

9. Delivering our plan

We will collaborate with BSL users and partner organisations to deliver our plan effectively and make real improvements for BSL users in the city.

We will continue to review, revise and refine this plan over its lifespan in collaboration with BSL users and other key stakeholders.

Action areas

- Developing engagement and collaboration:
 - o With BSL users, including children, young people and their families to respond to their needs and aspirations, and to find out what is working.
 - o With NHS Lothian, East Lothian, Midlothian and West Lothian Councils, to share approaches, learning and resources, improving experiences and outcomes for BSL users across the Lothian area.
- Identify key data needed across the Council to support the monitoring and delivery of the plan.

There are two important early actions for us to take in delivering the plan. The first is for us to develop ways to collaborate with BSL users to help prioritise and shape the actions into an implementation plan, and to consider how the plan will be reviewed and refreshed over the six year period.

The second will be to collaborate with colleagues in NHS Lothian and the other three Lothian local authorities on implementing our plans, looking for opportunities to share learning, resources, and approaches.

The work will be taken forward by:

- An officers group, chaired by a Lead Policy Officer, with representatives from all relevant service areas – they will meet twice a year to share progress across the life of the plan.
- Two working groups, which will develop detailed implementation plans and monitor progress with delivery:
 - o Accessibility, chaired by the Communications Manager, with representatives from relevant service areas.
 - o Children, Young People and their Families, chaired by the Head of Education (Inclusion), with representatives from relevant service areas.
- Managers from the relevant service areas will be responsible for developing and monitoring actions, covering the remaining themes.

Progress will be reported to the Elected Members Equalities Group and to Policy and Sustainability Committee on an annual basis. We will review and revise the plan throughout its lifespan, through ongoing engagement with key BSL stakeholders, so that it is as effective as possible, and can adapt to developments and challenges as they emerge.