **working-age**. The structure of UC is intended to be simpler than the current system of benefits and Tax Credits as it is not specifically an 'in work' or 'out of work' benefit. It is one credit for people whatever their employment status. Because of this, it should ease the transition into and out of work as people won't need to transfer to a different benefit as their situation changes.

#### **Conditionality**

Everyone who receives UC will be placed in one of four conditionality groups based on their circumstances and capability. These groups are:

- No work-related requirements
- Work-focused interview requirement only
- Work preparation requirement
- All work-related requirements

The group you are in will determine what is expected of you during your claim. See our page on Conditionality for more information.

#### **What benefits will Universal Credit replace?**

The existing benefits UC will replace are:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment Support Allowance
- Housing Benefit
- Working Tax Credit
- Child Tax Credit

## **What benefits remain outside of Universal Credit?**

All of the Benefits not listed above e.g. Attendance Allowance; Carer's Allowance; Child Benefit; Local Council Tax support schemes; Local Welfare Provision; Pension Credit; Personal Independence Payment; State Retirement Pension and Contributory Benefits such as contributory Jobseeker's Allowance; contributory Employment Support Allowance; bereavement benefits etc.

## **Who can claim Universal Credit?**

To claim UC you must:

- be 18 or over (16 in some limited circumstances)
- be under Pension Credit age
- be in Great Britain
- not be in education
- have accepted a claimant commitment

If you have a partner you will make a joint claim as a couple. If one of you does not meet any of the above conditions, that person will be ignored for the purposes of calculating the UC maximum amount - although their savings/capital, income and earnings will still be taken into account.

## **How does Universal Credit affect people over Pension Credit age?**

If one member of a couple is over Pension Credit age, and the other one is under, both of you will still have to claim UC unless you were already receiving Pension Credit when UC was introduced. If for some reason there is a break in your Pension Credit claim you may have to claim UC instead of returning to Pension Credit.

As UC replaces Housing Benefit and Child Tax Credit but is only for working-age people, there will be some changes to Pension Credit so that it includes support for rent and an additional amount for pensioners with dependent children.

### **➤ *New Scope report on disability and work***

A **new Scope report** recommends that disabled people must be considered in employment and economic growth strategies. Although they have the same talents and aspirations as everybody else and present enormous untapped potential, they face systematic barriers which require intervention in order to be overcome.

If, by 2030 there were half a million more disabled people in work there would be a gain of £6 billion to the Exchequer.

An increase in the disability employment rate would also significantly reduce the rate of relative and absolute poverty among disabled people, with a five or 10 point rise in employment reducing absolute poverty by either two or three percentage points, and relative poverty by three or five points.

If the disability employment rate stays the same and there are no changes in how the benefits system works, wider societal changes mean by 2030 the incidence of relative poverty for disabled adults below pension age will rise from 19 percent to 30 percent, and absolute poverty will rise from 20 to 24 percent.

➤ ***Poor care training putting disabled people at risk***

A UNISON survey of more than 1,000 care workers employed by councils and private firms across the UK, found that staff are increasingly being asked to perform intimate procedures that would previously have only been carried out by registered nurses.

Changing catheter bags, peg feeding, stoma care, administering medication and looking after patients with dementia are just some of the difficult tasks that homecare workers carry out, even though many receive little or no training.

Inadequate training can leave care users in significant discomfort and vulnerable to infections. And, worse still, insufficient training on how to administer medication could lead to fatal overdoses, says UNISON.

Meanwhile, homecare workers are being denied access to vital knowledge, new skills and career opportunities, the survey finds.

Of the homecare workers surveyed who regularly carry out the following tasks:

- Almost six in ten had received no training in how to attach or change a convener catheter.
- More than half had not been shown how to perform stoma care.
- More than four in ten had not received training in how to change a catheter bag.
- More than a third hadn't been showed how to carry out peg feeding.

Almost a quarter of staff administering medication had received no training, despite some of them distributing drugs such as liquid morphine and insulin.

More than two thirds said they cared for people who suffer from dementia. Despite this, more than a quarter had received no training in how to work with people with this illness.

More than three-quarters of respondents had asked for extra training to help them carry out their increasingly demanding roles, but less than half had received any.

UNISON says that the survey suggests that homecare workers are feeling increasingly uncomfortable with a system that is sending them into the homes of people with complicated needs, with the bare minimum of training, or in some cases, no guidance at all.

