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PADAN BULLETIN

Headlines

Pavement falls and trips cost Plymouth £4.8million as 1,531 claims are settled

FALLS and trips on pavements and paths have been responsible for the biggest number of insurance claims against Plymouth City Council.

A total of 1,531 claims have been settled, costing £4.8 million. Another 107 claims are outstanding and could add an estimated £1.4 million to the bill.

Injuries to pedestrians make up about a quarter of the 6,421 claims against the city. The total cost has been £11.4 million, with another £3.7 million still to be settled since the council took over all the city's services in 1998.

The council has to pay the first £100,000 of any claim, meaning it has had to meet the bulk of the pay-outs from its own funds.

The Herald
25/10/ 2010

Medics say benefit assessments too rushed

MEDICAL personnel assessing benefit claimants' capability to work, on behalf of the Department for Work and Pensions, are not given enough time to assess complex cases such as those involving multiple sclerosis or Parkinson's disease.

That is the message in evidence to Professor Malcolm Harrington's review of the Work Capability Assessment submitted by Prospect, the union representing medical advisers and healthcare professionals undertaking the assessments.

Prospect is also calling for measures to allow exemption from examination for people with severe disabilities.

The union is also calling for the descriptors used to define mental health and upper limb disorders to be overhauled.

Prospect 05/10/2010

Consultation and Have Your Say opportunities

Local Transport Plan 2011-2026

Have your say on the future of local transport.

- Too many cars?
- Not enough buses?
- Is Plymouth a pleasant place to walk around or is it noisy, dusty and difficult?

This is your chance to help decide the future! A number of consultation road shows will take place at locations around the city during November and early December.

Monday 8 November

2pm – 6.45pm
West Park Library
423 – 425 Crownhill Road

Friday 12 November

11am – 8.30pm
Welcome Hall
4 Fore Street, Devonport

Tuesday 16 November

1pm – 6.45pm
St Budeaux Library
The Square, Victoria Road

Friday 19 November

1pm – 6.45pm
Tor Bridge Library (Estover)
Tor Bridge High School, Miller
Way

Tuesday 23 November

1pm – 8.30pm
Plymstock Library
Horn Cross Road

Thursday 25 November

1pm – 6.45pm
Efford Library
19 Torridge Way

Monday 29th November

10am – 6.45pm
Plympton Library
The Ridgeway

Thursday 2nd December

9.30am – 8.30pm
City Centre
Place de Brest (near Sun Dial)
Armada Way

Tuesday 7th December

11am – 5pm
University of Plymouth
Roland Levinsky Building

**Local Transport Plan
Consultation**

www.plymouth.gov.uk/ltp

or call 01752 668000

PADAN October Catch Up

What's PADAN been doing this month?

Ann and David have been following up on the proposed development for a Plymouth User Led Organisation (ULO) to promote the views of disabled people using council services.

PADAN members have been attending a multi-disability group, West End or 'Bitter End', to campaign for the reinstatement of pedestrian crossings, speed reduction and properly marked out blue badge parking spaces.

PADAN member David Cumbers, chair of DBUG (Disabled Bus Users Group) has met with CityBus managing director Andrew Wickham and his staff to encourage the city's bus operators to come up with a joint assessment agreement on wheelchairs and scooters.

Plymouth Guild, PADAN and Plymouth University are working together to organise a disability arts event in March 2011. It is hoped a range of arts opportunities will be available including dance, drama, sculpture and painting.

The event will take place in the Roland Levinsky Building.

The Future of Healthcare in Plymouth

Engagement Event

Monday 15 November

2pm - 5pm

Future Inn

1 William Prance Road

Derriford

Plymouth

PL6 5US

Lisa.stanton@plymouth.nhs.uk

01752 435001

PADAN Meeting

Thursday 18 November

Warspite Room

Council House

Next to Civic Centre

Contact Chris Wetherill

(Details on back page)



First Aid Training for Disabled People



Come and join us for two sessions on adapted First Aid

Friday 19 November

1.30pm - 3.30pm

Wednesday 24 November

1.30pm - 3.30pm

Plymouth Guild

Contact Chris Wetherill to reserve your place

(Details on back page)

Contact Us

Keep in touch

Let us know

If you have a story for us or you would like to give us an interview

Contact PADAN

Email: info@plymdan.org.uk

Local Transport Plan Consultation

www.plymouth.gov.uk/ltp

or call 01752 668000

Matching Houses

House swapping for disabled people

www.matchinghouses.com

Are you a member of PADAN?

Why not?

Membership is free with lots of opportunities to get involved with access issues, consultation sessions, short term projects and much more.

Contact PADAN

Email: info@plymdan.org.uk

**Report a disablist incident to
Plymouth City Council**

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Inclusion@plymouth.gov.uk

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Plymouth Disabled Bus Users Group

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DBUG meets with bus operators once a quarter to discuss the issues of bus access, better bus design, driver training and customer care.

Plymouth Wheelchair Service User Group (PWSUG)

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