

## Participant Information

**Title:** Survey of disabled people in Gloucestershire 2024

We would like you to take part in this study by Inclusion Gloucestershire. Before you decide if you want to take part, it is important you understand why it is being done and what it will involve. Please read this information carefully and if you have any questions contact:

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### **What is the aim of the research?**

We are doing this research because we are a Disabled People's User Led Organisation and we want to find ways to improve the lives of disabled people in Gloucestershire.

We want to find out what the needs and priorities of disabled people in the county are at the moment.

This will help us to make plans to work on the areas that will improve the lives of disabled people. It will also give us evidence to tell other organisations how they can improve the lives of disabled people in Gloucestershire.

To help us find this out we have created a survey for disabled people to complete. We will give people who complete the survey the chance to talk to us more about their needs and priorities.

The results of this study will be made anonymous, analysed and put into a report and video on the Inclusion Gloucestershire website. They will be shared with people who have the power to make changes such as the NHS, Gloucestershire County Council and voluntary sector services.

### **Who can take part in the research?**

You can take part in this research if you:

- Are over 18
- Are living in Gloucestershire
- Are disabled as per the definition in the Equality Act 2010 that is, you have a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' negative effect on your ability to do normal daily activities. This will include people who have visual impairments, hearing impairments, learning disabilities, autism, physical impairments, chronic illness, long term health conditions etc. If you

are not sure if your condition meets this definition then get in touch on the details above.

### **Do I have to take part?**

You do not have to take part, it is up to you to decide whether to take part or not. You can decide to withdraw your consent at any point.

If you decide to take part you will be given a copy of this information form and asked to sign a consent form. OR You will read this information and complete a consent form on the online survey.

### **What will happen if I take part?**

If you take part we will first make contact with you in your chosen way to confirm you meet the eligibility criteria.

Then you will be asked to read the information form and sign a consent form.

You can complete the survey in your own time and return it to us at the address above. Or we will arrange to support you to complete the survey with you at a time and place that suits you. This could be in person, online or on the phone. This will need to be in a place where we can maintain confidentiality.

You will be supported by one of the research team at Inclusion Gloucestershire.



Harriet Roberts

Research Coordinator



Debbie Worrall

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### **What might be the benefits to me of taking part?**

There is unlikely to be much personal benefit to taking part.

You will be contributing to a study which aims to provide evidence of changes that could improve life for disabled people in Gloucestershire.

### **What might be the risks to me of taking part?**

We do not anticipate or foresee any significant risk to you in taking part in this study. We will take all possible steps to anonymise your data however, it is possible that someone who knows your situation well may be able to identify you from our report.

### **What will happen to my information?**

All of your information will be kept in the strictest confidence. Your details will be kept separate from your survey. Any personal or identifying details will be anonymised.

### **How will you keep my details private?**

Your details will be kept separate from your survey in a password protected file on a password protected computer, on a drive only able to be accessed by Inclusion Gloucestershire staff.

### **Where will the results be published?**

A report will be written with our findings. An Easy Read version of the report will be produced as will an accessible summary video. These will be published on the Inclusion Gloucestershire website [www.inclusiongloucestershire.co.uk](http://www.inclusiongloucestershire.co.uk) and via our social media pages. The findings will be shared in meetings across the county with people in positions of influence who can make the changes that the study shows need to be made.

A copy of the report will be made available to all participants if they choose.

### **What if something goes wrong or I have any questions?**

In the first instance, use the contact details above. However, if you wish to pursue the matter further, please contact Debbie Worrall, Research Health and Wellbeing Manager at [debbiew@inclusion-glos.org](mailto:debbiew@inclusion-glos.org).