

## Better Start Bradford Community Board Member Role Description

### Overview

Better Start Bradford is a community-led programme. The 12 Community Board Members are the voice of local parents and families within the Better Start Bradford area of Bowling and Barkerend, Bradford Moor and Little Horton. They work in partnership with representatives from Bradford Council, the NHS, Born in Bradford and local voluntary and community sector partners, playing a major part in supporting and developing Better Start Bradford.

### As part of the Partnership Board, you will be required to:

- Champion the views of pregnant women, expectant families and families with children aged 0-3 in the Better Start Bradford area.
- Promote Better Start Bradford locally and share our key messages.
- Attend and contribute to meetings that ensure the effective governance of the programme. This includes:
  - Monthly Partnership Board
  - Monthly Partnership Board preparation meetings
  - Theme group or other subcommittee meetings to discuss the individual projects or programme functions, e.g. Commissioning Advisory Group or Finance and Audit

In addition to this you will need to commit regular time for reading reports, papers and other additional research.

- Be part of the high-level decision making and monitoring of the Better Start Bradford programme, to ensure its successful delivery. This involves discussing and making decisions on a range of programme documentation such as the delivery plan, the risk and issues register and the budget as well as any proposed changes to the programme. It does not involve day-to-day decisions made by the programme team.

This is an exciting and unique opportunity for local people to make a real difference.

### We are looking for people who:

- Live or work in the Better Start Bradford area and have parenting experience (parent, grandparent, carer) or knowledge of early years services.
- Are passionate about making a difference and improving people's lives, working with people with a range of backgrounds.
- Have experience of using services for babies and young children, such as midwifery, social care, nursery or family hubs.
- Have been involved with community activities at a decision-making level which has involved reading reports, budgets etc.
- Are able to speak with confidence in a large group of people and can encourage others to do the same.
- Are able to see others' points of view and can debate an issue calmly and assertively without judging others.

We offer support to all Board members to enable them to participate fully and this is tailored to their needs.