

Get involved

The partnership development team is always interested in hearing from people who would like more information or would like to participate in any of the forums or pieces of work they are involved in.

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Communications

The PDT helps to keep people involved and informed through the website www.pdteam.org.uk which provides up-to-date news and information, involvement opportunities, consultations and key documents.

The partnership development team also produces a quarterly newsletter 'Partnership Press' which can be delivered directly to your door or downloaded from their website.

The PDT can help individuals and organisations to publicise their work and projects using their extensive network of local contacts, website and newsletter.

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Partnership development team

Giving a voice to service users, carers and voluntary organisations



The partnership development team (PDT) gives a voice to service users, carers and voluntary organisations to influence health and social care service planning.

The partnership development team (PDT) is an **independent** and **neutral** resource.

They work with 6 groups of vulnerable adults:

- > Older people
- > Substance misuse
- > HIV/AIDS
- > Mental health
- > Learning disability
- > Physical/sensory impairment

The PDT is primarily funded by NHS Nottingham City and NHS Nottinghamshire County to work in the following areas:

- > Nottingham City
- > Rushcliffe
- > Gedling
- > Broxtowe
- > Hucknall



The work of the PDT is delivered in different ways. Below are some examples of the work carried out with the various vulnerable adult populations.

Substance misuse

The PDT co-chairs the 'drug users forum' (DUF) with Nottingham crime & drugs partnership. They also co-chair the 'alcohol service users forum' (ASUF) with the county alcohol service user officer.

Both forums allow members to comment on drug and alcohol services and provide a link between service users and service planners.

The PDT also supports members of DUF and ASUF to participate in other planning groups and forums.

Learning disability

The 'parent carers forum' for carers of adults with learning disabilities provides a link between family carers and service planners in the NHS and local authorities.

The PDT also supports the voluntary sector network, helping to strengthen the sector's involvement in service planning and delivery.

The PDT supports carer representatives at the city and county learning disability partnership boards, as well as at other meetings.

Older people

The PDT helped to set up older people's forums across Greater Nottingham which give a voice to older people regarding local, regional and national concerns.

They helped extend the reach of Nottingham Elders' Forum by helping create their website.

Physical/ sensory impairment

This work relates mainly to our attendance at meetings, and publicising events and consultation opportunities in our website and newsletter.

Mental health

The PDT helps the Nottingham crime & drugs partnership support the 'dual diagnosis forum' which is for service users with co-existing mental health and substance misuse problems. The forum is also open to other interested parties.

The PDT also helps to publicise the annual mental health awareness weeks events.

HIV/AIDS

The PDT manages the 'HIV/AIDS user and carer group'. This lively and unique meeting allows service users, carers and HIV service planners and providers to meet together to discuss a wide range of issues relating to local HIV services.