



## Partnership Board Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2014

### Self Advocates Workshop Feedback

#### Workshop 1



#### Using an iPad to help communicate better



- Some of us had a chance to look at some things on an iPad that can help with communication.
- Some of us had a go at finding things on an iPad
- Some of us watched other people have a go.
- We had help from
  - Transitions workers from the Council
  - Teachers from Homefield College
  - Speech and Language Therapists
- They showed us how an iPad can help us

#### What did we think about the iPads?

- Communication Apps make me feel happy because I can find pictures, symbols and photos of the things I like. I can show them to people
- I can find pictures of the things I like to do
- I can find pictures of the things I like to eat or the things I need to buy. I can show them to the person who is helping me with the shopping
- I can find out how to wash my clothes and how to use a washing machine

#### What didn't work so well?

It took a long time to get the iPads working. When we did get them working, they kept switching off. We need to make sure people have the right passwords for the Internet so that they work well in meetings.

**What does an iPad cost?** It depends on which one you buy but they can cost between £200 and £350



## Workshop 2

### What are the things that help me communicate?

- Sign language
- Use Ipads for pictures, photos and symbols
- For people to speak clearly
- To talk about ideas
- To talk to me not my staff
- Communication Aids
- Using the computer
- Have a work plan to understand what I have to do in my job
- Speak clearly to each other
- Use easy words
- Don't rush me or my family and friends
- Give us time to understand what is happening around us
- Taxis – know about the time and the date
- Be happy
- Have clear instructions and rules
- A Communication Passport
- Training is good. Staff training to understand each other clearly
- I like to talk to people and I tell people if I don't understand
- At home, my family, my friends and my partner help me to remember dates for holidays and meetings and to do my shopping list
- Taxi people help me
- Timetables help me remember the things I have to do
- Signs to tell us where things are
- Plans to do things
- Going out and doing things
- Coming to meetings
- Making new friends
- Having a chat with people
- Being able to ask questions – having time to ask questions
- Communication Passports are good
- Having some help
- For the meeting rooms to have a fan in them – being comfortable in the room

- Talking slowly
- Look at me when you are talking to me
- Use simple words
- Listen to me and speak clearly
- Look at me and say my name
- Give me choices
- Knowing my interests
- Showing interest in what I like to do
- It's hard for me to tell if people are telling a joke or not
- Mindmats help me more than pictures or objects
- To be creative in how you communicate
- Everyone has feelings
- Treat everyone with love and kindness