

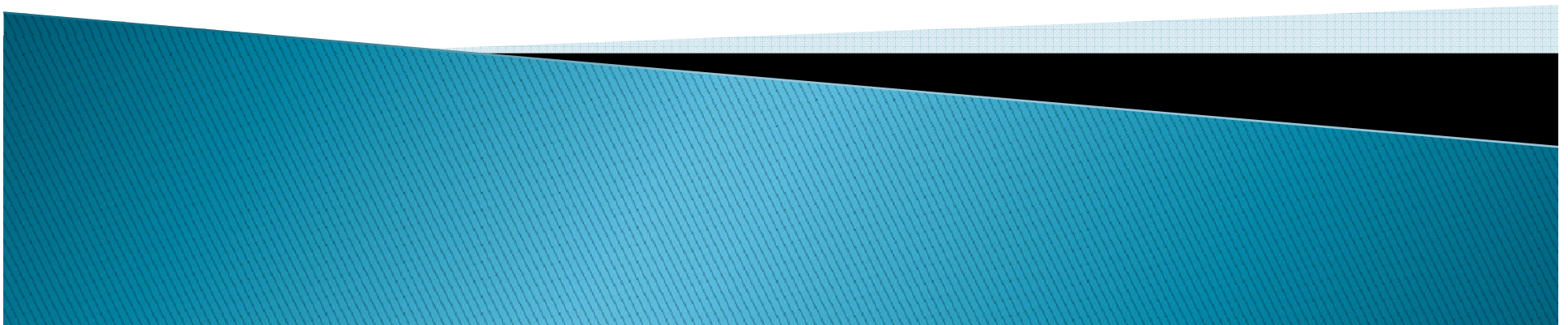
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Improving Futures:

Working Together to End Domestic
Violence

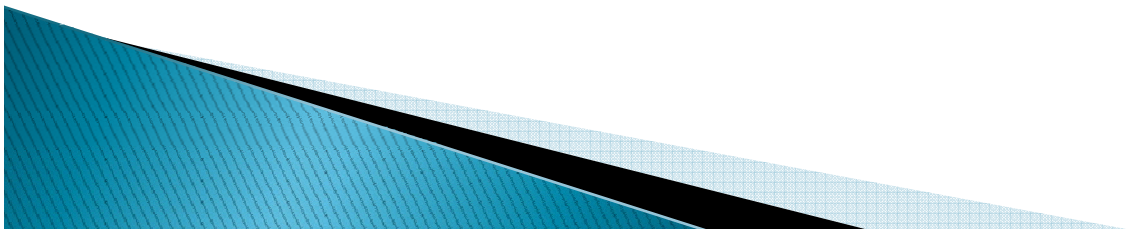


Background

I am married to John and we enjoy life

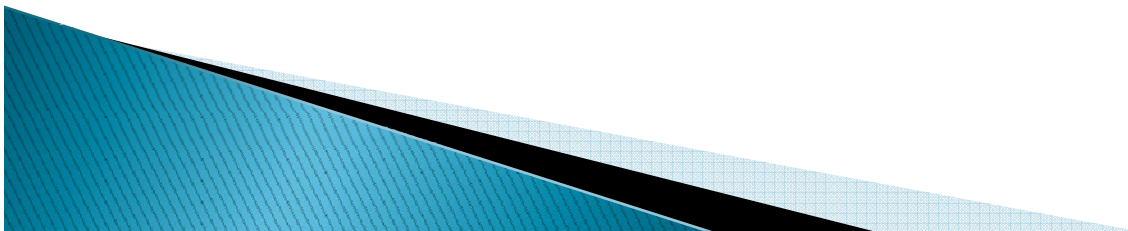
I have been a Board Member of the Haven
Wolverhampton for 10 years serving also on
Finance and Personal Sub Groups

I am also the current chair of the support group for
my condition



Views and Comments

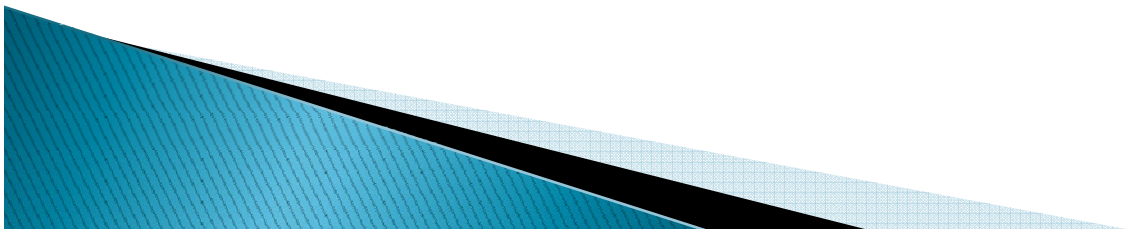
All of the views and comments mentioned in this presentation are mine



Social Model of Disability

Breaking down of barriers

Physical and Environmental – Access
Attitude – How you are treated

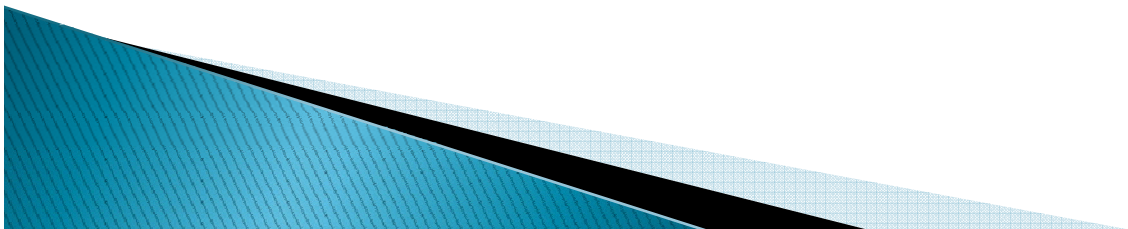


How my life is organised

I choose to employ PA Workers who are flexible to my needs

Some of my day to day living tasks are carried out by “Remote Control”, which ensures I am able to maintain my independence

