

Cheshire East Day Opportunities **Strategy and Redesign - Briefing**



Cheshire East Council is seeking to engage on how we would like to develop and deliver a comprehensive range of day opportunities across the Borough.

Day opportunities benefit people with a wide range of support needs, including older people, people with learning disabilities, autism and physical disabilities across the borough. These services can be commissioned by the Council, or people can also access them through a direct payment, (or personal health budget) or pay privately.

We are seeking to develop a co-produced day opportunities strategy that explains what the Council proposes to focus on when day opportunities are utilised. The aim is to provide citizens with choices about what they want to do and be supported to lead their lives and be as independent as possible whilst maintaining good health and wellbeing.

When services are required to be provided, we want them to be of a high quality. We want to design a strategy to ensure that future day opportunities are relevant, flexible, affordable and developed in line with the learning and good practice developed during the current pandemic so that we can ensure people's needs are met.

Why are we looking to engage?

Over the years, day opportunities services within Cheshire East Council have seen limited development and innovation. Many services have been predominantly building-based, offering relatively limited choice and control for those that attend. By developing a greater range of options around day opportunities we will be able to offer viable alternatives to traditional day services, which will provide a more person centred, flexible approach that builds on access to community based assets.

We want to hear what you think about our draft proposals and give you the option to make comments and suggestions about the way that services are provided in the future.

We are seeking to obtain the views from a wide range of people and organisations, including people who access services (and their families and carers), providers of day opportunities, care and support staff, voluntary sector organisations and community groups.

How will we engage?

Due to the ongoing COVID 19 Pandemic we are unable to hold face-to-face meetings at this present time. Therefore, we will be using a variety of ways to reach out to as

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many people, organisations and forums as possible through questionnaires, virtual focus groups and online market engagement events.

Engagement on day opportunities will run from 1 March 2021 to 31 May 2021.

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