



**The New Slough Learning Disability Partnership Board  
Inaugural Meeting - 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024  
Observatory House, Slough**



**Minutes**

**Welcome and introductions.**



- GDM apologised for the late start and expressed gratitude in seeing several experts by experience present.
- GDM explained that this is a forum for people with learning disability community.
- GDM introduced himself and welcomed the new Learning Disability partnership board members before starting with members' introductions.
- Members then introduced each other.
- There was a good collaborative and cheerful atmosphere



**The New Learning Disability Partnership Board –  
Presentation**

- GDM shared a presentation to introduce the new Partnership Board to all members.
- MG commented the need for better wording to say “*preventing needs to arise...*” which may be misunderstood.

- SB commented that the wording should be more specific and recognise the people with LD, their carers, and some priorities such as housing.
- EC echoed that some important key actions did not appear in the presentation, such as housing and transports.
- GDM clarified that the presentation was a short summary and not a fully exhaustive description of the Partnership work.

**Actions: Wording to be reviewed.**



### **The New Learning Disability Partnership Board – Terms of Reference Exercise**

- GDM introduced the first group exercise that was about reading paragraphs from the Terms of Reference, and find agreement on references or amendments needed.
  - Members said that the printed copies may have not been enough. Therefore, BB and AH promptly printed additional copies.
  - EC pointed out that the group was too big for a discussion and that the group prefers to break down in smaller units to discuss.
  - EC also pointed out that the meeting was already late.
  - Groups of four people were made and 15 minutes were provided for discussion before getting back together for feedback.
  - Unfortunately, the document was very big and the time too few for a thorough discussion. Many other participants agreed.
  - The group agreed that GDM will send a copy of the document and that comments will be provided via email or at the next meeting.
  - Feedback provided were about a clearer definition of who are the stakeholders and who are the beneficiaries,
  - Another feedback was that there should be a lesson learned approach and review of what has gone wrong in the past
  - Another feedback was about finding strategies to reach all client groups, and look at alternative ways to fund initiatives (sponsorship, crowdfunding, etc).
- There was a positive working atmosphere among board members

**Actions: GDM to share the Terms of Reference.  
All Members to share feedback via email or in person at next meeting.**



## **The New Learning Disability Partnership Board – Tea Break**

*Tea Break was called at noon and lasted 10 to 15 minutes.*



## **The New Learning Disability Partnership Board – The Learning Disability Strategy 2023-2028 (Presentation)**

- GDM shared a presentation about the Learning Disability Strategy 2023-2028. and a brief summary of actions in the Strategy.
- Members commented that it would be useful to have a definition of learning disabilities and it was clarified that the Strategy provides a definition.
- EC, SB, and GB commented that some priorities and actions were too vague and needed to be more specific.
- EC noted that important priorities and actions concerning housing or transports were not in the presentation.
- GDM clarified that the presentation only had 6 wide areas for actions rather than specific actions because the Group will create specific actions.
- GDM reassured members that the presentation is only a short summary and that the full document goes into the details of each priority.
- An action plan is available at the end of the strategy and the group will decide what is more urgent.
- GDM informed all members that smaller workgroups will be created. These groups will be time limited and meet more regularly than the full board.

**Actions:**     **GDM to provide clarification for LD definition (in new TOR draft) for the group.**  
                  **GDM to provide list of all actions included in the Learning Disability Strategy to members at next meeting.**



## **The New Learning Disability Partnership Board – Workshop to identify most pressing priorities for actions.**

- The second group exercise: In groups of four, members have looked at the 6 priority areas for action to decide the three most important issues. 15 minutes were provided for discussion.
- EC commented that the time provided was not sufficient to pick only three things.
- EC and their clients think that what it is more pressing are transports and housing but these are not in the presentation.
- More members agreed that the time provided was not sufficient.
- It was agreed to extend the feedback until next meeting and there will be a survey online to share ideas.
- Some other members felt they were ready to share the feedback from their group.
- A few people agreed that the main priorities should be: communication, transition health, employments.
- RK's group said that it is not possible to decide what comes first because these are important actions.
- Two other groups had a similar idea

**Actions:** **GDM to add priority questions in feedback form when distributing the minutes.**  
**GDM to start circulating list of initial workstream groups to members to gather volunteers.**