## How can you get involved?

You might like to become a member of one of five Bucks County Council Partnership Boards;

- Physical and Sensory
  Disability
- Mental Health
- Learning Disability
- Older People
- Carers

Join our Board at SUCO.

Become a member of one of our special interest groups.

Or if you only have a limited amount of time you could contribute to one off consultation exercises.



# We would support you by:

Paying agreed expenses.

Providing practical help and support.

Providing opportunities to develop skills to support your involvement.

### **Next Steps:**

You can visit our website, where you will find an interest form to fill in: www.suco.org.uk

Or you could email us at: info@suco.org.uk

Better still you might like to call us on: 0300 777 2711.

Then we could arrange for an interest form to go in the post and tell you a little more about ourselves, it is so difficult to tell you everything in a leaflet.

If you would like this leaflet in an alternative format or larger print please call us.



**Bucks Service User and Carer Organisation** 

## Service User and Carer Representation

Get Involved and Make a Difference

Promoting Service User and Carer Engagement in Buckinghamshire

## Who are we?

The Bucks Service User and Carer Organisation (SUCO) is a newly formed organisation, created and led by service users and carers in response to:

Government's expectation for local councils to actively include service users and carers when designing, implementing and monitoring Adult Social Care Services.

Bucks County Council asking SUCO to find service users and carers who would like to be involved and to support their involvement.

SUCO evolved from the work of the Self Directed Support (SDS) Service User and Carer Reference Group, who provided a service user and carer voice to Bucks County Council during the design, implementation and overview of the county's Self Directed Support Programme

### What do we do?

We work in close partnership with Bucks County Council to assist with developing and shaping the recent changes within Adult Social Care

We find service users and carers to represent the views of their community on Bucks County Council Boards and Groups.

We offer views on policies relating to Adult Social Care Services.

We keep service users and carers informed about changes that may affect them.

We provide a link to other related organisations locally, regionally and nationally.



## Who we are looking for?

People who can speak up on behalf of others and feel comfortable representing their interests.

People who are happy to attend meetings, consultations and sometimes tender panels and other engagement activities.

People who will share information and report back on the events that they attend.

Those with a special interest in: Physical and Sensory Disability, Mental Health, Learning Disability, Older People and Carers.