This is my choice



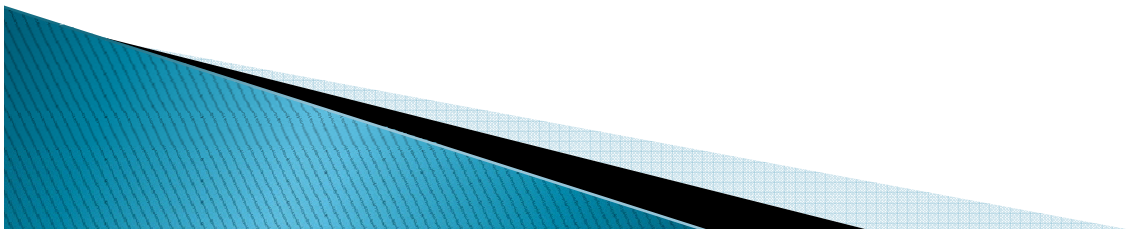
Medical Model

Physical – ambulant or wheelchair

Sensory – hearing or sight

Learning Difficulties

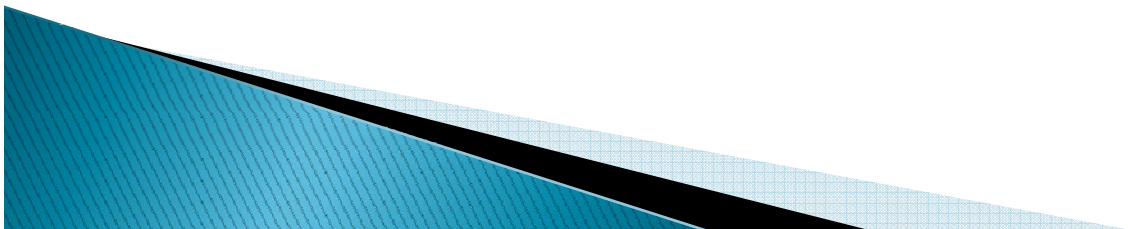
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CHOICE

Everybody has a CHOICE on where they live, who they live with, how their day is organised, how to spend money and enjoy life

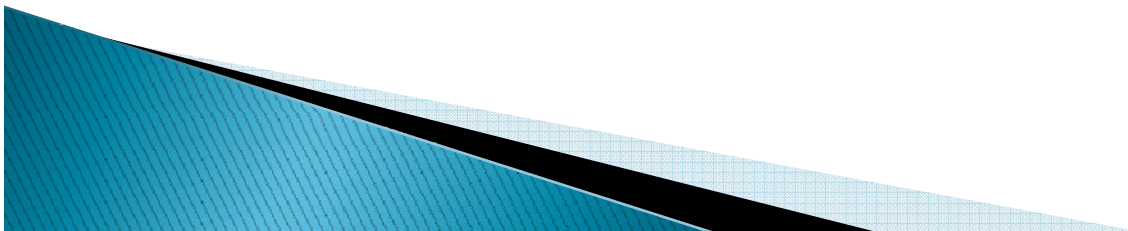
I have this CHOICE however there are many disabled women who have had these CHOICES taken away from them or who have never had the choice to start with, and it is these women where future service provision should be focused



What to remember

When a service or provision is being planned and developed. Disabled Women should be consulted with and involved in the design and planning of the services that they receive

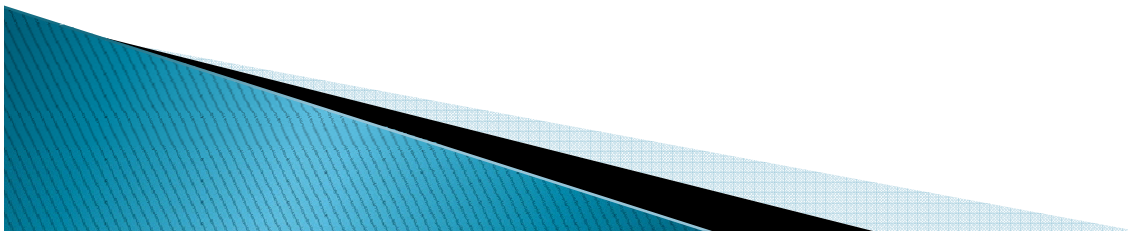
What can an organisation do when a Disabled Women cries for help! How is she able to escape from the abuser especially if the abuser is also the Carer



What is already happening

From what I have read either in research papers or questions on forum pages on the internet the level of abuse can vary but the key points to me that come over are

- ▶ I am frightened
- ▶ How will I cope
- ▶ They are my main Carers



In Conclusion

- ▶ I have given you a brief view of a specific aspect of my life and I hope I have been able to convey to you my feelings and concerns for many Disabled Women who are less fortunate than I to have the means and the ability to express these concerns
- ▶ There are possibly many disabled women who are relying on organisations like the Haven developing their services to enable people like them escape from their current situation.

