

# WHOcares?

Combatting inequalities in end of life care for people with learning disabilities



## Understand the issue

- 2016 Care Quality Commission report identified inequalities in end of life care for people with a learning disability
- Recommendations included training and support for health and social care professionals who care for vulnerable groups at the end of life
- A reciprocal programme is being developed by Dorothy House and SWALLOW (learning disability charity)
- The programme is funded by the People's Postcode Trust



## Aim high

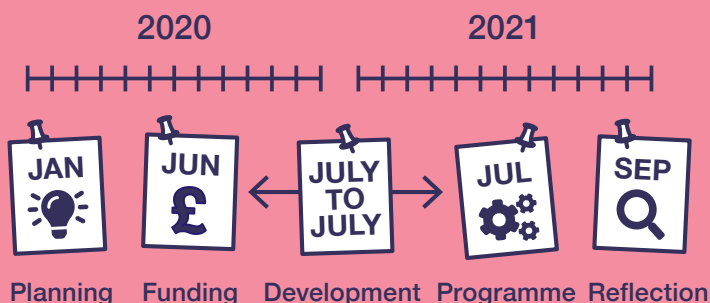
- Together, we aim to combat inequalities in end of life care for those with learning disabilities



## Aspire together

- to increase knowledge and skills of Dorothy House staff to better support those with learning disabilities
- to increase skills and confidence of SWALLOW staff to better support palliative and end of life care for those with learning disabilities

## Our method



## Programme

### Dorothy House staff will learn:

- ✓ adapting the principles and tools of end of life
- ✓ understanding and supporting people with behaviour which challenges

### SWALLOW staff will learn:

- ✓ the language of death and dying
- ✓ end of life care planning
- ✓ loss and bereavement
- ✓ signs of end of life

## In conclusion



- Because **WE CARE** we will evaluate the programme delivery
- Because **WE CARE** we will evaluate the effect of the learning on practice
- Because **WE CARE** about the importance of delivering a high-quality, collaborative programme, we will seek to publish and share our work
- Because **WE CARE** we will continue to look for opportunities to combat inequalities in end of life care for people with learning disabilities at every opportunity