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## Inclusion North News



Inclusion North will share an important news story and tell you about their own work here every two weeks.



My name is Belinda Croce and I have just started working for Inclusion North. I am really excited to be working on the Involving Everyone Project with my co-worker Jillian Allan in the North East.



The Involving Everyone project was set up to reach out to people with profound and multiple learning disabilities and their families. The project started in 2022, and we have new funding to carry it on.



People with profound and multiple learning disabilities often have a lot of health and social care needs but are not often included in discussions and decisions about new services.



We want to reach out to this group of people and their families to connect them with professionals who are responsible for delivering their support and care.



Professionals need to understand what this group of people really needs to live a good life and include this when they write their plans.



Our project is directed by the Involving Everyone Steering Group. This group is made up of families and professionals who work with people with profound and multiple learning disabilities.



A photography exhibition has already been produced showing people's interests and the relationships people have in their lives.



Family members have co-produced "communication tips" for people who haven't had any experience of communicating with people who have profound and multiple learning disabilities.



These tips have been printed on posters, coasters and business cards. These will help healthcare professionals to start conversations with people with profound and multiple learning disabilities and their family in the right way.



These will be sent out to staff across the NHS in the next few weeks.