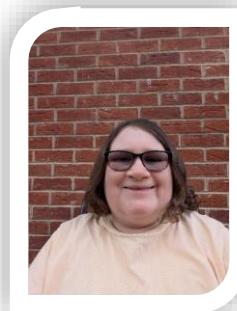


Working together on coproduction in Yorkshire and Humber

A blog for coproduction week 29 Jun – 3 Jul 2026

Hi I'm Julie from Rotherham, I draw on adult social care, and I enjoy volunteering as it brings the hope of making improvements for everyone's who needs adult social care in the future.



Yorkshire and Humber Care We Want Coproduction Network set up during 2025. Each council was asked to send along their co production lead and a representative who draws on adult social care. The people met together on Microsoft Teams to agree what the network would do.

The network decided that they wanted to tell each other what was working, share resources and work together to help one another with difficulties some were facing. The network meets bimonthly on Microsoft Teams.

Yorkshire and Humber Care we want Coproduction Network has worked on a Coproduction Charter, had a discussion on Rewards and Recognition for those involved in the network and had a discussion on how to invite more who draw on adult social care to the meetings.

Yorkshire and Humber Care we want Coproduction Network plan to have a discussion on how to support and train those who draw on adult social care to take part in the meetings and to have a discussion about how commissioning can help in coproduction.



Hi I'm Phil, the Director of Adult Social Care for the City of Doncaster Council. I'm really enjoying working alongside Julie to co-chair this network bringing together people from across the region.

One of the first things we did as a network was to coproduce the Charter which we're launching this week.

Thinking together about what coproduction actually means helped us develop some shared purpose and some connections. One thing we all agreed on, whether we were somebody who drew on care and support or an officer who worked in a council, was that working to extend coproduction could feel lonely. Doing more to learn from each other could help us improve coproduction in each of the region's fifteen councils but also support and nurture us as individuals trying to do our best.

The charter sets out what co-production is (it's amazing the number of times people pretend something is co-production when it isn't), why it's important (it's not a luxury, it's essential) and how to do it properly (this requires hard work and humility). Some councils might be further ahead than others in their work on coproduction but absolutely every council has loads still to learn and to improve on.

If you live in Yorkshire and Humber or work in adult social care in the region and want to connect with co-production work in your council, we can help you with that. Or if you are already in touch with your own council's co-production work and you want to join our regional network we'd love to hear from you. Venita coordinates our network and her email address is Venita.Kanwar@adassyh.org.uk.