

Learning Disability Partnership Board

**What happened at our meeting on
Monday 23rd February 2026**



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Who was there?

Jan Marriott - LDPB Co-Chair	Michael Steed – Brandon Trust
Paul Tyrrell – Inclusion Gloucestershire	Deborah Livingstone – Independent Supporter
Rosanna Gain – Inclusion Gloucestershire	Vicki Hawker – Daffodil Support Services
Tammie Flook, LDPB Co-chair, Inclusion Gloucestershire	Sophie Ayre – NHS Gloucestershire
Dominika Lipska-Rosecka – GHC	Chris Combe – Forest Pulse
Anna Peacock – Barnwood Trust	Gem Clark - Support Worker, Kingfishers
Nicola Shilton - GHC	Maike Hale-Jones - Building Circles
Rosie Mockford – GHC	Helen Kay – Building Circles
Sue Walters – Family Carer	Sam Cripps – Support Worker, PACE
Amanda Eady – Employment and Skills Hub, GCC	Nicolas Vella – Expert by Experience, PACE
Ida Poschel – Active Gloucestershire	Joel - Expert by Experience, PACE
Caoimhe Sheelan - GHC	Ollie - Expert by Experience, PACE
Amy Rees – Coproduction Lead, Adult Social Care, GCC	Courtney - Expert by Experience, PACE
Michelle Garland – GCC	Dave Attwood - Employment and Skills Hub, GCC
Sarah Brooks – Healthwatch	Troy Stevens – Support Worker, Kingfishers
Aatiqah Patel – Gloucestershire Police	Latifa Ali - Employment and Skills Hub, GCC

K Cook – Team Leader, Brandon Trust	M Hill - Team Leader, Brandon Trust
Colin Vanner – Expert by Experience, Brandon Trust	Geoff Hetburn - Expert by Experience, Brandon Trust
Friday - Support Worker, Brandon Trust	Judith Williams – Parent Carer
M Smith	Rosanna James – GHC
Rasi Gunasekana – GHC	Charlotte Burge – GHC
Todd Meek – Expert by Experience, Voyage Care	Karen Longman – Active Impact

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

GOCRPP means the Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire Community Rail Partnership

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:



Jan welcomed Tammie as the new Learning Disability Partnership Board co-chair.

Tammie said hello to the group and told them about herself.



She shared the meeting Ground Rules.

Welcome Amy – GCC Coproduction Lead



Amy came to say hello to the group and tell them about her new job.



She gave a presentation which is attached to these notes.



Amy is the new Coproduction Lead.
Coproduction means working together
and being equal.



This means working together from the
beginning.



Amy's job is to work with all the
partnership boards.



Amy works for Adult Social Care at
GCC.



Adult Social Care is supporting people
who need support to have a good life.

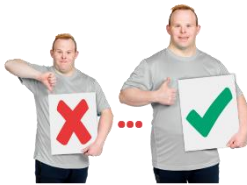


See slide 7 for more information about
what Adult Social Care is.



In Amy's new job she will:

Listen – listening to people's experiences and supporting others to do this.



Make changes happen – help turn ideas into making things better for people.



Bring people together – help the council organise meetings so people can share their ideas.



Support

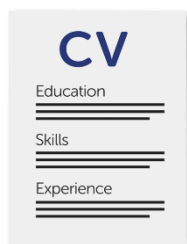
Support you to be involved – making sure that people feel supported to be involved and thanked properly.



Amy enjoys working with people with a learning disability.



She has been doing this work for a long time.



Amy told the group where she has worked before. Please see slide 11 of the presentation.



Amy said: Your voice matters because your ideas can lead to real change.



Amy asked people if they have ever shared an idea that made something better.



The group gave examples.



Gloucestershire County Council wants to make a group of people who want to improve Adult Social Care.



Please let Amy know if you would like to be part of this.



You can email her. Her email is:
Amy.rees@gloucestershire.gov.uk



Amy will make something that can be shared on social media so more people get to know about this.



Amy will keep coming to the Learning Disability Partnership Board so she can hear from people and share updates about how the council are working together with people.

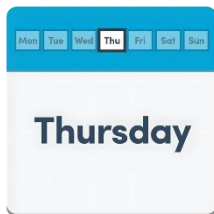


She will be making a plan about how coproduction can happen at GCC.

The Big Health Day 2026



The next Big Health Day is on Thursday 11th June this year at Oxstalls Sports Park



It is a Thursday this year.



It will start at 9.30am and end at 2pm.



The GHC Partnerships Team are looking at how they can make it easier for people to get to the event.



Sophie has shared the Big Health Day poster.



The poster is attached to these notes.

Here is a link to the Big Health Day website: <https://www.ghc.nhs.uk/who-we-are/big-health/>



Active Impact is working with the Big Health Day team to organise the activities.



Ida would like to know what people enjoyed last year and what they would like this year.



People said they like the idea of bikes and walking football.



Someone asked what the theme will be and how they can find this out.



Dominka said that last year it was sustainability.



