



## Partners' Report September 2022

Welcome to our seventh partners' report which is intended to keep you up to date with progress and developments on the Carers-ID study. As you know, the purpose of the project is to capture the experiences of carers of people with severe or profound and multiple learning disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic with a view to create a programme to better support its impact on them.



This report features the **All Wales Forum (AWF)**, our Welsh charity partner. AWF is the only organisation in Wales that represents nationally, collectively and solely the views of Parents and Family Carers of people with learning disabilities. Set up by families for families, they are an umbrella body for local and regional based organisations and support groups made up of carers.

**Caring Communities of Change** - AWF has its own project based on what families in Wales have told us are the key areas that need to be addressed. As a result of partnership work with carer-led networks, local authorities and other organisations we are co-producing pilots, from which we will scale up innovative and practical solutions to meet the needs of carers and their families.

**All Moves Matter – Transitions** - Working with families to provide a voice and control for family carers during the process of planning from home to independent living. The project will generate creative opportunities and give families a choice by accessing alternative models and options.

**Break from the Routine – Respite** Working with families to co-produce and provide responsive and flexible alternatives to respite care. It will provide options for respite care that can be 'self-funded' or paid for through Direct Payments. e.g. Staycation – a peer network of family carers sharing advice, information and support to other carers.

**Creative Carer Communities – Resilient and inclusive communities** Re-design of community activity to make sustainable changes that meet the needs of the communities.

For any more information and to get in contact, send us an email at [admin@allwalesforum.org.uk](mailto:admin@allwalesforum.org.uk) .

Ongoing work of Carers-ID:

- Recruitment will continue until end of September. We have 8 focus groups to go.

If you know of anyone interested in taking part in a focus group discussion please contact Dr Trisha Forbes ([Trisha.Forbes@gub.ac.uk](mailto:Trisha.Forbes@gub.ac.uk)) or Dr Mark Linden ([M.Linden@gub.ac.uk](mailto:M.Linden@gub.ac.uk))

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