

Learning Disability Partnership Board

**What happened at our meeting on
Monday 3rd February 2025**



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Who was there?

Wendy Wall - LDPB Co-Chair	Mathew Owen – Brandon Trust
Jan Marriott - LDPB Co-Chair	Peter - Camphill Village Trust
Paul Tyrrell – Inclusion Gloucestershire	Jo Wallis – National Star College
Deborah Livingstone – Senior LeDeR Reviewer and Independent Supporter	Ida – Active Gloucestershire
Nick Baker – Expert by Experience	Hannah – South West Ambulance Service
Nicola Shilton - GHC	Emily Luckham – Inclusion Gloucestershire
Tamsin Morgan – Parent Carer Forum	Simon Shorrick – GHC
Karin Parker – GHC	Emelia - Community Learning Disabilities Team, Gloucester
Janet Hawkins – Camphill Village Trust	Lara Gillman – GCC
Leo Woodford – Camphill Village Trust	Cathy – Building Circles
Rosanna Gain – Inclusion Gloucestershire	Debbie Worrall – Inclusion Gloucestershire
Terri-Ann - Expert by Experience	Hannah Peacock – Barnwood Trust
Mark – Expert by Experience	Simon – Enablement Team
Chris - SkillZone	Karen Williams – Lighthouse Lead, Treasure Seekers
Lewis Whitter- SkillZone	Anna – Creative Sustainability
Hayden Price - Expert by Experience	Sue Walters – Family Carer

Steph Lawrence – Gloucestershire Police	Jenny – Camphill Village Trust
Rose – Enablement Team	Ben – Camphill Village Trust
Althia Lyn – GCC	

GCC means Gloucestershire County Council

GHC means Gloucestershire Health and Care Trust

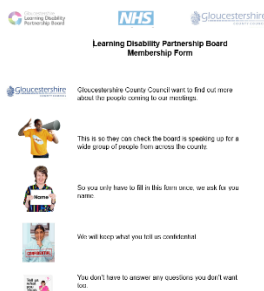
GHT means Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

GCC may have to give information in this document to someone who asks for it. This is because of a law, called the Freedom of Information Act.

What we talked about:



Wendy shared the ground rules for the meeting.



Jan reminded people to fill in the membership forms.



Wendy told everyone the topic of the meeting, hate crime and staying safe.

Wendy went through the agenda.

Knife Crime and Gang Violence



Lewis introduced himself and told everyone what he does at SkillZone.



Lewis gives workshops on knife-crime at SkillZone.



He has also built a new alley that is used when talking to groups about Grooming.



Lewis is showing the group two presentations today.



One on knife crime and gang violence and the other on Grooming and County Lines.



Lewis asked the group: what would be your superpower to make people safer?



Lewis said he would be super speedy to protect people.



People said things like:

Invisibility to spy on people and report crime.



Batman and Superman



Lewis asked: how would you use your power?



This question was to make people think about how they can make a positive impact on their community.



Lewis said he is a people person. He likes talking to people and that is how he can help his community.



Some people say carrying a knife keeps them safe.



This is not true.

It makes it more likely you will get hurt and you could go to prison.



It can make you feel more powerful but that isn't the case.



A question from Ben: is it legal to carry knives?



Lewis said: No, not knives that are more than 3 inches long.



Teri-Ann said pen knives can also be dangerous.



Lewis said: the size of the knife doesn't matter, any knives can be deadly.



Teri-Ann shared an experience where she and her fiancé got assaulted.



She had to make a statement to the police.



She couldn't go out for a few days afterwards.



Lewis said Gloucestershire Police can offer support. You can call them or get support online.



Fearless, which is part of Crime Stoppers, is another service that can help.



Lewis talked about Peer Pressure.



Bad

Would you join your friends if they were doing something bad or step away?



People said they would step away.

Some people think that carrying a knife gives you status and respect.



This is not true.



Carrying a knife can make others scared of you.



There is no reason for carrying a knife unless it is for work, camping or eating.



If you are stopped by the police, you would need to show proof of your reason for carrying a knife to the police.



Lewis explained Extremism. This is when someone starts to believe in harmful things.

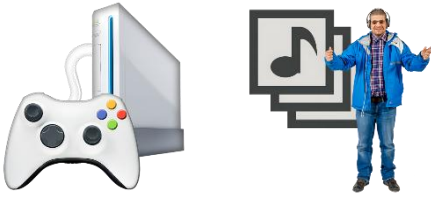


It can happen through things like music or bullying.



If someone makes us feel upset or treats us badly, we must not treat others in that way.

It is important to notice if the behaviour of your friends or family is changing.



Violence can seem normal from video games and music.



We should think carefully about what we watch and play.



Gangs – can be attractive for people who want to feel part of something.



If people feel sad or lonely they might feel support from joining a gang. But bad things can happen if you join a gang.



It is important to speak to someone you trust and if needed get help from professionals.



Money and a lack of jobs is a big part of gang culture.



It is important to stay at school and train for something in the future.



Friend

It is also important to get social support from family and friends.



If you carry a knife you can go to prison for up to 4 years.



