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Dear Manager

Re: Person Centred Thinking and Essential Lifestyle Planning (ELP)

Neil Woodhead and I are responsible for promoting Person Centred Planning and Approaches throughout Derbyshire. This includes training staff, working with families and developing plans with people with a learning disability. We offer 2 day Person Centred Thinking courses and we also work with Helen Sanderson Associates (www.helensandersonassociates.co.uk) to offer Essential Lifestyle Planning (ELP) Facilitator and Manager training.

Person Centred Thinking equips staff with practical tools which they can apply every day at work. ELP Facilitator and Manager Training requires managers to train alongside their staff member(s) to ensure that planning can be supported in the work place. Facilitators are trained to develop plans with people they support and receive ongoing mentoring from Neil or me. Managers are equipped with tools to develop their teams along person centred lines.

The purpose of this letter is to increase capacity and demand for Person Centred Thinking and ELP training so that we can improve the life chances of people with a learning disability in Derbyshire. We want to train people working in different organisations to be able to deliver Person Centred Thinking and also to train people to be able to develop ELPs. We then want individuals to co-train Person Centred Thinking courses alongside myself or Neil and eventually on their own. The ELP facilitators would be trained to develop plans and would then be expected to develop two additional plans a year outside their organisation. Both groups of people would get ongoing support and mentoring from Neil or me and be offered free training days throughout the year, which they could then take back to their workplace.

If the issues and opportunities raised by this letter interest you, please email Neil Woodhead neil.woodhead@derbysmhservices.nhs.uk or phone 01332 228955 or email Peter Bailey Peter.Bailey@Derbyshire.gov.uk for more details or just an informal chat. We'd love to hear from you!

Peter Bailey and Neil Woodhead