

DISABILITY PARTNERSHIP CALDERDALE NEWSLETTER: 7-20 SEPT 2020

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WELCOME!

Welcome to the latest Disability Partnership Calderdale newsletter. This week our advice features once again concentrate on Coronavirus and the latest measures to fight the virus. We're also looking for members who have a hate crime story they are prepared to share with us. As ever, there's lots more on our website. Have a great week!

For You: Exemption Cards & Face Masks

Exemption Cards: We have small stocks of the government's special card that people who can't wear face coverings can wear to communicate this to shop staff and other people.

Face Masks For Members: We've still got supplies of disposable face coverings and we will send them out FREE to every member who wants them (whilst stocks last).

Let us know if you'd like a card or a mask by emailing info@disabilitypartnershipcalderdale.org or by calling our mobile and leaving your name and address - 0771 612 2897.



Have Your Say: Equality At The Shops

You may be interested to know that (Equality and Human Rights Commission) EHRC has published some new guidance (3rd September 2020) to help retailers meet their legal obligations to people with disabilities. It explains the simple steps retailers can take to ensure they comply with the law.

If you want to raise any concerns with EHRC regarding disabled people's access to retail services, please contact EHRC directly.

Phone: 0808 800 0082

Textphone: 0808 800 0084

Post: FREEPOST, EASS HELPLINE, FPN6521

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Hate Crime – Do You Have a Story To Share?

Disability Partnership Calderdale have been asked to contribute to Calderdale's efforts to mark National Hate Crime Awareness Week, 10-17 October 2020.

Hate crime is on the increase and takes many forms. Disability is just one of the many reasons some people are singled out for acts of hate crime.

Sadly, the Coronavirus pandemic has created further opportunities for people who carry out acts of hate crime to share their unacceptable opinions and views. People with hidden disabilities and those who can't wear masks for health reasons have been singled out for abuse on many occasions as the tensions caused by the impact of the virus on society come to the surface.

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As part of our efforts to support Hate Crime Awareness Week, we'd like to hear and share your story, if you have been a victim of hate crime because of a disability and you live in Calderdale. We'd like to share your story, but will only do so with your permission.

- Email info@disabilitypartnershipcalderdale.org or call 0771 612 2897

You could include any of the following: details of what happened to you; where it happened; how it made you feel; your advice to other victims of hate crime; who was able to help you – police, bystanders, family, friends?

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Coronavirus: New Government Measures Start Monday 14 Sept

With infection numbers thought to be rising, the Government has issued some new rules.

From Monday 14 September, you must not meet with people from other households socially in groups of more than 6. This will apply indoors and outdoors, including in private homes. This change will simplify and clarify the rules on social gatherings, so they are easier to understand and easier for the police to enforce.

COVID-19 Secure venues, such as places of worship, restaurants and hospitality venues, can still host larger numbers in total but groups of up to 6 must not mix or form larger groups. This rule will not apply to individual households or support bubbles of more than 6 who will still be able to gather together.

Education and work settings are unaffected, and organised team sports will still be able to proceed, as will weddings and funerals up to 30.

Businesses will have a clear duty to support NHS Test and Trace. From 18 September, it will be mandatory for certain businesses to have a system to collect NHS Test and Trace data, and keep this for 21 days.

Core COVID-19 Secure requirements will be mandated for hospitality businesses, and egregious breaches enforced.

Covid-19 in Calderdale – How/Where to access a test

People with symptoms of COVID-19 can access testing by calling 119. You will be able to choose from:

- A regional drive in centre in Leeds or Bradford
- A local mobile testing unit at Todmorden or Mixenden (one will soon be visiting Brighouse too)
- The local walk-up centre at Asda, Thrum Hall Lane, Halifax which can be attended without an appointment
- Arranging a postal test kit to be sent to your home



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Getting Medical (non-Coronavirus) Help – A Mini Guide

Whilst we observe social distancing, it can be hard to know what to do if you're unwell. Here's a quick NHS guide on what to do.

- For help from a GP – use their website, use an online service or app, or call the surgery.
- For urgent medical help – use the NHS 111 online service, or call 111 if you're unable to get help online.
- For life-threatening emergencies – call 999 for an ambulance.
- If you're advised to go to hospital, it's important to go.



Finding Advice & Support in Calderdale



Calderdale Council: The council have a package to support the borough's most vulnerable residents. You can register for their help by calling 01422 392890.

Citizens' Advice: Citizens' Advice provide advice and support on a wide range of financial and benefit issues -Tel: 0300 330 9048

Disability Support Calderdale: helping disabled people to fill out funding applications for benefits and offering other financial advice. Please call/text: 07944 511 716

The NHS's Volunteer Responders The NHS has an army of Volunteer Responders who are available to help a range of ways - please call 0808 196 3646 (8am to 8pm) - you should only get in touch if you are elderly, disabled or otherwise very vulnerable.

Getting Tested For Coronavirus: If you develop symptoms of COVID-19 (high temperature or new, continuous cough or loss or change in sense of smell and taste) you should book a test as quickly as possible via the NHS website or by calling 119.

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