

## Partnership Board: Learning Disability

**14<sup>th</sup> of June 2022 – What happened at our meeting**

### Who was there:



Jacky Martel – Family Carer/Access Social Care	Tim Heaven – Co-chair of the LDPB
Jane Jones - Allsorts	Jan Marriott – Co-chair of the LDPB
Andy Rozwadowski – Building Circles	Isabel Saez-Villa – PBS Team
Bee Barker – The Lighthouse	Emily Luckham – Inclusion Gloucestershire
Darren Strong – Expert by Experience	Rebecca Chapman – PBS
Tracey Joslin – Prosperity Care	Holly Beaman -GCC and ICS
Ismail Ginwalla – Adult Education	Megan Paul – You're Welcome
Jane Blackett – GCC Day Centres and Short Breaks	Simon Shorrick – GHC
Deborah Livingstone – Independent Supporter and LeDeR reviewer	Paul Yeatman -Safeguarding Board, LeDeR
Clare Walters – GCC Shared Lives Officer	Bren McInerny – Community Volunteer
Des Gorman – Strategy and Partnership NHS	Denise Medcroft – PACE
Naina Mandleker - CCG	Sue Walters – Family Carer
Keily Elvin –Sevenside Skills (Taurus Crafts)	Laurie-Ann Cook - GHC
Tanya Kirby – Barnwood Trust	Vicci Livingstone- Thompson – Inclusion Gloucestershire
Sue – Expert by Experience (Camphill Village Trust)	Denise Medcroft - PACE
Victoria – Expert by Experience (Camphill Village Trust)	Kristen Lloyd – Employment Skills Hub
Janet Hawkins - Camphill Village Trust	Colin Beard – Prosperity Care
Charlotte – Peer Mentor EBE (Prosperity Care)	Vicky Townsend – Children and Families commissioning

Lorna Carter – Carers Hub	Denise Pittaway - Carers Hub
Amanda Eady – GEM (Inclusion Gloucestershire)	Kelly Hannis – Student Nurse
Leah Baker – Children and Families commissioning	Stuart Seagrave - DWP
Jess Breedon – Quality Team	Lorna Bethune – Quality Team
Cheryl Hampson – GCC	Michaela Elliot – Employment and Skills Hub
Steve Ireland – Hospitals – GHC	Amanda Eady – GEM



Tim Heaven shared the house rules for the Partnership Board with everyone.

Amanda Eady told us about the GEM project.



GEM is a network across Gloucestershire.

It gives one to one support.



GEM helps people take steps into training, education or getting a job.



People agree their goals and decide how much support they would like.



Amanda told us about someone who came to GEM when he was feeling alone and wanted to get a job.

By listening to what he needed and working out a plan together, he now enjoys working as a kitchen porter.



Ismail asked how long the project would be running for.

Amanda said the GEM project is running until December, but it might get extended.

Charlotte asked where the GEM project is based.

Amanda said she is based at the Inclusion Gloucestershire office in Gloucester.



You can contact Amanda by phoning: 07525 848 116

You can email her on: [amandae@inclusion-glos.org](mailto:amandae@inclusion-glos.org)



Michaela told us about the Employment and Skills Hub.

She said they give people advice and help with careers, training and skills.

Some of the things they help people with:

Interview skills

Writing CVs

Finding long-term paid work

Getting the small changes people might need at work

Careers advice and support



You can contact them by phone: 01452 425776

Or you can email them:

[Employmentandskillshub@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:Employmentandskillshub@gloucestershire.gov.uk)



Ismail told us about the Adult Education Service.

He said they give training to people who are 19 and older.



They work with people who have mental health, learning disabilities, and physical disabilities.



They have different types of courses.

They work with different organisations. They have been doing First Aid courses at Inclusion Gloucestershire hubs.



They want to work with other organisations too.

They don't want to take people away from organisations. They want to add to what people are doing.



Bren said that it is great that the Adult Education service are working so well with other partners in the county.

They are based in Gloucester town centre.



Stuart who is a Disability Employment Advisor at the Jobcentre spoke to us.

He said that the Jobcentre helps people to get back into the workplace.



He said they work with Forwards and Adult Education too.

They help people to find Disability Confident employers.

They have been doing Disability Confident Job Fairs. They had 160 people come to meet 12 Disability Confident employers at a fair last week.





They also help people with Access to Work – that helps fund people to move back to work.



After a break, we split into break out rooms.



People said things that stop them from getting a job and keeping a job are:

Not feeling confident and not having reliable help.



People need advocacy and help in understanding the system and preparing for a job.



People think having a peer mentor or a job buddy would help.



It would be good to hear about positive stories of what is possible.





People do not always tell the Jobcentre they have a Learning Disability, so might not get the right help.



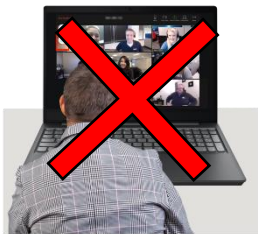
Some people's families don't always want them to get a job.



People are worried about if having a job will mean they will have less money.



It is a complicated system. Lots of different organisations are doing similar things. There needs to be more joining up.



It is not easy for people to get help who do not have the Internet or can't use a phone.



People don't always know what is available to help them get a job.



It would be good to have Easy Read information about what help there is in Gloucestershire to get a job.



One of the problems people have in getting to work is the buses.



Young people who left college during Covid left without a plan.



Colin and Charlotte told us about Prosperity Care and Wellbeing services.



They run different activities and social events for people with a Learning Disability.

Some of these are:

A regular nightclub evening at Jax Nightclub in Cheltenham



A Zumba class





Pottery and art classes



These activities and courses cost money.



Phone or email Colin to find out more.

Email [info@prosperitycare.co.uk](mailto:info@prosperitycare.co.uk)

01242 906569



Keily from Severnside Skills told us about what they are doing at Taurus Crafts.



People can learn different skills, like how to work in a café or work in the shop.



There is classroom-based learning too and people can get certificates.



It costs £70 a day for the retail and catering course and £30 a session for the cooking course.

People can use direct payments, personal budgets, EHCP or private funding to pay for the sessions.



If you want to know more, phone 01594 844841

Or email: [skills@cvt.org.uk](mailto:skills@cvt.org.uk)



Jan told us that we have finished looking at the 5 things that people told us were most important in our last survey.

We are going to be asking people a different question to find out what the Learning Disability Partnership Board priorities should be next.



We are going to ask

“What is stopping you from having a good life?”

Lots of people said they like this question.



Simon Shorrick told us that on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of June there will be a Big Health and Wellbeing Day.

Our next meeting will be in person, Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> of September, from 11 – 1 at the Adult Education Centre in Gloucester.

