

Physical Disability & Sensory Impairment Partnership Board Minutes

4th December 2020, Zoom (11:00 – 12:30pm)

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Present:

Dr Jean Waters	Co-Chair
Jan Marriott	Co-Chair
Holly Beaman	GCC
Cath Shephard	GHC Trust
Neryl Bice	GCC
Tracey Cooksey	Leonard Cheshire
Vicci Livingstone-Thompson	Inclusion Gloucestershire
John Lane	Healthwatch Gloucestershire
Linda Hending	ME/CFS Friendship Group
Claire Babbage	Saracen Care
Chris Davis	Active Gloucestershire
Noor Al-Koky	GCC
Jo Scriven	ME/CFS Friendship Group
Megan Paul	You're Welcome Glos
Ian Clarkson	GCC - DCYP
Becci Hopton	Saracen Care
Jacky Martel	Parent Carer
Sophie Ayre	GHC Trust
Dave Evans	Leonard Cheshire
Neil Hampton	Forwards Employment Services
Bernadette Cuddy	GCC
Lesley Gamm	Leonard Cheshire
Farooq Ismail	GHC Trust

Apologies:

Debbie Gray	NHS
Sue King	GCC
Jane Field	GCC
Nicola Shilton	GCC
Christian Drewitt	Accessibility Gloucester
Tasha Overall	Accessibility Gloucester
Emma Lancett	Leonard Cheshire
Charlotte James	Leonard Cheshire
Rachel Ephgrave	ME/CFS Friendship Group

Dr Jean Waters opened the meeting and welcomed everyone

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Holly Beaman – Covid update

After the second lockdown we are seeing a decrease in cases. See the following for up to date figures <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/inform/health/coronavirus-covid-19-intelligence-for-gloucestershire/>

More of an effort has been made to keep services open during the second lockdown so that

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has helped people. Care home visits have also been allowed this time by using regular testing and infection prevention measures.

Vaccination being rolled out on priority basis from this week. Roll out currently limited to hospitals etc. due to the low temperature it needs to be stored at, see the following link for more details: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine/>

Linda – This will make it difficult for housebound patients but hopefully the Oxford vaccine will be transportable to homes.

Cath – GHFT acute trust is still under a lot of pressure from Covid.

Jacky – Will unpaid carers be high on the list for the vaccine? **Holly** – Will escalate that query and report back.

John – Is vaccine now approved for pregnant women? **Jean** – No as currently there no knowledge of possible effects on the baby.

Jan – Supported living has not been recognised by government. **Claire** – Totally agree, we have been using care home guidance where possible but that is not ideal. **Leslie** – Correct, there has not been a lot of guidance for supported living. **Holly** – Please raise that there are still concerns around supported living lack of advice.

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PDSI discussion - All

As there are so many new people we will have a discussion on what people would like to see for the next 12 months.

Dave – it would be useful for mission statement to enable new people to understand breadth etc. **Jean** – This is available on the website, please see the following link:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/disabilities/physical-disability-and-sensory-impairment-partnership-board/>

Summary of feedback from breakout rooms:

- Good to have informal time before meeting starts – 15 minutes enough
- PD&SI brings people together but how to we affect outcomes?
- Easier to participate in these meetings now as its online
- We need more 'you said, we did'
- Stronger voice for voluntary sector and people with lived experience
- Need to achieve a balance between making the meeting attractive for people with lived experience but also need commissioners and decision makers present.
- Clear path of accountability for issues raised.

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Wheelchair Services Update – Cath Shepard

Wheelchair service was put under new management this time last year. Service is based in the Independent Living Centre in Cheltenham. About 20 on the team. Delivery of chair takes about 12 weeks. All age all disability service, currently have 7000 users. Priority assessments offered within 5 days of referral and routine within 8 weeks.

Please see the presentation attached to these minutes

Jacky – Why don't you provide outdoor only chairs? **Cath** – we are not commissioned to do that Jean – Wheelchair Services have been underfunded for a long time which is why I think this was excluded but now there should be flexibility and each case treated on its merits. Wheelchair Alliance is trying to change this so would be good if they could work with Wheelchair services to make the rules more flexible as per peoples needs. **Jacky** – Pushing son in manual wheelchair outside can be damaging to carers physical health so this is an important issue. **Cath** – This is being discussed with the CCG and worked on to improve.

Jan – This service has been a concern for this board for a long time so good to hear the progress. Will be good to have people with lived experience more involved. Sophie/Farooq – the Partnership and Inclusion team can help provide service user involvement through their experts by experience program.

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Any other Business

- Please let us know if there are any agenda items that people would like for future PD&SI partnership board meetings.
- The next Building Better Transport Links meetings is in January, covering a wide range of issues. The date is 27th January 10:30 – 12:30. Please email Neryl.bice@gloucesterhire.gov.uk if you would like to attend.

Next Meeting Date:

3rd February 2021, 10:30 – 12.00pm
Zoom