



# Physical Disability and Sensory Impairment Partnership Board

## Definition/scope

The Physical Disability and Sensory Impairment Board brings together a wide array of organisations across different sectors and aims to provide a place of guidance for relevant services and be a group for sharing projects that have been undertaken across a wide variety of organisations and groups.

## Vision for the partnership board

Gloucestershire will be a leader in working with people with physical disabilities and sensory impairment and their carers to ensure inclusive communities where people with a physical disability and sensory impairment experience choice, independence and the same rights as every other person.

The Board will be fully inclusive and an opportunity for best practice to be shared and ideas to be discussed and challenged. The Board will engage with a large group of stakeholders and organisations to ensure it is responsive to the needs of the people of Gloucestershire.

## Key documents –

- Terms of reference
- Joint Strategic Needs Analysis
- Dates for future meetings
- Agendas for future meetings
- Minutes from previous meetings

## Who is on the partnership board?

Dr Jean Waters and Jan Marriott are the Co-chairs of this partnership board. They "The PD&SI Partnership Board is very important in Gloucestershire. It brings together lots of people to work on making things better for people with physical disabilities and sensory impairment and their families. If you would like to come to our meetings we would love to see you".

- People with physical disabilities and sensory impairment (Self advocates)
- Family or Carer representatives
- Work group leads
- Commissioning – Adults and Children's
- Adult Social Care
- Gloucestershire Health & Care NHS Foundation Trust
- Representatives from the Black, Asian and Ethnic Minority/Community Development groups
- Care Provider representatives
- Voluntary organisation representatives

## More information

- [Guidelines on Accessible Information](#)
- [Gloucester Deaf Association](#)
- [Sight Loss Council](#)
- [Speech and Language Therapy](#)
- [Gloucestershire Wheelchair Services](#)
- [Your Circle](#)



## What is the partnership board for?

- To make sure that people with physical disabilities and sensory impairments have the same rights, chances and opportunities in their lives that everyone expects.
- To oversee the upkeep of the Needs Analysis, Commissioning Priorities and Outcomes Framework for Physical Disabilities and sensory impairments
- To propose and agree priorities, and action plan for improving outcomes for people with physical disabilities and sensory impairments in Gloucestershire.
- It gives people a chance to have a voice and ask questions.

## How will we communicate with people?

### Communicating with the Board

- 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). They will be agreed at the next meeting and then put on this webpage so everyone can access them.
- All presentations to the Board must be sent to the Partnership Board officer 2 weeks in advance and follow the rules for accessibility.

### Communicating with wider stakeholders

- Regular bulletins, taking the form of some web based and some more interactive audio and visual bulletins.
- There will be clear opportunities for views to be fed back.
- Engagement will be enhanced through stakeholder events.
- The voice of people with lived experience and their families will be particularly welcomed and supported.
- We will create information that is accessible, using the Government's guidance on [Accessible formats](#).

## Board Code of Conduct

The Partnership Board has agreed the following code of conduct for meetings:

- No talking over each other. The Board will always listen and be respectful.
- Respect confidentiality – don't talk about individual people if they're not present
- Keep to the time slots given.
- Regularly scheduled breaks.
- The Board will be willing to try new things.