

## **Feedback**

### **Bradford Buddy Scheme Market Engagement Events**

**Held on the 24<sup>th</sup> March and 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

Discussion and suggestions from the session include:

- Are there enough potential volunteers to support this scheme
- Indicative number of 85 people per year was felt may be too high to recruit volunteers
- Outcomes such as improving people lives to be able to go out etc. will help meet the indicative number of supporting 85 people per year, who are not matched 1:1 with a volunteer, but in wider group settings
- Ratio of matching people to a volunteer is not 1:1, this can be wider, and kept informal
- A generic volunteer is easier to recruit but if we want to match people properly it is harder to find appropriate volunteers
- Supporting people to build friendship groups was welcomed
- Some unpicking for the Council in terms of referral pathway – should this include self-referrals, or perhaps referral at the initial access team, rather than once a social worker is assigned. Opportunity for people to be linked into this scheme as their dementia is diagnosed
- Social groups for buddies who seek employment, so they can create own friendships and support one another
- If co-producing the tender with people who have lived experience, share this with Council
- More detail on outcomes needed including consideration of one's such as, supporting people to be independent and gain in confidence
- One Provider felt that the indicative funding level would be insufficient to deal with potential safeguarding issues