



Wirral Lived Experience Network for Drug and Alcohol Misuse

Thank you for your interest in the Wirral Lived Experience Network, for people with a history or current experience of drug and/ or alcohol use.

The Lived Experience Network (LEN) is about giving people with lived experience of drug and/ or alcohol use a voice. Whether you are drug and/ or alcohol dependant, are in treatment, seeking or have left treatment.

The LEN aims to bring together a group of people across the Wirral with a range of experiences to co-develop and co-deliver on the aims of the strategy – outlined below. There are different ways you can get involved including reading and commenting on proposed strategy documents, attending focus groups, attending the Wirral Combatting Drugs Partnership board, task group, or local authority group meetings, speaking about your experience, or taking part in specific workshops influencing a particular piece of work. How and when you get involved is up to you.

The Wirral Drugs Strategy and Action Plan have been developed to reduce drug-related harm, including drug-related deaths in the Wirral. The local strategy and action plan are based on the national strategy. The vision of The Wirral Strategy is that the region where drug-related harm is eliminated, where people live long and healthy lives, free of the negative impacts that drug use has. A region that supports people at a time of personal crisis and builds individual and community resilience for improved lives. This ambition will be arrived at by attaining many outcomes, some of which are: 1) Ensuring a whole system approach to maximising crime reduction, breaking the cycle of addiction, and preventing criminalisation 2) Ensure that diversionary pathways are delivered for people who use drugs 3) Ensure people leaving prison receive the support they need to move forward in their recovery journey 4) Protection of vulnerable people being exploited through country lines and cuckooing.

With this covering letter we have included the following documents for your information:

- LEN leaflet
- Expression of Interest Form
- Equality and Diversity Monitoring Form
- Readiness Document

This information comes as a pack to ensure you have as much information as possible to help you decide whether this is something you want to get involved in, whether it is the right time right now for you to get involved and how you might like to get involved. If you would like any further information or would like

to discuss any of this, please do not hesitate to contact Wirral Mind on 0151 512 2200 or learning@wirralmind.org.uk