Learning Disability:
**Mencap definition** A learning disability is a reduced intellectual ability and difficulty with everyday activities – for example household tasks, socialising or managing money – which affects someone for their whole life. People with a learning disability tend to take longer to learn and may need support to develop new skills, understand complicated information and interact with other people.

**Vision for the Partnership Board**
Gloucestershire will be a leader in working with people with a learning disability and their carers to ensure inclusive communities where people with a learning disability experience choice, independence and the same rights as every other person.

**Who is on the Partnership Board?**
Jan Marriott and Tim Heaven are the Co-Chairs of the Partnership Board. They say: "The Partnership Board is very important in Gloucestershire. It brings together lots of people to work on making things better for people with learning disabilities and their families. If you would like to come to our meetings we would love to see you"

- People with Learning Disabilities (self-advocates)
- Family or Carer representatives
- Work group leads
- Commissioning – Adults and Children’s
- Adult Social Care
- Gloucestershire Health & Care NHS Foundation Trust
- Representative from the Black, Asian and Ethnic Minority/Community Development group
- Care Provider representatives
- Voluntary organisation representatives

**Key documents**
- Terms of reference
- Latest Strategy
- Action Plan
- Joint Strategic Needs Analysis
- Dates for future meetings
- Agendas for future meetings
- Minutes from previous meetings

**More information**
- Guidelines on Accessible Information
- NHS England Learning disability Programme
- Skills for Health Competency Framework
- Glos Health & Care NHS Foundation Trust – Learning Disability Services
- Glos Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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**What is the Partnership Board for?**

- The Partnership Board makes sure that there is a clear strategy in place and that it is put into action in Gloucestershire.
- It makes sure that people work together to make things better for people with a learning disability in Gloucestershire.
- It gives people a chance to have a voice and ask questions.

**How will we communicate with people?**

- We will create information that is easy to read and accessible, using the Government’s guidance on Accessible formats.
- We will send agendas to the members of the Board 2 weeks before the meeting. We will also put the agenda on this webpage.
- Minutes from previous meetings will be sent out after the meeting for people to read (via email/post). They will be agreed at the next meeting and then put on this webpage so everyone can access.
- All presentations to the Board must be sent to the Partnership Board officer 2 weeks in advance and follow the rules for accessibility.

**Rules of the Board**

The Partnership Board has agreed the following ‘rules’ for meetings:

- No talking over each other
- Respect confidentiality – don’t talk about individual people if they’re not present
- Keep to the time slots given.