

The Down syndrome Forum

A place for people with Down syndrome (also known as Down's syndrome) to talk and be listened to



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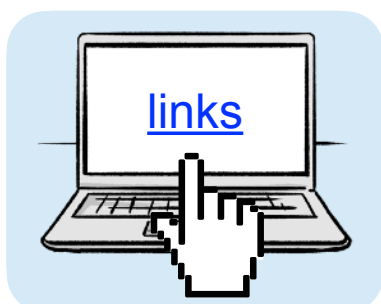
This Easy Read booklet uses easier words and pictures. Some people may still want help to read it.



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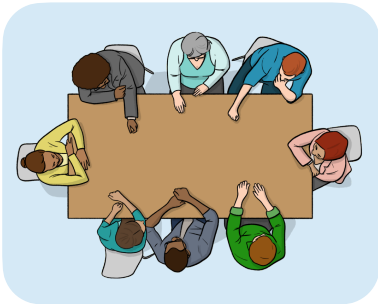


Sometimes if a bold word is hard to understand, we will explain what it means.



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About this booklet



This is information about the **Down syndrome Forum** in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.



The **Down syndrome Forum** is a place for people with Down syndrome (also known as Down's syndrome) to:

- Talk about the services that support them.



- Be listened to by professionals who work in those services.

In this booklet we will tell you more about:



- What happens at the Forum.



- How the NHS in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent, and other organisations will support the Forum.

What happens at the Forum



Every time we meet, a professional from support services will come to listen to what people have to say.



They will listen to how services can be made better for people with Down's syndrome.



This is a chance for people with Down's syndrome to change services and make them better.



The Forum will meet every few months.



Ed Daly and **Karen Webb** will lead the Forum.



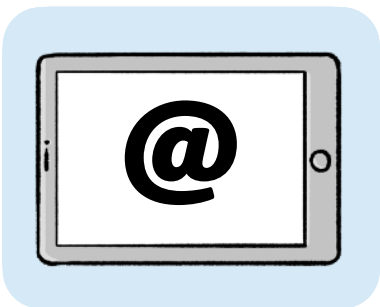
Ed Daly is a young man from Staffordshire with Down syndrome.



Karen Webb is part of the Learning Disability, Autism and Down's syndrome team at NHS Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.



Everyone who goes to the Forum will be helping to make the lives of people with Down's syndrome better.



If you have any questions about the Forum, please email us:
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How the NHS and other organisations in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent will support the Forum



The NHS in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent is 1 of the organisations taking part in the Forum.

They are in charge of:



- Following the laws about how to support people with Down's syndrome.



- Supporting children and adults with Down's syndrome to be as healthy as possible.



- Helping people with Down's syndrome to be a part of planning services that support them.

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They are also in charge of making sure that they do something about the things that people with Down's syndrome tell them.

Other organisations that take part in the Forum include:



- Social care services - they support people with Down's syndrome to access social activities and support them with daily living.



- Employment services - they help people to find jobs.



- Housing services - they help people to find a home or stay in their home.



- Education - they teach students new skills and help them to grow.



You will be able to meet and talk to people who work in these organisations when you go to the Forum.

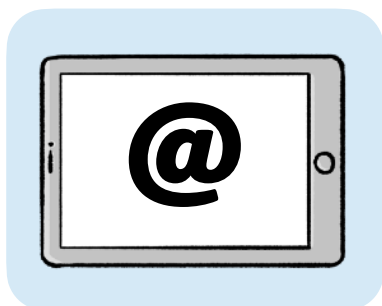


The Forum will make sure all services work together to improve the lives of everyone with Down's syndrome in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.

Find out more



You can look at our website here:
www.staffsstokeics.org.uk/downs-syndrome



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