Hello Everyone, here is an update from BwD PIP for the last 12 months…….

**YOU SAID……………………………………WE DID!!!**

**And for our next trick……**

We have the **Disability Information Day**, (in partnership with Children’s Services) on **Thursday 15th March**, all welcome! And check out our new website bwdpip.org.uk

Sometimes parents/carers want some “me” time!

We hold 2 Coffee Mornings a month, one of them is at Youth Zone, where there is the opportunity to use the gym (for a small charge) with a personal trainer on hand! For those that just want a brew, chat and cake the other coffee morning is at Care Network. See our new improved website for details!

Why is everything during the day when I am at work?

We hold 3 forums a year – one is an evening forum, one on a Saturday (both with childcare provided) and one in school holidays with something for the kids! So hopefully everyone gets a chance to participate! We are limited with workshops to when the trainer is available, but we will try our best at accommodate requests if you let us know what you want.

What will my young person do after school/college? I have concerns about their future…..

BwD PIP held an evening Forum in November around Transitions – New Directions (careers service) came to tell us what they could do to help young people with SEND, also speakers from children’s and adult social care, - we had stands from local colleges- including Blackburn College, Myerscough College, Newfield School, Stanley Grange and St Christophers 6th Form - so parents could find out what they could offer. Also we arranged for Contact -for disabled children to hold a Preparing for Adulthood session for parents/carers.

I want to know more about getting the right support for my child/young person in school or college…and how to get a good EHCP (Education Health and Care Plan

BwD PIP organised for Contact – for disabled children to hold 2 information sessions, one on SEN Support (where the child has no EHC plan) and SEN Outcomes – to help make sure the EHC plan works for your child.

What do we do if our child gets bullied?

BwD PIP arranged for Contact -for disabled children to come and do an Anti Bullying Workshop, we also had a representative from Victims Voice to come to the forum to talk about Disability Hate Crime.