

“Nothing for us without us”

Hello everyone! Please let me introduce myself to you. My name is Jackie Chapman and I am the facilitator for the PDRT User Group in the south of Northamptonshire.

For anyone who does not know about the Team please let me explain: It is a group of people with social work or clinical backgrounds who support anyone in the community who has a physical disability. They can assess your needs and can provide counselling regarding your disability. They can also refer anyone to other professionals if help is needed with OT, physiotherapy or housing needs. In other words, the Team is a resource that anyone with a physical disability might benefit from contacting.

The User Group that I am involved with monitors the Team and ensures that they provide services that people need. The User Group also looks at any issues in the county that affect physically disabled people and discusses them at our monthly meetings. We will lobby those in authority if necessary, and insist on being properly consulted when changes in services are being decided. We have a newsletter that provides relevant information and also commission surveys to ensure that we are doing what people in the community want us to.

If anyone feels that they would like someone from the PDR Team to visit them you may refer yourself for an assessment on Northampton 678021.

If you would like further information about the User Group please contact me, email: j.m.chapman@talk21.com