Have you lost your Safe Places card and need a new one?
Are the contact details on your card up to date?
Do you know anyone else who would like a card?

Please call Samantha Jones, Safe Places Co-ordinator. Tel: 01484 340811
Email: samantha.jones@mencapinkirklees.org.uk
Write to us: Mencap in Kirklees, Brunswick House, 33 East Street, Lindley, Huddersfield, HD3 3ND

Are you interested in learning more about learning through activities? Visit Arena Day Service for adults with a learning disability.

The Arena Day Service for adults with a learning disability is based at ‘The Shop’ in Dewsbury. Arena is all about learning through activities. People at Arena are supported to enjoy and achieve things that matter to them.

Arena staff work to help members
- Develop personal, practical and social skills
- Increase independence
- Be involved in their community
- Progress into work
- Develop a social network

For more information please contact Karen on 01924 452953 or 07885 294340

Safe Places Update

April 2015

Police and Crime Commissioner Visit

Mark Burns-Williamson is West Yorkshire’s Police and Crime Commissioner. In the last newsletter we told you about Mark and his Safer Communities Fund. Safe Places recently received some money from the fund.

Mark would like to visit the Safe Places scheme. He would like to meet with some of the people we work with and support. It will help him to see the difference the Safer Communities Fund is making to people in Kirklees.

Mark and his team will be coming along to Huddersfield Bus Station on Wednesday 29th April. He will be there from 10.30am until 12 noon.

We will also be holding a Safe Places roadshow at the Bus Station that day. From 10.30am until 12.30pm we will be handing out information. There will be chance for people to join the scheme and receive their card and wristbands if they haven’t already.

West Yorkshire Police, Kirklees Involvement Network and other agencies will also be handing out information and advice.

Please come along and join us if you can and let Mark know how Safe Places has made a difference to you.

Roadshows

The Safe Places scheme is holding some events over the next few months. We hope to talk to as many people as possible about Safe Places. Some of our partners including the Police will also be coming along to talk about hate crime and keeping safe.

The first will take place at Huddersfield Bus Station on Wednesday 29th April from 10.30am until 12.30pm.

A roadshow will also take place in Dewsbury at The Options Centre on Tuesday 16th June, 10am until 12pm.

ASDA on Bradford Road in Huddersfield have also agreed to let us hold a roadshow. This will take place on Thursday May 21st, 10:30am-12:30pm.

Everyone is welcome. We will be holding other smaller roadshows across Kirklees. For more information contact Samantha on 01484 340811.
**Safe Place Tours**

Last year we held some tours. They were very successful. We helped a lot of people to practice where to get help and what to do if something goes wrong when they are out and about.

We will be running the tours again this year. If you would like to visit and practice using Safe Places in your area you can join us on one or more of the tours.

The Police will also be coming along to talk about keeping safe.

Huddersfield—6th of May at 11.30am
Dewsbury—13th of May at 11.30am
Batley—2nd of June at 11.30am
Heckmondwike—24th of June at 11:30am

If you would like to know more about where we will meet and book a place, please contact Samantha on 01484 340811 or email samantha.jones@mencapinkirklees.org.uk

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**Disability Hate Crime**

Disability Hate crime is when someone treats you badly because you have a disability.

It is important to tell someone if anyone makes you feel bad, scared or they harm you or your things.

If you feel worried when you are out, remember you can go into a Safe Place. You have a right to be safe and feel safe.

**Hate crime is wrong. Report it.**

- Tell someone you trust
- Tell the Police. You can ring the Police on 101 or ring 999 in an emergency.
- Go online and report it [www.kirklees.gov.uk/haterreporting](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/haterreporting)
- You can also go to a hate incident reporting centre. This is a place where you can report what has happened in person. A list of where they are and ones that are disability specific are on the above website

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**Wakefield Safe Places scheme**

Wakefield have recently launched their own Safe Places scheme.

This means that the whole of West Yorkshire now has Safe Places venues.

If you travel around West Yorkshire you can use your card to get help at any of the Safe Places in any area.

The signs are not exactly the same in each area but still mean staff will help if you need them to.

This is great news for people who want to travel outside of Kirklees.

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**New Safe Places**

- Sandy Mount, Blackmoorfoot Road, Crosland Moor
- Mencap in Kirklees Dewsbury Shop, 2 Church Street,
- Café NOVO, 12 Longcauseway, Dewsbury
- Cleckheaton Library and Information Centre, Whitcliffe Road, Cleckheaton

Thank you to all our Safe Places for giving vulnerable people confidence to travel and help when they need it.

Last year our Safe Places helped people who had lost bus passes, been followed and felt scared.