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Inclusion North News



**Information for people who pay or get paid
Involvement payments for taking part in
projects.**



Inclusion North sometimes does work where we pay people for their lived experience, knowledge, experience or ideas.



We do this in a really careful way to make sure that people who are involved and Inclusion North follow the rules about involvement.



Over the last few months, a few people who have asked to be involved in our projects, were people we did not know.



These people had different information on their applications to be involved and their claim forms. They did not share ideas in the meetings, often turning off their sound and camera.



We were worried about:

If we were being used for money by people who are not being honest.



If these people are being used for money by gangs or other people.



Fraud – fraud is when someone lies and tricks you to get money, information, or something valuable. They do this on purpose to cheat or steal.



We now ask people to provide information to check their names and addresses to make sure they are who they say they are.



We check the details of the bank account name and ask for more information if this is not the same as the person claiming involvement.



We wanted to warn

- Other organisations about this happening to us.
- People who might be involved in work with involvement payments



If someone asks you to attend meetings and give them the money for being involved in projects.

You can tell someone you trust, the police, or the organisation where you are involved.



We want to keep people safe from Mate Crime.

Mate crime is getting you to do things that are wrong and asking or taking money from you.



Wellbeing Tip

Go to a park or green space.

Can you see any shoots of daffodils?

Can you see any buds on the trees?