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Where: Soar Valley Leisure Centre, Mountsorrel

When: Friday 20 April, 10am – 12.30pm

What: Launch of Charnwood's first 'Safe, Well, Happy' group for people with learning disabilities

Social group for people with learning disabilities a 'first'



This Friday (20 April) sees the launch of Charnwood's first 'Safe, Well, Happy' group for people with learning disabilities.

It's the result of work by a new multi-agency partnership which aims to create safe and welcoming places for people with learning disabilities in the heart of their local community.

It provides the chance for people to meet up, make new friends, try new activities and learn about keeping safe and well.

Sessions will be open to anyone with a learning disability and to their family and carers, along with people who provide services and the group will meet monthly initially.

Jane Parr is one of the organisers of the Safe, Well, Happy partnership of individuals and their families with health, local authority, church and community organisations.

She explained: “On Friday we will be talking to people about what is important to them so that we can plan future activities and also giving people a taster of different activities.

“Anyone with learning disabilities, their family and carers and services who support them are welcome to pop in.”

This will be the third Safe Well, Happy group launched by the partnership across Leicestershire and Rutland to date. A fourth group is due to launch in Hinckley in May 2018.

- **You are welcome to send a reporter/photographer to the launch event any time between 10am and 12.30pm**

Photo shows: Members of the Safe, Well, Happy partnership at the partnership launch event in April 2017

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NOTES TO EDITORS

1. The **Safe, Well, Happy Partnership** is collaboration between people with learning disabilities, their families, health and social care providers and community services. It was formed following work by Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust who consulted with individuals and their families through the ‘My Care, My Voice project’ to improve services.

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