

What's it all about leaflet

Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Peer Challenge November 18 – 21 2014

Between the 18th and 21st November 2014, Cheshire East Council is hosting a visit by an external health and wellbeing peer challenge team. The team will be here at the invitation of Cheshire East Council

The members of the team are:

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Peer Challenge Manager, LGA

why?

Peer Challenge is the cornerstone of the DH funded Health and Wellbeing Systems Improvement Programme, applying the LGA's tried and tested approach of sector-led improvement and peer challenge to health and wellbeing.

The team explores how Cheshire East is working together to deliver successful health outcomes through their Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB), their public health and local Healthwatch responsibilities. Through a comprehensive programme of discussions, observations, workshops, focus groups and visits, the peer team develops and feeds back its findings and recommendations at the end of the four days, enabling the HWB to focus on key issues to take their agenda forward.

how?

The health and wellbeing peer challenge is improvement focused and involves bespoke teams of peers from a range of organisations working on site with the council and HWB. The emphasis is agreed with the client council and their HWB at the earliest stage. It is tailored to reflect their local needs and specific requirements. The peer team chosen will help councils and their HWBs respond to local priorities and issues in their own way to greatest effect. To get the maximum benefit out of the challenge, it needs to be based on open and honest information. So the peer challenge team gathers a range of information before and during their visit to the area for four days. Before the challenge visit, this information includes background documents, data and analysis of local needs and progress, a financial position and position

statement, a summary of local stakeholders and a self-assessment by HWB members. During the challenge visit, the peer team talks to a range of people, local partners and stakeholders, via interviews, focus groups and other meetings. These discussions enable the peer team to explore local context and progress further, using a framework of initial questions to help probe into how the key elements below are progressing:

- Is there a clear, appropriate and achievable approach to improving the health and wellbeing of local residents?
- Is the HWB at the heart of an effective governance system? Does leadership work well across the local system?
- Are local resource, commitment and skills across the system maximised to achieve local health and wellbeing priorities?
- Are there effective arrangements for evaluating impacts of The Health and Wellbeing Strategy?
- Are there effective arrangements for ensuring accountability to the public?

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what will happen?

The peer challenge team will undertake a four day on-site peer challenge. This is not an inspection. Through peer challenge, the sector is taking responsibility for its own improvement. The team will seek to help Cheshire East HWB recognise and celebrate its strengths as much as identifying areas to explore. Members of the team are knowledgeable about, and experienced in, health and wellbeing, from council and health perspectives. They are visiting as friends, albeit 'critical friends', enabling an open and honest exchange to drive improvements forward that are owned by Cheshire East HWB.

During the four day visit, members of the challenge team will meet and talk with a cross-section of staff within Cheshire East Council, elected members and representatives of partner organisations, especially those represented on the HWB. The team will feed back their conclusions and recommendations on the fourth day. This will be followed by a written report that Cheshire East Council and partners on the HWB will have the opportunity to consider and respond to.

Contact for more information?

If you would like more information or the opportunity to speak to the peer challenge team, please contact:

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