Expert Members Report

Learning Disability Partnership Board

17th January 2023

Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training on Learning Disabilities and Autism

The Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training on Learning Disability and Autism is named after Oliver McGowan.

Oliver's story and death showed the need for health and social care staff to have a better understanding about learning disability and Autism.

Training will start to be delivered across Herefordshire and Worcestershire in the next couple of months.

All levels of the training must be delivered by a Co-Trainer with a learning disability, an Autistic Co-Trainer and a subject matter expert Trainer.

SpeakEasy N.O.W. will be employing and supporting people with learning disabilities to be Co-Trainers.

To start with we will have a group of Co-Trainers who will be delivering the training.

We hope that once the training sessions increase and we know more about funding we will be able to have more people with learning disabilities be Co-Trainers as a regular part time job.

We attended a National Train the Trainer session on 9th January so we can help to train the other Co-Trainers.

People's Parliament

Since the last Partnership Board we have help our People's Parliament workshop on Mental Health. We will be reporting on this later in the meeting.

Dental Survey

Health Checkers are doing a review of dental services for people with learning disabilities. As part of the review we will be visiting Dentists and Specialist Dental Services.

We would like to hear from people with learning disabilities across Herefordshire and Worcestershire about their experiences of going to the Dentist.

We are running a survey until the end of January.

There is a version of the survey on our website that can be filled in and emailed back to us here –

https://speakeasynow.org.uk/dental-services-questionnaire/

Or we can send out paper copies of the survey.

We would really appreciate any help in getting surveys completed, so please let us know if you would like some copies.