



## Gloucestershire's Autism (and Neurodivergence) Partnership Board Minutes

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026  
10.00am to 12.30pm; Zoom

Name	Organisation
Andrew Cotterill (AC)	Lived Experience Co-chair
Caroline Sutcliffe	Strategic Commissioning - Long Term Support: Mental Health & Neurodiversity – Gloucestershire County Council
Amy Rees	Coproduction Lead, Gloucestershire County Council
Heather Bridge	ANG
Tamsin Morgan	Gloucestershire Parent Care Operations
Olly Thomson	Positive Behavioural Support Practitioner, Gloucestershire County Council
J Newton	PohWER
Sarah Clifton-Gould	Cotswold District Council
Lee Holder	Music Works
Lidia Bojczuk	Connector: Barnwood Trust
Pippa Baker-Walsh	CASA: Community Autism Support and Advice Service (CASA)
Emma Royer	CASA: Community Autism Support and Advice Service (CASA)
Sam James	Gloucestershire County Council
Jackie Rowe	Inclusion Gloucestershire
Rachel Sleigh	EbE
Karen Paul	ICB
Zack Pandor	Strategic Workforce Transformation Programme Manager- ICB
Kirsten Lloyd	Employment Engagement, Gloucestershire County Council
Hayley Payne	ICB
Caroline McDonnell	Public Health, Gloucestershire County Council
Steve Brimley	
Maria Furlonger	Gloucestershire County Council
Alice Brixley	ICB
Sarah Barnett	DWP
Diane Simpson	Active Care Group
Kay Whittaker	Criminal Justice & Victim Lead: Office for Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC)
Sam James	D-NET
Anna Bonallack	Creative Sustainability
Sammy	Inc Glos
Hannah Waltham	Employment & Skills Hub, Gloucestershire County Council
Stuart Saxton	Intensive Interaction Coordinator: National Star.
Latifa Ali	Employment & Skills Hub, Gloucestershire County Council
Lisa Porter	Active Care Group
Julie Friend	DWP
Sarah Barnett	DWP
Sarah-Louise Ackrill	Independent
Nicola Naoh	National Star
Zeby Nawaz	Horses Helping people with Depression and anxiety



Jan Marriott	Independent Chair, Mental Health & Wellbeing Partnership Board; MEAM Network
Josh Jones	Learning Manager: Barnwood Trust
Mel Brzonkalik	National Star

No.	Item	Lead
1.	<b>Welcome / Introductions</b> Introductions were shared in the chat.	Andrew Cotterill
2.	<b>Apologies for absence and any declarations of interest</b> Apologies from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Louise Wilson – Longfield</li> <li>• Jacky Martell- Access Social Care</li> <li>• Nikki Smith- ASC</li> <li>• Suzanne Harray – The spring Centre</li> <li>• Amanda Henderson</li> <li>• Karl Gluck- GCC</li> <li>• Jane Blackett- GCC</li> <li>• Dr Tina Lythgoe- GCC</li> <li>• Ethan Easton –Beezee by Maximus</li> <li>• Kathleen Hanbury – MEAM</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	Disclosed to the Lead.
3.	<b>Introduction to the employment session</b> Please see slides attached.	Andrew Cottreill
4.	<b>Insight into some key support needs of those needing CASA: Emma Royer / Pippa Baker Walsh CASA</b> Please see slides attached.	Emma Royer / Pippa Baker Walsh
5.	<b>From the floor: A couple of shared experiences</b>	ALL
6.	<b>Forwards: Kirsten Lloyd. Current last quarter, outcomes and a case study + overview of Connect to Work</b> Please see slides attached.	Kirsten Lloyd



7.	<b>Julianna Friend Disability Employer Adviser Leader: Overview of the DEA role and support.</b> Please see slides attached.	Julianna Friend
8.	<b>The National Star College, Mike Youart - Senior Job Coach and Rachel Fisher - Job Coach Team Leader: Gaining employment and work placements for the young people.</b> Please see slides attached	Mike Youart Rachel Fisher
9.	<b>Samantha James (GCC): The GCC Neuroinclusive working group.</b> Please see slides attached.	Samantha James
10.	<b>The National Star College, Katie McMahon - Employment Wellbeing Advisor: What's being created to help our staff.</b> Please see slides attached.	Katie McMahon
11.	<b>The National Star College, Stuart Saxton – Specialist Input Manager: Working with our neurodivergent staff, and students, to create a Neuro affirming Dictionary/Glossary.</b> Please see slides attached.	Stuart Saxton
12.	<b>Josh Jones (Barnwood Trust): Disability, Neurodivergence and Employment - Why the Social Model Matters</b> Please see slides attached.	Josh Jones
13.	<b>Questions / Comments</b>	ALL
14.	<b>Meet Amy Rees, Coproduction Lead – Adult Social Care</b> Please see slides attached.	Amy Rees
15.	<b>Any Other Business (AOB)</b> AC queried if there would be any objection about moving the meeting to MS Teams going forward and a new meeting link will be sent prior to the next meeting.	All
16.	<b>Meeting Closes:</b> <b>Next Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026: 10.00am</b>	



Please note that for transparency and accountability information held on behalf of a public authority should be treated as information held by that public authority and may be subject to the Freedom of Information Act