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Expression of Interest for Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership Representation Role for the VCSE Sector

The structures that govern health and social care across Cheshire and Merseyside are changing. This has been fueled by the NHS Reform White paper that re-organizes NHS structures on an Integrated Care System basis

The VCSE sector has always been seen as an essential component of the health and social care environment in Cheshire and Merseyside.

As of the 1st April, Cheshire and Merseyside will have the following governing structures in place:

1. **Integrated Care Board (ICB)**. This is a mandatory body for all Integrated Care Systems. It will be a small, focused body, in place to deliver the legal national requirements and functions including allocation of, and accounting for NHS resource; and fulfilling primary care and specialised commissioning functions.
2. **Integrated Care Partnership (ICP)**. This is also a mandatory body for all Integrated Care Systems. It will be larger grouping of representatives and will be central to setting priorities and preserving the culture and ambitions of the Cheshire and Merseyside.

On the 12 July 2022 we held the final Cheshire and Merseyside HCP Partnership Board. At this meeting there was a lengthy discussion on the transition and shift to a new Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Partnership referred to locally as the Health and Care Partnership (HCP), with a commitment that this will be operational from October 2022.

An initial meeting has taken place with the ICP 10 founding members who are the Cheshire & Merseyside Integrated Care Board (ICB) and the 9 Local Authorities. It has been agreed that a Local Authority political leader would become the chair of the HCP, and following nominations and ICB support, we will be looking to formally recommend Cllr Louise Gittins, Leader of Cheshire West & Chester Local Authority, as Chair at the next meeting of the HCP which is taking place on the 8 November 2022.

I will act as one Vice Chair, with us looking to secure the second Vice Chair that will represent the voluntary sector. We are seeking individuals from the VCSE sector to submit an Expression of Interest for this position.

We are looking for an individual employed within Cheshire and Merseyside based or focused VCSE organisations, however, please be aware that as Joint Vice Chair of the HCP you would be representing the whole VCSE sector in Cheshire and Merseyside and not your employing organisation.



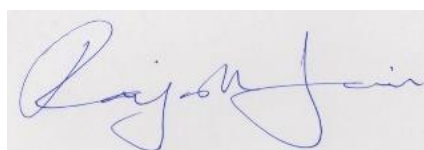
We are looking for a dynamic strategic focused leader to undertake the role of Joint Vice Chair, who meets the following criteria:

1. Able to act as a catalyst and connector for change within the existing and emerging ICS governance structures.
2. Open to learning and being challenged, offering constructive challenge to others. Able to build an effective rapport with your fellow HCP representative colleagues and can build on each other's strengths and weaknesses.
3. Committed to supporting the broader VCSE sector (and the vision of the HCP) beyond your own organisational interests.
4. Willing to make yourself accountable to the wider VCSE sector by linking into and out from the Cheshire and Merseyside VCFSE Health and Care Leaders Group and its Secretariat.
5. Ability to attend the below meetings on the following cycle:
 - Bimonthly HCP meeting, scheduled for 2 hours from January 2023
 - Bimonthly agenda setting and workplan review meeting, scheduled for 2 hours from February 2023
 - An annual HCP conference

If you would like to be considered for this role, please complete the following Expression of Interest form and return to Clare Watson (Assistant Chief Executive) via e-mail to clare.watson@cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk by 5pm on 25 November 2022

Before completing this form, please read and refer to the attached documents which provides further details on the HCP.

We look forward to hearing from you.
Best wishes,



Raj Jain
Chair, Cheshire & Merseyside ICB,
Joint Vice Chair Cheshire & Merseyside HCP

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – HCP Joint Vice Chair

1. Applicant

Name						
Email						
Phone						
Organisation Name						
Organisation website						
Current role						
How long have you worked in this role?						
Which Cheshire and Merseyside Places do you operate in?	Cheshire East		Liverpool		Wirral	
	Cheshire West		Sefton		ALL	
	Halton		St Helens			
	Knowsley		Warrington			
Do you currently serve on any other boards in Cheshire and Merseyside, If so which?						

2. The following person specification applies to the joint Vice Chair role:

1. System knowledge - people and structures, especially Health and Social care system across Cheshire and Merseyside
2. Demonstrable experience of influencing /making change happen, especially via a strategic VCSE rep role and on behalf of the wider sector
3. VCSE sector knowledge - strengths, weaknesses, potential, networks and leaders
4. Active VCSE sector connections
5. Knowledge/understanding of VCSE work to influence system, key messages (ie especially VCSE Leadership Group work)
6. Demonstrable ability and commitment to represent the wider sector and the Leadership Group, being able to think and influence above and beyond your organisation or network
7. Understanding of key challenges facing communities of place, identity, experience and interest in Cheshire and Merseyside

Please describe your ability to meet the person specification (giving clear examples for each specification) (500 words max).

I confirm that if nominated I will comply with the ICBs' policies on standards of business conduct which include upholding the Nolan Principles of Public Life

Signed	
Print Name	
Date	

