



## Carers Partnership Board

**Definition/scope** – *please describe in no more than a paragraph who the board is aimed at*

**A carer is:** Somebody, of any age, who provides support or who looks after a family member, partner or friend who needs help because of frailty, physical or mental illness, or disability.

**A parent carer is:** Somebody over the age of 18 who has a child with any disability, Special Educational Needs, long term health condition, impairment or additional need aged 0-25.

**A Young Carers is:** Under the age of 18 who provides regular or ongoing care and/or emotional support to a family member. A Young Adult Carer is aged 16 to 24.

*This Board supports all (unpaid) Carers – this does not include (paid) Carer Workers who are employed to support those with needs in the community, care homes or people's own homes, as there are other forums who provide this.*

### Vision for the partnership board –

**Gloucestershire will ensure that carers, commissioners, providers and partner agencies work closely together to ensure that carers;**

- are resilient and feel supported to manage their own health and wellbeing
- feel valued and included in their community
- have their voice heard at an individual and strategic level
- have opportunities to achieve their own goals, develop their own skills and have employment and training opportunities
- individual support is personalised, accessible and timely
- have contingency plans in place when they cannot care

### Key documents –

*Provide link if you have it*

- Terms of reference
- Action Plan
- Minutes from previous meetings
- Dates of Carers Partnership Board Meetings
- Agenda for future meetings

### More information

- Gloucestershire Carers Hub - <https://gloucestershirecarershubs.co.uk/>
- Gloucestershire Young Carers - <http://www.glosyoungcarers.org.uk/>
- Gloucestershire Parent Carers Forum - <https://glosparentcarerforum.org.uk/>
- Gloucestershire County Council – <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/carers/>
- Gloucestershire Community Help Hubs - <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershires-community-help-hub/>
- Carers UK - <https://www.carersuk.org/>
- Your Circle Gloucestershire - <https://www.yourcircle.org.uk/>
- NHS - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/social-care-and-support-guide/support-and-benefits-for-carers/>
- Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Trust – <https://www.gloshospitals.nhs.uk/your-visit/visitors-and-carers/information-carers/>
- Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Trust - Patient Support Service - <https://www.gloshospitals.nhs.uk/contact-us/patient-support-service/>
- Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust -- <https://www.ghc.nhs.uk/carers-information/>
- Healthwatch Gloucestershire - <https://www.healthwatchgloucestershire.co.uk/>
- Gloucestershire VCS Alliance - <http://www.glosvcsalliance.org.uk/listing-category/carers-services/>



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## Who is on the partnership board?

**Chair:** Joanna Davies

**Vice Chairs:** Helen Bond, Jenny Hincks and Kerry Mann

Joanna Davies says "I'm thrilled to be taking on the role of Chair of the Carers Partnership Board and am looking forward to working with the fantastic team we have on increasing awareness of support offered to carers, ensuring that we are representing the full spectrum of those taking on the role of carer and celebrating the way in which Gloucestershire recognises the vital role carers play across our communities. We are looking into our planning to enhance the support offered and making sure that we're listening to those with lived experience and representing their voices across the system".

We are privileged to have our Board working together for Carers with current membership including:

- Carer representatives, who are experts by experience
- Young Carer/Young Adult Carer
- Gloucestershire Young Carers
- Gloucestershire Parent Carer Forum
- Gloucestershire Carers Hub
- Gloucestershire County Council / Clinical Commissioning Group - Director of Integration
- GP – representing Primary Care
- Gloucestershire Hospitals Foundation Trust
- Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust
- G First Local Enterprise Partnership
- Healthwatch Gloucestershire
- VCS Alliance - Representing voluntary and community sector providers Gloucestershire County Council Adult Social Care
- Gloucestershire County Council SEND - Disabled Children and Young People
- Gloucestershire County Council / Clinical Commissioning Group – Adults and Children's hubs

### Social Media

#### Gloucestershire Carers Hub

##### Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/gloucestershirecarershub](http://www.facebook.com/gloucestershirecarershub)

**Twitter:** @GCarersHub

##### Instagram:

Gloucestershire\_Carers\_Hub

#### Gloucestershire Young Carers

<http://www.facebook.com/GloucestershireYoungCarers>

<https://twitter.com/Glosyoungcarers>

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/gloucestershire-young-carers>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/GloucestershireYoungCarers>

#### Gloucestershire Parent Carers Forum

e: [glosparentcarerforum@gmail.com](mailto:glosparentcarerforum@gmail.com)

phone/sms: 07494 704564

##### Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Gloucestershireparentcarers/>

Sign up FREE to be a member:

<https://glosparentcarerforum.org.uk/join-the-forum/>

Online discussion group (for parent/carers only):

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/glosparentcarerforumdiscussiongroup/>



## **What is the partnership board for?**

The Carers Partnership Board ensures that:

- there is a clear strategy in place for Carers and that it is put into action in Gloucestershire.
- people work together to improve support, advice and services available to carers in Gloucestershire.
- people have their voice heard and can ask questions.

## **How will we communicate with people?**

- We will create information that is easy to read and accessible.
- We will send an agenda to Board members 2 weeks before the meeting and place on this webpage.
- Minutes from previous meetings will be sent out after the meeting for people to read (via email/post). They will be agreed at the next meeting and then put on this webpage so everyone can access.
- All presentations to the Board must be sent to Gloucestershire Carers Hub (who administer the Board) 2 weeks in advance and follow the rules for accessibility.



## Rules of the Board

The Partnership Board has agreed the following 'rules' for meetings:

- Share ideas, aspirations, concerns and risks that are relevant to the scope of the Group, where collective discussion and action will aid improvement and/or resolution.
- Ensure that actions arising from meetings are addressed in a prompt and timely manner.
- Conduct meetings with respect for each other's views and opinions.
- Respect confidentiality if someone discusses personal circumstances and wishes this to remain confidential.