UNISON believes that the government's new care certificate – which came into force this month – does little to address the increasing lack of training for care workers. It is also only aimed at new employees. The certificate merely provides a basic induction to care, is not mandatory, and the training provided by the employer is neither monitored nor assessed.

This lack of training is compounded by the fact that homecare workers are increasingly being forced to carry out their roles within shorter periods of time, as a growing number of councils use 15-minute visits. Many employees are not being allocated the same care users, preventing them from building relationships with any of the people they care for.

Despite being expected to carry out increasingly difficult tasks with more responsibility, many homecare workers are being paid below the national minimum wage. This is because non-payment of travel time and care workers having to pay for their petrol, uniforms and mobile phones.

### ➤ **Access to work**

#### **What is access to work?**

If you want to work but have a disability that makes working a problem you may be able to get help from the access to work scheme. This provides practical advice and support to help you overcome work-related obstacles. It can also give you grants towards extra employment costs.

Examples of the kind of help available through Access to Work are:

- a communicator, advocate or BSL interpreter for a job interview, if you're D/deaf or have communication difficulties
- a support worker, such as a reader for somebody with a visual impairment; communicator for a D/deaf person; a specialist job coach for a person with a learning difficulty; or a helper for personal care needs at work
- specialist equipment (or alterations to existing equipment) to suit your particular needs
- alterations to premises or a working environment to make it more accessible
- Help towards the additional costs of taxi fares if you cannot use public transport to get to work.

#### **How do I claim?**

Contact the access to work centre directly where you will be offered advice and guidance from an access to work advisor.

You can find details of your local work centre by going to <https://www.gov.uk/access-to-work/how-to-claim>

You could also contact your local Jobcentre or Jobcentre Plus office for advice and an application form.

### **How long is Access to Work funding available for?**

Access to Work funding is available for up to three years. At the end of this period your need's will reviewed to assess if continued or further funding is required. As long as you need the funding, you should continue to get it.

### **Changes to Access to Work from October 2015**

Minister of State for Disabled People Mark Harper has announced changes to the Access to Work Scheme, which will take place from October 2015. From October 2015 Access to Work you will only be able to get an award up to a limit set at one and half times the average salary - a limit of £40,800 per person per year at October 2015. This average salary figure will be uprated annually.

If you are already getting an award which is above the average salary figure when the 'cap' is introduced in October 2015 you will be allowed to keep your existing support until April 2018.

The Government is also looking into piloting contracted taxi services for Access to Work customers across the largest towns and cities.

If you are self-employed, from October 2015, eligibility for self-employed awards will be based on the Universal Credit rules.

### **Contact Access to Work**

When you contact Access to Work you may need:

- your National Insurance number
- your workplace address, including your postcode
- the name, email address and work phone number of a workplace contact, eg your manager
- your unique tax reference number (if you're self-employed)

**Access to Work** [atwosu.london@dwp.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:atwosu.london@dwp.gsi.gov.uk)

Telephone: 0345 268 8489

Textphone: 0345 608 8753

Operational Support Unit  
Harrow Jobcentre Plus  
Mail Handling Site A  
Wolverhampton  
WV98 1JE

➤ ***Calderdale takes the lead on low pay***

Calderdale Council introduced the Living Wage in April 2014, raising the income of over 250 Council workers.

The Council is also working hard to encourage other local employers to sign up to the scheme and uses its buying power to persuade its suppliers to pay the Living Wage to their employees.

On Monday the Cabinet will be invited to consider ten recommendations which have been put forward by the Lower Paid Workers' Group (LPWG) in its report 'No Silver Bullet: Doing more to support our lower paid workers', and to approve their implementation in Calderdale.

The LPWG was set up by the Leaders of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority in spring 2014 to research ways for local authorities to provide extra support for people on low pay.

The recommendations within the LPWG report include encouraging lower paid workers to join a pension scheme; making sure that staff are offered opportunities to develop their skills so they are able to progress in their career and providing employee benefits and salary sacrifice schemes to stretch take-home pay further.

When Councils are commissioning services they will be encouraged to select by applying a social value policy, which will take into account the wider social, economic and environmental benefits which can be gained from the contract, including low pay. The Group also recommends that the zero hours contracts should be used very carefully, so that casual staff are protected from low pay.

➤ ***£6,000 up for grabs in Council competition***

One lucky Calderdale resident could scoop £6,000 simply by changing the way they pay their Council tax.

Calderdale Council has teamed-up with Bacs Payment Schemes Limited, the not-for-profit organisation behind Direct Debit in the UK to offer a cash prize for those residents who

choose to pay their Council tax by this method.

