

# 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



<p><b>6. Ensure that day opportunities are available at a local level in all communities across the borough</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop day opportunities provision across the borough which makes best use of existing community buildings and open spaces</li> <li>• Ensure access to a wide range of day opportunities that meet a range of different needs</li> </ul>	
<p><b>7. Promote employment, volunteering and skills development opportunities and the use of supported employment schemes as an alternative to traditional day opportunities services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offer opportunities for people to access volunteering, paid work or learn new skills as an alternative to traditional day opportunities services</li> </ul>	

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increased life opportunities by attending day opportunities offer and reduce long-term care and intensive support through accessing employment and training</li></ul> |  |
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