



Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training in Learning Disabilities and Autism Trial Newsletter

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The Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training trial will be co-delivered by autistic people, people with a learning disability, family carers and subject matter experts. It includes face-to-face delivery and blended learning approaches.

The training will be free of charge across Gloucestershire. Tier 1 is for staff who occasionally interact with people with a learning disability or autistic people and tier 2 is for staff who interact and have some responsibility of providing care for people with a learning disability or autistic people.

There are four trial partners throughout England who are currently designing and testing different ways to deliver the training to find what works best. Trial and evaluation partners are each leading a consortium of diverse groups and networks of organisations.

The training is named after Oliver McGowan, whose death shone a light on the need for health and social care staff to have better training.

This is Oliver:



You can find out more about Oliver's story here...

<https://www.olivermcgowan.org/>

The launch...

The launch for the training took place on 1st April 2021 and 90 people attended from many different organisations and sectors. Details about the training and how to access both tier 1 and tier 2 were presented by Rozz McDonald, the Project Lead and Tim Heaven an Expert by Experience.

From May 2021, we will be training a cross section of staff from all sectors. As we are the only trial site in the South West of England, we see this as a unique opportunity to shape the mandatory training that all health and social staff will receive in the future.

Data from our trial will inform the mandatory training that all health and social care staff in England will have to complete from 2022-23. Therefore, we would welcome feedback on the content and delivery of the training to ensure better understanding of people's needs, resulting in better services and improved health and wellbeing outcomes for people with a learning disability and autistic people with or without a learning disability.



You can find out more about the training here...

<https://www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work/learning-disability/oliver-mcgowan-mandatory-training-learning-disability-autism>

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Tier 1

Tier 1 entails two hours of online activity including viewing an information film and attending a 30-minute live webinar. It is relevant to all staff working in any sector who may occasionally interact with people with a learning disability and/or autism, but who do not have responsibility for providing direct care or making decisions about care or support.

Tier 2

Tier 2 is a live hybrid event for which you can book a physical or online place. It is co-delivered by an Expert by Experience, a family carer and a professional person working within a learning disability service.

This whole-day event is relevant to health and social care staff and others with responsibility for providing care and support for people with autism or a learning disability, but who would seek support from others for complex management or complex decision making.

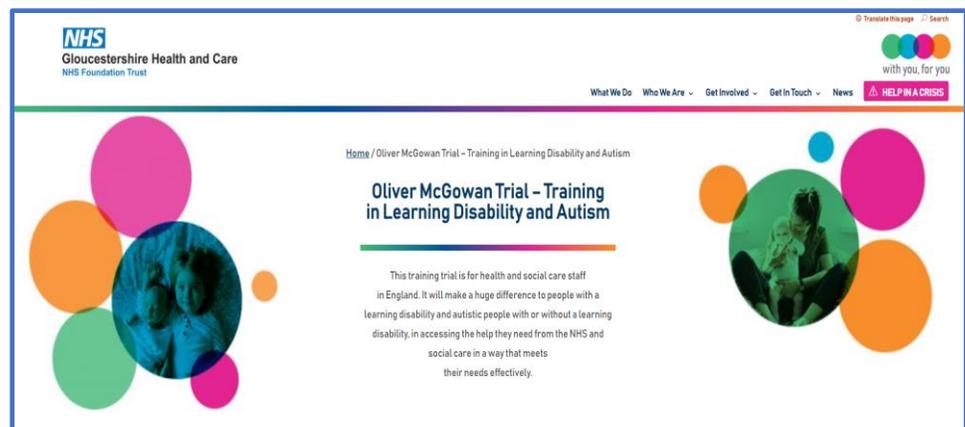
Here is our promotional video...

https://youtu.be/_CpKdAk_DQU

How to access the training...

Our Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training Trial website explains how you can access the training and how you can attend both tier 1 and tier 2.

<https://www.ghc.nhs.uk/oliver-mcgowan-mandatory-training/>



We are always keen to hear from people who may like to be part of the project board, or from people who would like to be added to the stakeholder mailing list now, or after the training is rolled out.