

Learning Disability Partnership Board

**What happened at our meeting on
Monday 20th October 2025**

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Who was there?

Jan Marriott - LDPB Co-Chair	Rosie Mockford – GHC
Paul Tyrrell – Inclusion Gloucestershire	Gemma McKay – Healthy Lifestyles
Rosanna Gain – Inclusion Gloucestershire	Karl Gluck – GCC
Tammie Flook, Expert by Experience, Inclusion Gloucestershire (Stand in Co-Chair)	Karin Parker – GHC
Hayden Price, Expert by Experience, Inclusion Gloucestershire (Stand in Co-Chair)	Lin Merrett – Shared Lives, GCC
Tamsin Morgan – Gloucestershire Parent Carer Forum	Jo Savage – Enablement Team
Georgina, National Star College	Agnes - Prosperity Care
Andrew Evans – National Star College	Sarah Hocking – Prosperity Care
Sophie, Student, National Star College	Nathan - Expert by Experience
Ella, Student, National Star College	Mel – Kingfishers
Jo Williamson – GCC	Michael Steed – Brandon Trust
Kathleen Hansbury – Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM)	Sue Walters – Family Carer
Claire Cannock – CEO, Allsorts	Deborah Livingstone – Independent Supporter
Lilly - Undergraduate Assistant Psychologist	Gem – Expert by Experience
Troy – volunteer for Kingfishers and Building Circles	Bella – student Social Worker on placement at Kingfishers

Helen Kay – CEO, Building Circles	Micah – Building Circles
Dawn – Employment and Skills Hub, GCC	Amanda, Dawn – Employment and Skills Hub, GCC
Hannah – Student	Ruth - Clinical Psychologist
Vicci – Inclusion Gloucestershire	

GCC means Gloucestershire County Council

GHC means Gloucestershire Health and Care Trust

GHT means Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

IHOT means Intensive Health Outreach Team

GOCRП means the Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire Community Rail Partnership

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What we talked about:



Sinead was unwell.



Hayden told people about the cards they can hold up in the meeting.



Tammie shared the meeting Ground Rules.

National Star College Presentation



Hello

Sophie, Ella and Andrew said 'hello' to the group.



Sophie does life skills and is working towards paid or voluntary work.

Life skills is learning out in the community.



Ella is in her third year at college.



Ella and Sophie are part of the Student Union.

The student union is one way the voice of students is heard and they help the college make choices.



The presentation is attached to these notes. It is called 'Educating the Community'.



Andrew is a member of staff who makes sure the student voice is heard at the National Star College.



Life Skills

Sophie said they go out and about in the community.



This could be to do some shopping or go bowling.



When they go out they ask for help from Staff if needed. They tell the staff what help they need.



Sophie does life skills for 4 hours a week.



Ella said in life skills they learn how to talk to people and tell them how they can help.



Ella told the group how she uses her AAC to talk to people. It is an electronic device that can speak out the words she wants to say.



She told the group what she might say if someone interrupts her.



Life skills is focused on what people can do.



Students spend lots of time in the community having fun.



They go to the pub, concerts and Cheltenham Races

Other things happening outside college



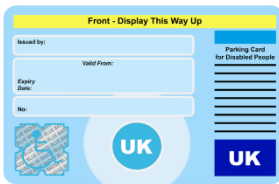
Ella was asked to speak at the Festival of Education about the difficulties she had at school and college.



Ella also went to the Houses of Parliament, as a Star College student.



Ella talked to Members of Parliament (MP's) about how they could give more help to young people leaving college.



Andrew said another student ran a campaign for Blue Badges to show if someone has a hidden disability.



Students have also helped clear the path near the canal.



Students at the National Star College work with students from the University of Gloucestershire.



National Star College students tell the university students what they think of things they have designed.

It is a bit like the TV show Dragons Den.



Students have also told the Department for Work and Pensions what they think about possible changes to Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

Work experience at the National Star College



Sophie and Ella are both working towards employment.



Sophie works in the Star Bistro and the charity shop.



There are work coaches to help students.



There are lots of fundraising events.



Students often appear on TV. Ella was filmed by the BBC moving into her new flat.

Questions



Jan thanked the students and said we were lucky to have students leaving the college and being such an important part of Gloucestershire.



Vicci asked if the students were from Gloucestershire and, if not, how does Gloucestershire compare to where they grew up?