Calderdale Council is one of four Yorkshire local authorities taking part in the campaign, with those living in Bradford, Doncaster and Kirklees also eligible for entry into the draw.

To be in with a chance of winning the £6,000 prize, Calderdale residents must register to pay their council tax bill by Direct Debit before 5pm on 31 July 2015, either by returning a completed Direct Debit Instruction form by post, signing-up to Direct Debit online at [www.calderdale.gov.uk/counciltax](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/counciltax), or calling 01422 288003 to arrange over the phone. Residents who already pay their Council tax by Direct Debit will automatically be entered into the prize draw.

Calderdale Council's Head of Customer Services, Zohrah Zancudi, said:

*"Direct debit is the stress free option for paying your Council tax, and this competition offers a great incentive for people to switch their payment method.*

*"Signing up for Direct Debit is easy, either online, by post or over the phone, and anyone registering before 31 July will be in with a chance of winning; plus if you already pay by Direct Debit you'll automatically be entered into the prize draw!"*

For more information on the free prize draw and how to sign up to Direct Debit visit [www.directdebit.co.uk/yorkshirecounciltax](http://www.directdebit.co.uk/yorkshirecounciltax) or contact your local council.

## ➤ **Housing advice**

### **Introduction**

The Housing Options Service, based at Halifax Customer First, offers free and confidential advice to anyone who has housing problems, or who is homeless or threatened with homelessness. There is an experienced team of housing advisers who can advise on a range of housing issues including:

- rent and mortgage arrears
- benefits
- rights of landlords and tenants
- local housing options
- possession proceedings
- relationship breakdown
- domestic violence
- applications for social housing ( Pennine Housing 2000 and other housing associations).

### **Who can use the service?**

Anyone who is over the age of 16 can approach the Housing Options Service with any housing related problem.

### **How to access the help you need**

Visit the Housing Options Service at Halifax Customer First. Please see [Local Offices](#) for directions. 19 Horton Street Halifax HX1 1QE.

If you have a problem that needs urgent attention, we will see you normally within the same day. Alternatively, we will arrange an appointment for you at a time to suit you.

If you are homeless or threatened with homelessness, we will see you on the same day you contact us. Depending on your circumstances, we will refer you to the Temporary Accommodation and Support Service team or to a hostel.

### **Temporary accommodation and support**

The Temporary Accommodation and Support Service team provides accommodation for those who are and who, it is believed, may be eligible for assistance with temporary accommodation under homelessness legislation. Before accommodation can be provided a homeless person must be interviewed by an adviser at Halifax Customer First. For more information, contact the Housing Options Service on 01422 392460.

For more information and drop-in times [Contact Housing Options Service](#).

### **➤ Advocacy Services**

If you find it daunting to speak with professionals and organisations and need someone to help or support you in making your needs or views known, the following organisations may be able to help you.

#### **Age UK**

Age UK provides support, advice, information and advocacy for older people and their carers.

**Telephone: 01422 252040.**

#### **Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust**

Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust covers:

Calderdale Royal Hospital

Main switchboard: 01422 357171 or 0844 8110101

Huddersfield Royal Infirmary

Main switchboard: 01484 342000 or 0844 8110101.

### **Rethink Calderdale Advocacy service**

This is free and confidential. The service can help people with mental health needs, learning disabilities, physical disabilities and sensory impairments, older people and carers. An advocate is an independent person who is on your side. They will help you to speak out about issues that affect you. You can ask an advocate to support you at meetings and appointments. You can get support to make informed choices and decisions.

Email: [calderdaleadvocacy@rethink.org](mailto:calderdaleadvocacy@rethink.org)

**Telephone: 01422 323809**

### ➤ **BEQUESTS / DONATIONS**

*Although we receive funding from Calderdale Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) the Big Lottery and Calderdale Carers Project we still need to fundraise.*

*Calderdale D.A.R.T. therefore welcomes bequests and or donations at any time.*

*You can be assured that any bequest or donation will be put to very good use in helping us to maintain a specialised advice and information service to people with disabilities throughout Calderdale.*

*If you would like to send us a cheque, make it payable to Calderdale D.A.R.T. If you would like to make a regular donation by standing order, please visit our website for further information <http://www.calderdaledart.org.uk/sponsorship>*

*If you would like to consider leaving something to D.A.R.T. in your will, you will need our Charity Registration number, 1000710.*

*All donations are acknowledged with a receipt.*

*Thank you*

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