

I read your consultation paper on mental health and am in agreement with the points. I am the co-ordinator of Orkney Disability Forum and would like to emphasise the positive effect that increased participation has on mental health. We have around 450 members that are elderly or disabled and as well as providing activities, we enable the to get to places by means of our dial-a-bus service and Shopmobility service. I worry that unless transport for disadvantaged people is kept at the forefront of government policy making then we will not be making a totally inclusive environment where everyone has the same opportunities.

Regards

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