If you use a knife, you can go to prison for up to 25 years.



It can be longer if you have committed a crime before.



It can cause physical and mental health problems.



Jan said Idris Elba said that if the top of knives were taken off this would save a lot of people's lives.



Lewis agreed with Jan that we should campaign for this in Gloucestershire.



Tamsin shared her experience of her son. She wants him to be in education, but there is not a place that will meet his needs.



Emily said perhaps we could link these young people with SkillZone.

Grooming and County Lines



Grooming means taking advantage of people.

This might be taking money, using their house, clothes or belongings.



How does grooming work?

They might find someone who feels they needs a friend.



They might make them feel special and buy them gifts.



They might make them feel like they need the person or that they can't say no.



Grooming can happen in different ways. It can happen in person or online.



A sign of grooming can be a change in the amount of time someone spends online or on their phone.



Grooming could happen on an Xbox, PlayStation or iPad.

Leo said: people can be hurt online and then hurt themselves.



You can talk to victim support about Grooming.



Even if you have a feeling that something might be wrong it is best to speak to someone.



What does 'County lines' mean?

Taking advantage of someone and/or paying them to move drugs.



When we talk about drugs we mean illegal drugs and not those prescribed by your doctor.



Drug dealers have been targeting Special Educational Needs schools.



Grooming can lead to county lines.



Someone having lots of different phones can be a sign they are part of county lines.



What can you do if you think someone is involved in county lines?



In Gloucestershire we have lots of places you can go for help.



There are national charities that work with people who are or have been taken advantage of.

Charities like Unseen or Catch 22

Steph's talk on Hate Crime



Steph introduced herself. Steph was born in Gloucestershire.



Steph has worked in Nursing, the Prison Service and joined the Police in 2006.



Steph has lived experience of Hate Crime.



People don't usually report hate crime straight away.



Some people do not report it.

You can be a victim of hate crime for more than one part of your identity.



The TV presenter Alex Scott has been a victim of racial hate crime and hate crime because of sexual orientation.



Lots of people do not report disability hate crime.



Victims of hate crime often stop their complaint.



The law about hate crime hasn't changed.



The police don't always get it right, but they work hard to try and make sure they do.



Steph gives training to other police officers to help them get better at helping people with hate crime.



Hate crime is never going to go away. We need to try and stop it happening and keep people safe.



The police need people to tell them what is going on.

We need to understand where the problems are so we can help.



If people don't tell the police what is going on, no one is going to look at the problem or spend money on it.



Steph knows some people may not trust the police.



If you cannot report hate crime to the police, it is important that you tell someone you trust.

How can you report hate crime?



By calling 101.



In an emergency call 999



You can fill in a form online:
<https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

You can also report crimes to Gloucestershire Victim Support.



Victim support will keep your report confidential unless there is a safeguarding concern.



They will tell the police what happened, but not share any personal information.



If you see hate crime don't put yourself in danger.



You could offer to call the police for someone. You could also ask if they are okay.



Being a victim of hate crime more than once can stop some people being actively part of their community.

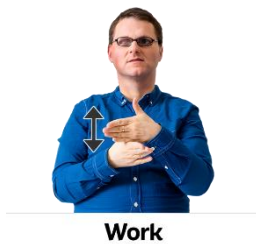


It is important that people are not put off from reporting hate crime.

Violence against women and girls is going up a lot.



They are not the only group being harmed, but they can be picked on for more than one thing.



Hate crime can happen at work.



Try to help your friends and the people you work with.



Gill told the group that Treasure Seekers run sessions on Hate Crime.



Victim support run some training for other organisations that help people.

The funding for the person paid to do this is about to stop.



Some organisations have done training to train other people.



Hayden told the group about some hate crime films, made by Inclusion Gloucestershire.



Janet asked Steph how people can get the training to train others. Steph will give Janet the details.



Deborah told the group about a good experience when she reported something to the police for someone else.

Anything else to talk about?



Simon told the group about the new Learning Disability Screening Nurse.

His name is John. He has been a nurse for 37 years.



He is getting to know the doctors surgeries and the different departments in the hospital.



He will be giving people training in Easy Read about different health screenings.

John came to the last Health Action Group.



Simon co-chairs the Health Action Group with Cody.



The meeting is held every two months at Kingfisher Treasure Seekers, The Studio on Westgate Street in Gloucester.



Nicola gave an update on the Big Health Day.



It will be on Friday 13th June at Oxtalls Sports Centre.

It is running a bit behind, but posters will be out soon.



Debbie from Inclusion Gloucestershire talked about a research survey on counselling and talking therapies.



If you have a learning disability and have tried to get counselling we would like to hear from you.



You get a £25 voucher for taking part.



The closing date for this is the 21st February.



Nicola asked Debbie what they will do with the information.



Debbie said Inclusion Gloucestershire will write and report about what people have said, what the common barriers are and what could be better.



Jan told everyone about the Coproduction Charter.



It's the importance of involving people: "Nothing about me, without me".

We are hoping everyone in Gloucestershire will follow this.

Our next in-person meeting will be in April



We will let you know the date soon.

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



