A provider perspective – Les Crabb

Stockport Mind and SPARC were approached in 2012 with a proposal to form an alliance in delivering the "Enablement and Recovery Service in Stockport". This was described to us as a unique and innovative way of delivering services within our sector.

As the Operations Manager of Stockport Mind I did not get involved with the project till January 2013, but I'm always keen to try the new and unusual. The concept appeals to me, with its all win or all loose together approach. My late introduction probably resulted in a little trepidation, but once the seed was planted I started to look forward to the new adventure.

What I have found useful has been the additional co-working that has naturally flowed via the alliance. Cross organisational work started before the alliance was formalised on 1st April. It feels like the right thing to do; it feels like this is the future; it feels good. I'm looking forward to what we will achieve together.

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