Sustainability means looking after nature and the world around us.



Dominika said that it would be good to get ideas from people about this year's theme.



Ida asked if people thought any activities were missing.

Ideas from the group



Someone said all the activities are quite active.



It might be good to have some quiet options like mindfulness or yoga in a quiet space.



Last time people shared that they would like a quiet space.



Tammie said that she runs mindfulness sessions as part of the Inclusion Gloucestershire Drama Group.



A light or sensory space would be good.



Baseball or Rounders were ideas for activities and someone said they would like to see Boccia again.



PACE said that when they tried baseball, it worked better with a tennis racket.



Amy said there's lots of active and physical activities which are out of the house and may cost money.



Could videos of things like seated yoga be shown on the day?



PACE staff said something they find difficult is helping people to stay safe online.



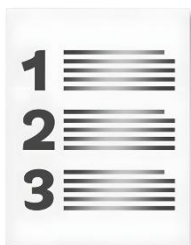
Could there be some information about online safety?



Some people were disappointed that there wasn't a Makaton and singing workshop last year.



The Gloucestershire Deaf Association have offered to run a signing workshop.



Dominika said they are talking to the people who can run the activities to make a final list.



Karen said she could show people how to use the You're Welcome website.

Safeguarding



Tammie said that we know Safeguarding can be difficult to talk about.



Michelle from the Gloucestershire Safeguarding Board will now be coming to these meetings.



She likes sunshine and cricket.



Safeguarding is keeping people safe from hurt, abuse or neglect.



Abuse is when someone does or says something that hurts you or makes you feel scared or upset.



Neglect is when you are not being cared for or supported.

Self-Neglect is when you stop looking after yourself.



Michelle's job is about:



Telling people about safeguarding.



Sometimes Michelle goes on the NHS bus to tell people about safeguarding.



She listens to what people have to say.



Michelle works together with people to make safeguarding better in Gloucestershire.



You can talk to Michelle if you have ideas about how things can be better.



Michelle explained what types of abuse there are.

Please see slides 5 – 10 of Michelle's presentation attached to these notes.



Anyone can be an abuser.

It is usually someone we know.



If someone is in immediate danger, please call 999.



If someone is not in immediate danger phone the Adult helpdesk on 01452 426 868

GHC Learning Disability Services Review



Rosanna James from GHC came to talk to the group about this.



The Learning Disabilities Services Review at GHC happened last year.



The aim of the service is that people with learning disabilities would lead gloriously ordinary lives.



It is about making sure that people have the right care at the right time.

GHC talked to staff, families, carers and people with lived experience.



There are things that work well



Gloucestershire's community services act quickly.



Staff care about their work and have lots of experience.



Independent advocates are used.



There are things that need to improve



There are not enough support for people with complex needs and some people wanted more support.



The move from help as a child to help as an adult could be easier.



Families want clearer easier to understand information

What needs to happen



There needs to be more money put into community services so they can give better support.



There needs to be a clear plan to make sure people only go into hospital when they need to.



When people stay in hospital it should be for a short a time as possible.



This means that services will change.

Care needs to be closer to home.



GHC will not be building a Learning Disability Hospital in Gloucestershire.



Berkley House in Stroud will be closed in time.

GHC need to finish writing the plan and get it agreed by the NHS in Gloucestershire this year.



Rosanna James said GHC will continue listening and hearing from people.

She would like to come back to the Learning Disability Partnership Board.



Questions and comments from the group



Sam from PACE said: if the moving from help as an adult to help as a child is difficult for people, will GHC be able to make this better by only hearing from adults?



Rosanna said they are talking to 16-25 year olds but it needs to be easy to understand.



Deborah said: people with a physical health problem can leave hospital quickly, but some people who need help with their mental health often stay in hospital a very long time.



Deborah would like to see a plan for people leaving hospital made from when they arrive.



Lots of people in the community are still under the care of the hospital. People are frustrated they are not able to live gloriously ordinary lives.



Can something be done about this?



Rosanna said that some people are in hospitals like Berkley House for a long time.



GHC need to work with the courts for some people.



People need their support needs looking at as early as possible.



Rosie asked if family carers can still give feedback to the review and how they can do this.



Sue said she went to a parent carer meeting where parents talked about gaps in services.



Sue said it's so fragmented (broken up). There are lots of excellent services but they don't last.

There are simple needs like nail cutting which are not being met.



Communication is the most important thing.



Rosanna said she hasn't got all the answers but wants to keep listening.



Rosanna said they are linked to the Adult Transformation team, which is also working to make sure people get the right help at the right time.



Amy asked about how we link this with housing - how do we make sure housing works for people?



If we want to keep people at home their housing needs must be met.

Anything else to talk about and our next meeting



Get in touch if you want to tell us anything, ask questions, or come and talk at a partnership board meeting.



Amy said a very well done to Tammie as this was her first meeting as Co-Chair.

Our next in-person meeting will be on Monday 27th April



We will tell you soon where it will be.

