



## National Co-production Week – Slough Conference overview

### Introduction

Slough Co-production Network (CPN) came together to mark the National Co-production week with a conference to celebrate a shift in public service delivery. Themed in the event brought together 93 people from Adult Social Care, NHS Frimley, Community Mental Health, Slough residents and voluntary sector. The event focussed on co-production across health, social care, and community services.

### Keynote speaker

David Coleman-Groom highlighted Slough's commitment to embedding co-production at the heart of transformation, describing co-production as a dynamic and inclusive approach that brings residents, professionals, and community organizations together to shape services.

### Slough Co-production initiatives:

#### **Acute to Community Collaboration:**

- Dr. Atul Bansal introduced a Task and Finish Group to bridge hospital and community care, focusing on integrated records and early interventions.

#### **Learning Disability Partnership Board:**

- Service users-led inclusive initiative launching of the Safe Places scheme and inclusive health and library programs.

#### **Hope College (Community Mental Health):**

- Volunteer Peer Mentors shared personal stories of empowerment through co-produced mental health services.

#### **Slough CVS Community Connectors:**

- Strength-based approaches reduced reliance on formal care by fostering local engagement.

**Slough Autism Together (SAT):**

- Autistic adults created peer-led spaces and services, including sensory-friendly health checks and employment support.

**Older People Strategy Steering Group:**

- Older residents shaped initiatives around dementia, and assistive technology, will focus on digital literacy to enable digital competence.

**Closing remarks**

Jane Senior concluded by saying that co-production is transformative, not tokenistic approach, calling for continued working together and building relationship in the community and lived experience to shape Slough's future.