

## **Learning Disability Partnership Board**

**What happened at our meeting on  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024**



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## Who was there?

Tim Heaven - LDPB Co-Chair	Deborah Livingstone – Independent Supporter and LeDer Reviewer
Jan Marriott - LDPB Co-Chair	Lisa Ludd-Gadd – Enablement Team
Emily Luckham – Inclusion Gloucestershire	Sue Walters – Family Carer
Paul Tyrrell – Inclusion Gloucestershire	Margaret Mattock – Family Carer
Tamsin Morgan – Gloucestershire Parent Carer Forum	Denise Pittaway – Keyworker Gloucestershire Carers Hub
Emilie Dawson – SEND programme manager ICB	Experts by Experience and staff from Paradise House (Novalis Trust)
Dave Symes - Mencap	Isabel Saez-Villagra – Positive Behaviour Support Practitioner GCC
Darren Strong – Expert by Experience	Emily Trigg – Positive Behaviour Support Practitioner GCC
Lara Gilman - GCC	Beth Townsend – Building Circles
Nicholas Baker – Expert by Experience	Alice Mansley – Building Circles
Jan Burn – Kingfisher Treasure Seekers	JJ, Troy, Gemma and Vicky from Action for Children Kingfishers
Lyn Merrett – Shared Lives Officer	Holly Bolt - P.A.C.E
Denise Medcroft - P.A.C.E.	Joel B - P.A.C.E
Coralie Slatter – P.A.C.E	Tom A-S - P.A.C.E
Alex Robins – P.A.C.E	Lucy C - P.A.C.E
Shane Smith – P.A.C.E	Leigh Butler - P.A.C.E
James B - P.A.C.E	Gavin - P.A.C.E

**GCC means Gloucestershire County Council**  
**GHC means Gloucestershire Health and Care Trust**

## What we talked about:



Tim shared the ground rules for the meeting.



Dave told us about Mencap.



Mencap is a national charity supporting people with a Learning Disability.



It used to do big national campaigns.



Now it is working with people to help them campaign and be activists in their own community.

## Group chat: What is community?

People said:



Community means people coming together.



We can be members of different communities.



A community can be where you live, or a place you go.



A community is where you have friends and can take care of each other.



Sometimes a community is where people are interested in the same thing.



People spoke about their communities – like P.A.C.E, Treasure Seekers, Drama group, churches and more.

## Group chat: What is good about your community?

People said:



They like they are close to help if they need it.



They like they get picked up and dropped home when they go to PACE.



They like meeting their boyfriend or girlfriend in their community.



They like going out to activities like the cinema and the shops.



They like it when transport links are good.



It is good to have strong relationships and connections with people.



It is good when they can spend time with their family.



They like going to the disco on Monday night.



They like being near green spaces.



People know me and will listen to me if I need to talk.



## Group chat: What are you concerned about in your community? What makes you angry?

People said:



There are staff in shops who are cross and not patient.



Drivers aren't patient. They honk when you are walking across the pedestrian crossing.



People don't listen very well.



People are unkind.



There is crime. People are shoplifting.  
People are stealing.





You can't use your bus pass when you want to.



Buses don't turn up and you can get stranded.



Assistance on the trains can get cancelled and you have to change stations by yourself.



The banks closing.



The leisure centre has a special needs session but it is too full and not accessible.



None of the gyms have a special needs session.



It can be noisy at night.



Not having the internet.



There is litter and vandalism.



There are lots of potholes.



There needs to be more police to keep people safe.



Safe spaces don't stay for long.



We don't feel safe in green spaces when it is getting dark.



People don't have a good understanding about Learning Disability. People judge people and tell staff what to do.



There are not enough activities for people over the age of 25.

**Group chat: If we go forward in time by 5 years, what would we want to see in our community?  
What is missing in the community?**

People said:



People will have more respect, understanding and patience.



There would be no discrimination.



There would be training for everyone so there would be inclusion in shops.



Children will learn about inclusion when they are in school.



People will have more understanding about why someone might have distress behaviours.



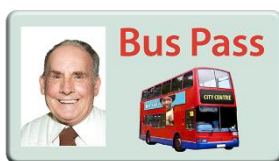
There would lots of different places for people to go to, like PACE.



Everyone would have friends.



There would be more buses and they would go more often.



The bus passes will be used flexibly.



Transport would be cheaper.



There would be total access to services – like the GP and the library. They will be accessible for everyone.



Everyone would be safe.



Safe places would be funded so they can keep on going.



There would be more police.



There would be community banking.



There would be more money so people can enjoy life.



There will be more work and volunteer placements.



Our next meeting will be in May.

We will tell you the date soon.

We might be changing to a new day of the week.

It will be at Treasure Seekers Hub,  
Eastgate Stree





