

Some responses to questions asked about how people feel about the social hubs, both before lockdown and now, as virtual hubs

“The Social Hubs build people’s confidence back up”

“The Social Hub helps with getting out and meeting people “

“It’s a nice buffer between staying in on your own and actually going out into the real world with civilians and stuff, I don't get them, and the hub is perfect, everybody here has lost something and it’s a good place to gain them back. Haven’t got the same problems but we are all the same boat.”

“I like having a routine each day and the hubs give me that on hub days”

“I like it because it starts to get a bit of order back, and with the hub, because of timing stuff, I have to plan a routine and get up, and very often I will visit members of my family that I wouldn't get out normally to see. It felt good to have a routine, even though it was something small for a short period of time”

“Before the I started at the Hub, I felt more sociable and safer with people I know. When I first started at the hub it was hard, but now I know people I look forward to Monday’s and meeting people I know and maybe not so scared of meeting new people”

“I don't like going to the shops since lockdown, but now I like doing the virtual hub it gives me a routine, to sign in at 12.30 on a Wed”

“Same for me, I've lost routines and I really need them. It’s hard being stuck inside but harder to think about integrating with society”

“The above comment has described the last 5-10 years of my life”

“Social hub has helped me to expand my horizons, first time doing something like this video conferencing, helped me to do something different”

“I think being on zoom at hub has made me use it more outside with family and it feels more natural and relevant”

“Think we should carry on with virtual hub even if we start up the proper hubs”

Are you ready to back into society?

“Talking about social distancing on the bus. Only 11 people allowed on the bus at one time. Worried about being in a taxi for the first time, Taxi drivers are wearing masks and gloves. Not sure how I feel about it”

“Think I’m ready, and being locked in the house is a good thing because it will make people appreciate being outside, will be good for society”