Our Vision

- Cheshire East Council want to make sure that adults and children who have **learning disabilities** live a healthy, happy and **independent** life and can make their own choices over the care they get.
- The strategy is for **everybody** who lives in Cheshire East who has a learning disability.
- We will focus on learning disabilities so that we can give the best possible care.
- We will carry on working with health, education and social care so that a person only has to tell their story once.
- We have listened to what people with learning disabilities have said they want and we will carry on working with our people and listening to their views in the future (**co-production**).
Background Information

- There are about 75,472 children in Cheshire East and 301,831 adults

- 3,566 children and young people receive Special Educational Needs (SEN) support

- 1,891 children and young people have specialist needs and have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

- There are 1,138 adults with a learning disability known to Cheshire East

- By 2020, over a quarter of Cheshire East will be aged 65 or over
OUR PRIORITIES

I am a valued member of my community

♦ We will give people the tools to help them live an ordinary life like anybody else
♦ We will help people feel a part of their community and not alone
♦ We will make sure children are supported in schools near to where they live

I am supported early

♦ We will help people from an early age and make sure problems do not get any bigger
♦ We will make sure the Live Well website is up to date and easy to access
♦ We will check that our nurseries and schools meet a wide range of needs

I am helped through my life changes

♦ We will make sure our adults and children's teams work together closely and plan for the future
♦ We will support families and young people through their life changes
♦ We will offer more choice and give young people a taster to living on their own
I enjoy short breaks and so do my family

- We will move towards a more personal and flexible short break offer
- We will meet the needs of many and offer the best value for money
- We will focus on community support such as a sitting service and shared lives

I use gadgets to help me do things for myself

- We will make sure everybody knows what gadgets are out there and how they can help them or their child
- We will show people how to use the gadgets and how they can improve their life
- We will make sure everybody has the opportunity to use different gadgets

I love where I live and who I live with

- We will offer adults the chance to have their own front door, their own private space and friends nearby to spend time with
- We will support children and young people to stay living with their families or close to their family
- We will give people a choice on where they live and let them have a say
The people who help me know me well and know the best way to support me

- We will work with providers to make sure staff are trained correctly so that people have the best support possible
- We will make sure staff allow people to do things for themselves where possible
- We will listen to the people who are cared for and find out what they want from their lives

I am healthy and happy

- We will help people to live a long and healthy life
- We will help people early who feel sad and low
- We will make sure people are not in hospital for a very long time

I am supported with my autism

- We will support people who have autism and make sure waiting times are not too long
- We will make an autism strategy and speak to people about what they want
I enjoy going to school

- We will make sure our children can go to school close to home
- We will support schools to deliver the best outcomes
- We will make sure every child has the chance to do well in school

I have a job that I love

- We will support people who want to work and get experience
- We will look at what people can do rather than what they cannot do
- We will have a range of jobs for people to pick from
Our next steps

Life Changes

- We will make sure our children’s and adult’s teams are working together all the time and sharing information that is needed
- We will improve our local offer so that young people can get a taster of living on their own
- We will increase the numbers of successful transitions in good time with no gaps and good outcomes
- We will avoid crisis by having a good plan in place early

Work and School

- We will reduce the numbers of people not in school, work or training (NEET)
- We will increase the numbers of people with learning disabilities who are in work (both paid and voluntary)
- We will increase the number of people who are in supported internships
Assistive Technology

- We will be clear about who can use gadgets to help them live independently
- We will produce a catalogue of what gadgets and apps are out there for people to use

Workforce Development

- We will work with providers to make sure the person caring for you has the right training and skills
- We will work with schools to encourage more young people to want to work in social care
- We will encourage our providers to recruit students into caring roles whilst on work experience or summer holidays
- We will use social media to advertise what we are doing

Health

- We will review the mortality audit
- We will promote the STOMP campaign and give a member of staff the role of a STOMP champion
- We will increase the numbers of people who have annual health checks
- We will reduce the number of people with learning disabilities in hospital settings
Autism

- We will reduce waiting times for people with autism
- We will create an autism strategy
- We will refresh the autism JSNA

General

- We will work as one big team with health, education, other local authorities and the CCGs
- We will make sure our data is correct
- We will reduce the travel times for people going to school and try and get everyone closer to home
- We will make sure the Live Well website is up to date
- We will work closely with our Parent Carer Forum with parents and carers of children with learning disabilities
- We will improve our short break offer for adults
- We will improve the Learning Disability Partnership Board so that people enjoy the meetings and make a difference
- We will improve our provider market and have as much choice and flexibility as possible
**GLOSSARY (Word Book)**

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<td>Delivering public services in an equal way between professionals, people using the services, their families and their neighbours.</td>
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Successful  
To live the lives we want and achieve good results

Crisis  
A time of difficulty or danger

Encourage  
To give support, confidence, or hope

Recruit  
To persuade someone to work for a company or become a new member of a group

Advertise  
To make something known to people. To put a notice in a newspaper or local shop

Mortality audit  
To measure or report upon why people have died

STOMP  
Stopping people with a learning disability having to take too many medicines. STOMP is about helping people to stay well and have a good quality of life

JSNA  
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. The JSNA looks at the current and future health and care needs of local populations and helps with the planning and commissioning of health, well-being and social care services
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