Ella is from Cardiff in Wales. She feels Gloucestershire has more for people with disabilities.



Sophie is from Cheltenham. She thinks Cheltenham is better than Gloucester for people with disabilities.



Ella feels there should be things for people with disabilities everywhere.



Rosie thanked Sophie and Ella and said it was the best talk she had been to all year.



Rosie asked what things they hope to see in Gloucestershire. What would help them?



Sophie said there should be more to do in the holidays

Ella said places and groups needed to be more accessible.



Jan said Barnwood Trust can give funding to improve accessibility.



Dan from Barnwood Trust said they have the Accessibility Fund.



Barnwood Trust are also working with green and blue space organisations around accessibility to nature.



Helen said if the students go out and get asked for ID a lot, Building Circles can help.



Gig Buddies have a training course to help places understand disability better

Looking at the LDPB Priorities



Paul asked: What do people think about the future priorities document.

This is attached to these notes.



Vicci said it would be good to think about what has been achieved.



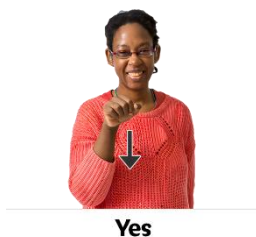
Jan said we will share this in our annual report.



Vicci agreed what people have said in the document is important.
Helen said people are telling Building Circles these things are important.



Helen asked if there are local advocacy groups.



Jan said: Yes, they are small



Other Partnership Boards have said advocacy is important.

GCC are going to start work on Community Advocacy again.

Jo Williamson will be in charge of this.



Jan said: GCC have said it would be good for all the Partnership Boards to have a Big Plan.

We will be told more about this soon



Paul asked everyone if they were happy with the 4 new priorities.

These are:



Advocacy



Health



Work



Hate Crime



Jo said Changing Attitudes sits over all the priorities.

Deborah said she agreed with the priorities. She said advocacy also overlaps with all of them.



Amanda said she would be happy to come and talk to the board about employment.

Inclusion Gloucestershire Talking Therapies Research Report

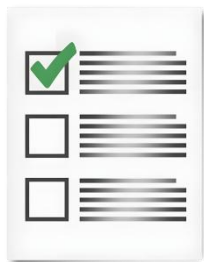


Vicci talked to the group about Inclusion Gloucestershire's Talking Therapies Research Report.



The report is attached to these notes.

This research was done because of what people said in Inclusion Gloucestershire's 2022 Big Survey.



Inclusion Gloucestershire spoke to adults with disabilities living in Gloucestershire.



They had used talking therapies in Gloucestershire in the last 5 years



There were 3 key issues:

1. Reasonable adjustments



2. Treating disability as important in therapy



3. Living with a disability



The report says how the people who pay for and run services can make them better for people with disabilities.



Jan said the Mental Health Partnership Board have said how upsetting it is when people are 'turned away' from therapy.



Karl said Integrated Care Board commission NHS to provide Talking Therapies.



Deborah asked: what is going to change from this research?



Vicci said that organisations like Guideposts have listened and are doing staff training because of this research.



Dawn asked: are reasonable adjustments being made for people with communication needs?



Communicate

Vicci said they should be.



Ruth asked if a set of standards could be written from this research.

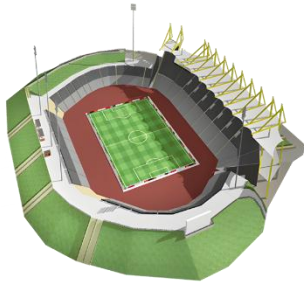


Vicci agreed this would be a good idea.

Anything else to talk about and our next meeting



Helen from Building Circles told the group about Football Buddies.



It has started with Gloucester Football Club and they are talking to Forest Green Rovers.



People can go and watch football with a buddy.

They are short of people. Please let Helen know if you are interested.



Health Lifestyles are starting a new group for people with Learning Disabilities in November.



Please let Gemma know if you are interested.



Jan said people should watch the advocacy film made with Camphill on the Inclusion Gloucestershire Facebook page.



Helen said there will be a launch for the Arts team at The Long Table in Stroud on the 5th February 2026.

Our next in-person meeting will be on Monday 15th December



It will be at Treasure Seekers Hub,
Eastgate Street, Gloucester



