



LYPFT Third Sector Partnership Forum

Principles of Working Together – FINAL April 2019 v1.0

Principles

The Partnership Forum is based on the following principles, which provide a foundation for why and how we will work together:

We commit to:

1. **Working Together** to more effectively meet the needs and aspirations of the people who use our services.
2. **Co-production:** partners work together to ensure that people who use our services can be involved at every level of decision making within our organisations.
3. **Sharing information:** partners are open and share information and intelligence appropriately, so that everyone can make informed decisions in the interests of the people we support.
4. **Promoting Equality, Fairness and Good Relations:** partners work together to ensure that equality and fairness are at the heart of all decision making, working together in the spirit of cooperation and collaboration.
5. **Maintaining Organisational Identities:** Individual organisations are enabled to maintain their separate identities and cultures, acknowledging that each organisation brings different strengths to the partnership.

Partnership Structure and Meetings

LYPFT and Forum Central will identify a named Partnership Lead from each organisation who will work together to coordinate the development and delivery of

the LYPFT Third Sector Partnership Forum work plan and meetings on behalf of the Trust and the wider Third Sector.

The LYPFT Third Sector Partnership Forum will meet quarterly. Meetings will be open to staff and volunteers from LYPFT services, and Leeds mental health Third Sector organisations. Guest speakers or participants from other partner organisations (e.g. Leeds Community Healthcare Trust, Leeds City Council, Leeds CCG) may be invited to attend where appropriate.

Members will regularly evaluate the effectiveness of the Partnership Forum, evolving this when appropriate and in agreement with all partners.