

Appendix 1

Statement from Leeds Local Involvement Network (LINK)

Leeds LINK is delighted to have the opportunity to comment on the first Local Account of Adult Social Care. LINK welcomes many of the Leeds City Council proposals. We believe that they will lead to genuine changes which will start to improve the lives of many Leeds citizens with disabilities and other needs.

The Local Authority has made the brave decision to work more closely with its users in order to seek joint best value. It is also important that Leeds LINK recognise that the citizen's voice is being heard, respected and that plans are reviewed and sometimes changed in favour of users.

Advocacy and Safeguarding can help a client's well being but can not help mitigate social insulation from less contact or less provision. LINK look forward to challenging the Local Authority if the need arises but welcome the enthusiasm with which the Local Authority embraces the change.

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