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## Inclusion North News



Inclusion North will share an important news story and tell you about their own work here every two weeks.

This week we have some really happy news and some very sad news to share with you.

### **Sad news.**



Our sad news is that Gary Stark who was one of our Directors and an Expert in our Hub died just before Christmas.



Gary was on our Advisory Council for years before becoming a Director in 2021.



He was also an Expert in our Hub and he attended lots of Care, (Education) and Treatment Reviews. Someone who worked with him regularly said "Gary was passionate, very kind and will be very much missed."



One of our other Advisory Council members who knew Gary well said "he was a true gentleman. He always looked out for me and made sure I was ok. It's such a shock to hear he has died. I'm so sad."



At Inclusion North we are devastated by Gary's death. We send our love and sympathy to all his family and friends.

## Happy news



Our happy news to start 2023 is that one of our Advisory Council members has been given an award in the New Year's Honours List.



Sue Lear has been awarded the Medal of the Order of the British Empire for all her work with people with a learning disability.



Sue said "It was a complete surprise! I can't quite take it in yet."



As well as being on the Inclusion North Advisory Council, Sue works for Northallerton and the Dales Mencap Society.



The New Year Honours List recognises the achievements of extraordinary people across the UK. Awards are decided by an Honours Committee and then agreed by the Prime Minister and the King.



We are so proud of Sue and send our congratulations.