

# Cheshire and Merseyside Provider Engagement Forum

## 26 January 2024 meeting notes

### Attendees

Emily Bennion  
Alistair Jeffs  
Nicola Beal  
Sophie Eastham  
Diane Hesketh  
Benitta Kay  
Rick Howell  
Donna Locke  
Erica Yates  
Kate Howarth  
Jane Corolan  
Heather Weeks  
Jack Gibson  
Judith McLaine  
Jeff Dawson  
Rosie Robinson  
Clare Hazler  
Pauline Vuyelwa  
Helen Charlesworth-May  
Susan Murray  
Angela Johnson

Attendees agree that they would like to meet face to face for the next meeting.

Agreed that face to face meetings would be used to discuss more complex issues.

Offers of venue provided by.

- Homecarers Liverpool
- Runcorn Town Hall (no refreshments)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Enable/Empeiria Training
- Warrington
- Jeff Dawson

Ali/Alison to create a spreadsheet detailing venues, capacity, parking, refreshments. Following a quick overview of the previous meeting, emphasis was based on building relationships and getting to know each other better.

Attendees worked in small groups in breakout rooms to discuss roles and what they are passionate about, along with what's most important to them about their role and key challenges and then brief feedback in the main room.

Professionalising the social care sector

Workforce

Training

Passion about improving quality of life and promoting independence.

Improving outcomes

Relationships based on respect

Safeguarding

Public perception

Career pathways

Image

Overseas recruitment

Staff retention

Joint promotion

Formal peer reviews

Collaboration

Outcome focussed

Following a presentation on the ICS, key points for discussion.

Develop strength – provider voice/influence

Place leads – focus investment/energy

There must be a coherent mechanism to engage providers.

Discussions in breakout rooms found that there is still confusion over the ICS although the presentation had made things slightly clearer.

Next meeting to be held mid-March – mid-April.

We've received feedback received from a provider about how they enjoy going into breakout rooms and chatting in smaller groups.