

Day Opportunities Strategy 2022-2027

Delivery Plan – Easy Read Version

Day opportunities support people’s health and wellbeing, help people to take part in a range of activities, meet with friends, develop relationships, gain new skills, and make a positive contribution to their local community.



We have a Day Opportunities Strategy with 7 key priority areas which will improve the services we provide for people in Cheshire East



To make sure that we deliver on these priorities and improve services for people who access day opportunities we have created a delivery plan



To make sure we deliver on these priorities, we need teams to work closely across the council and closely in partnership with providers, people who attend day opportunities and their carers



How can we take these priorities forward?

We will develop a Project Group to

- **Measure the impact of the work undertaken on each of these priorities**
- **Report on progress each year to show how we are performing with an annual monitoring report**



These are the 7 priorities and their key aims

1 Develop a high quality and diverse range of day opportunities provision in the borough

- **Ensure a wider range of services that support people with a range of different care and support needs**
- **Make sure we achieve value for money (£) by delivering high quality services which provide benefits for people**
- **Joint working between day opportunities providers and the voluntary sector to provide more links into the wider community**



2. Ensure that day opportunities services are safe, person-centred and outcome focused

- **We will ensure that the providers of day opportunities work to an agreed standard (service specification)**

- **Providers will be monitored to ensure that they are delivering the services to a high standard and that the people that use services are achieving their goals**
- **We will promote health and wellbeing across our services and encourage active lifestyles to help people live well for longer**



3. Encourage and increase the numbers of people using Direct Payments to access day opportunities

- **We will promote the option of using a direct payment to access day opportunities, through the provision of information and advice on the Live Well Website.**
- **We will be developing Care Finder through the Live Well Website to allow people who are personal budget holders (and self-funders) to arrange care services online by completing simple questions about their requirements.**



4. Ensure Co-Production in the future development of Day Opportunities Services

- Opportunities for people who use day opportunities services (and their carers) to provide their experiences and help shape the services they receive
- This will include surveys, engagement events and provider forums



5. Respond to the impact of COVID-19 and ensure day opportunities services remain resilient and flexible in case of future disruptions to services

- Build on the learning from COVID 19 where we saw new types of different types of day opportunities including online support, outreach and support in the community.
- Partnership work undertaken with the NHS Infection Control Team to support providers and to keep people and buildings safe



6. Ensure that day opportunities are available at a local level in all communities across the borough

- Develop day opportunities provision across the borough which makes best use of existing community buildings and open spaces
- Ensure access to a wide range of day opportunities that meet a range of different needs



7. Promote employment, volunteering and skills development opportunities and the use of supported employment schemes as an alternative to traditional day opportunities services

- Offer opportunities for people to access volunteering, paid work or learn new skills as an alternative to traditional day opportunities services



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