

Tier 1 Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training now live

Booking for Tier 1 of the Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training in Learning Disability and Autism Trial is now open.

This training is named after 18-year-old Oliver McGowan, whose tragic death in 2016 highlighted the need for health and social care staff to have better training in learning disabilities and autism. It is part of a national commitment to develop a standardised training package, and the below local organisations were one of four national partners appointed to co-design and co-deliver the training for groups of health and social care staff as part of the national trial. The project team comprises:

- Gloucestershire Health and Care
- Gloucestershire County Council
- Inclusion Gloucestershire
- Family Partnership Solutions

The other national partners are:

- British Institute of Learning Disabilities (BILD)
- Royal Mencap Society / National Autistic Society
- Pathways Associates Community Interest Group

You can find out more about the national partners [here](#).

The training is the result of tireless campaigning, especially from Oliver's parents Tom and Paula McGowan, who have been at the forefront of calls for better understanding and training for health and care professionals since Oliver's death.

You can read Oliver's story [here](#).

Oliver's mum Paula tells his story and explains why this training is taking place in [this video](#).

All of the training is fully co-designed and co-delivered with people with a learning disability, autistic people, family carers and people working within learning disability and autism services.

When it becomes mandatory across England in 2022/23 it will make a huge difference to people with a learning disability and autistic people, in accessing the help they need from the NHS and social care in a way that meets their needs effectively.

You can read more about the training trial [here](#).

Launch of Gloucestershire trial

More than 90 people attended the online launch of the Gloucestershire trial on 1 April. The launch opened with the screening of [this film](#), produced by and featuring members of the training team, in which they talk about the purpose of the trial, its primary aims, and what the training will involve.

About Tier 1 training

Tier 1 is relevant not only to health and social care staff, but to people working in any sector who may occasionally interact with people with a learning disability and/or autistic people, but who do not have responsibility for providing direct care or making decisions about care or support - such as those working in education, law enforcement, Jobcentre staff, bus drivers, for example.

Booking onto the training

Health and social care staff can book a place via Proud to Learn, the Gloucestershire County Council learning management system, [via this link](#).

If you do not have a Proud to Learn account, please email proudtolearn@gloucestershire.gov.uk

We welcome your feedback

We welcome your feedback on the content and delivery of the training, as this will help us shape the development of the final training package when it becomes mandatory. If you know of anyone for whom you think this training would be of benefit, please tell them about it.

[This flyer](#) contains further information about the training trial, as well as provisional dates for Tier 2 training. Please feel free to share this information with as many people as possible, as we are hoping to train a cross section of staff from all sectors.

You can also find some frequently asked questions on the [Gloucestershire Health and Care website](#).

If you have any queries or require further information visit <https://www.ghc.nhs.uk/oliver-mcgowan-mandatory-training/> or email OliverMGMT@ghc.nhs.uk