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# **Celebrating 35 years of supporting disabled people and their families in Barnsley**

**Autumn 2020**

# From the beginning....



-  This document is a reflection on our achievements from 21<sup>st</sup> October 1985 when a grant from Manpower Services Commission enabled disabled people in Barnsley to establish an advice line to support each other...
-  ...to today and the broad range of services being delivered to support and empower local disabled people, their families and carers in our mission to tackle poverty, social exclusion and improve their health and wellbeing

# Choices



## – Advice and Guidance

- 1988 - DIAL awarded Grant funding from BMBC
- 1997 - Our very 1<sup>st</sup> Lottery grant to fund a Carers Advice Line
- 2003 - AQS Quality Mark awarded
- 2014 - Dearne Area Council fund our pilot community drop in advice
- 2015 - Our first multi year contract secured to deliver Independent Complaints Advocacy Service

# Chances

## - Opportunities and Skills



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| 2002<br>to 2005 | - Volunteers support the delivery of Disability Equality Training and 60 local business trained on Disability Discrimination Act |
| 2013            | - Local population upskilled in Access to Work Programme   |
| 2017            | - Commence 3 year plan to upskill people to make their own benefit claims  |
| 2018            | - Awarded Investing in Volunteers Quality Mark   |

# Connections

## - Social Inclusion



- 2015
  - Sees the launch of our first timebank - 'hOurbank in the Dearne
- 2016
  - Journey to Employment Hub established and a partnership with Job Centre Plus
- 2016
  - 'Grin & Share It' a peer support group established for people with long term conditions
- 2018
  - Warm Connections launched to address social isolation and cold homes

# Changes

## - Healthy Lifestyle



- 2001 - Barnsley PCT fund a Mental Health Helpline
- 2014 - Healthy Living Agents support local people to live healthy lives
- 2016 - We support Barnsley CCG to pilot Personal Health Budgets
- 2016 - Our Fuel Poverty Busters help to reduce winter deaths



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