



# Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training in Learning Disability and Autism Trial Newsletter

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## This is Oliver:



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

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

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

The training trial is 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. It runs between May – Nov 2021.

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 network 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.

## Open for Bookings....

Both Tier 1 and Tier 2 are now LIVE.

Tier 1 opened for bookings on 12<sup>th</sup> May. The webinars have received some outstanding positive feedback.

For Tier 2, our partner organisations all came together for a run through on 7<sup>th</sup> May. This was followed by a Train the Trainer event on 20<sup>th</sup> May and then the first live session a few days later.

As at the end of June: Tier 1 data shows 175 people had completed the eLearning and 224 had completed the live webinar. Tier 2 data shows a total of 40 people had completed the training (either online or in the training room). Combined as at the end of June: 442 people have completed either Tier 1 or Tier 2 training.

We have been working with our colleagues in the Gloucestershire County Council - Proud to Learn Team - to embed the training package on their multi-agency training system. Likewise, we have been working alongside our training colleagues in Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust to embed the training on the Care to Learn inhouse training system.



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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For more information about the national project, anyone working to support people with learning disabilities and autism, may like to attend the next National Stakeholder Forum.

For a recording of the July presentations, click on this weblink.

[Learning disability \(skillsforcare.org.uk\)](http://Learning disability (skillsforcare.org.uk))

We had some difficulties with providing learning accounts for people outside of Gloucestershire, such as Bristol North Somerset & South Glos (BNSSG) and Health Education England has given us permission to use eLearning for Health as an alternative for our other stakeholders who are not eligible for a learning account through Proud to Learn.

As we are the only trial site in the South West of England, we hope 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.

## Tier 1

Tier 1 entails two hours of online activity including a learning module 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](https://youtu.be/_CpKdAk_DQU)**

## How to access the training...

**You only need to do one tier of training relevant to your role, but are very welcome to do both.**

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.

# What people are saying about the Gloucestershire Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training Trial:-

## Tier 1 Feedback via NDTi



Having the training run by experts by experience had a massive impact on my learning as the key messages really hit home.

I liked the mixture of E-Learning and the webinar; the webinar was particularly useful because it gave a chance to ask questions to someone with lived experience.  
The E-Learning was very informative and useful, always helpful to be able to do training at your own pace.

I would have liked the session to be longer, perhaps some other people's first hand experiences too.  
Including the challenges faced by people with physical impairments especially those who have communication needs.

Understand that the quality of the videos is not great due to filming on home phones, but some sections were difficult to hear, and the content in these presentations is the most important

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"I have just completed the Oliver McGowan training.

Wow, I commend the training to you and your teams. It is such a fabulous example of co-production but its message is a bit of an emotional roller coaster, even to someone as gnarly and cynical as me. I think it really gets to the heart of what a positive difference healthcare can make, and what happens when we don't get it quite right.

Put your emails to one side for a moment; sit down, buckle up .... and grab a tissue"



## Tier 2 Training photo gallery

**The Oliver McGowan training facilitators ahead of their event in Stroud.**



**The training facilitators in Cheltenham...**



**....and here they are in Gloucester.**



**Check our Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training webpage to see  
where we will be in Gloucestershire in the next few months.**

**[Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training in Learning Disability and Autism Trial >](#)  
[Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust \(ghc.nhs.uk\)](#)**