

# KeyRing Update Autumn 2021



We wanted to share with you some highlights of the amazing things that have been going on in KeyRing recently.

If you'd like more information, please speak with your local manager or contact us through [enquiries@keyring.org](mailto:enquiries@keyring.org).



## Digital Connections

We've connected even more of our Members (the people we support) through:

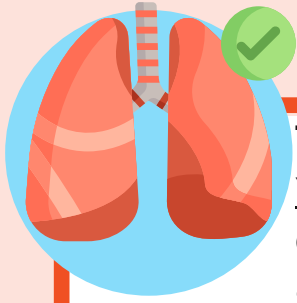
- Digital Lifeline - 42 devices and connections obtained via the Good Things Foundation and distributed to Members.
- Creating Connections - we've worked with AbilityNet and Learning Disability England to connect further with Members.
- We've also worked with Open University, Skills for Care and Change to help provide resources for other people who receive support.
- Our work as part of the Operation Wifi team led to the first ever national data bank.

**"Virgin Media O2, launched the first ever National Databank – to tackle data poverty by providing free mobile data to people in need"**

**NEW**

## New service

Introducing our new community network support scheme in Knowsley. Using the KeyRing network model, people in Knowsley are being supported to build their independence through 1-to-1 support and community hubs. We look forward to seeing the outcomes for the people of Knowsley.



### **Top to toe**

Your health matters is a scheme that we are running in South Gloucestershire. People with learning disabilities and/or autism plan sessions to discuss their health concerns in a peer led environment.

They cover things like annual health checks and sexual health as well as ways to improve health.

### **And finally....**



### **Our work with the Criminal Justice System**

Since 2006 we have been involved in work to contribute to a fairer and more effective Criminal Justice System.

We support a group of people with lived experience called the Working for Justice Group to demonstrate how people with a learning disability are often disadvantaged by a service that doesn't meet their needs but can flourish with person-centred adjustments.

The group have informed reports such as The Prison Reform Trust's No One Knows, influenced policy such as The Bradley Review and delivered Learning Disability Awareness training to officers from every prison in England and many in Wales.

This year, they have worked closely with HM Inspectorate of Prisons and HM Inspectorate of Probation on their review of neurodiversity. They supported the production of an easier read version of their call for evidence, shared their experiences and helped with an easier to read overview of findings. The recommendations of this report resonate with the group's views that reasonable adjustments, good communication and person-centred support are vital.

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