

## **Voluntary Vacancy: Lived Experience Co-chair of the Stockport Mental Health and Wellbeing Partnership**

November 2023

The new Stockport Mental Health and Wellbeing Partnership (MHWP) is seeking a co-chair to chair the partnership with the Director of Adult Social Care. We are recruiting for a chair with lived experience of mental health issues and using local services to help lead and develop this new partnership. Full details of this vacancy and how to apply are below.

### **The Stockport Mental Health and Wellbeing Partnership**

This is a co-chair position of Stockport's newly established Mental Health and Wellbeing Partnership (MHWP), a strategic partnership reporting directly to the One Stockport Health & Care Board. The Mental Health and Wellbeing Partnership has been established to enable the members to make collective decisions on the delivery of the agreed ambitions and priorities of the Stockport Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy, and delivery of any GM or national mental health programmes in Stockport, under delegated authority from the ONE Stockport Health and Care Board (Locality Board). The MHWP provides leadership, oversight and ensures integrated and partnership working is in place to improve both the mental wellbeing of the people of Stockport and the lives of people experiencing mental health challenges.

### **The Lived Experience Co-chair**

This role will be suited for someone who is passionate about improving mental health and wellbeing in Stockport, someone who has lived experience of mental health issues and someone with a drive to ensure that the voices and experiences of communities and people are at the heart of decision-making. The role entails raising the profile of the MHWP across the Stockport strategic health and care system, within the third sector and across communities. Responsibilities will include championing the work of the MHWP across the economy and advocating for Stockport. Applicants should preferably be a Stockport resident and have a strong knowledge of the area, the local mental health offer, and an understanding of the importance of place and asset-based provision. They will be confident and driven to help develop strong partnerships and person-centred outcomes by co-chairing and championing the work of the partnership across Stockport.

### **Why we're recruiting someone with lived experience of mental health issues.**

- The new Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy makes a commitment by partners to put lived experience at the heart of what we do.
- The Stockport Locality Board has determined that the new Mental Health and Wellbeing Partnership, which will report directly to the Locality Board, should be co-chaired by a resident with lived experience.

- We expect to benefit from the combined skills and expertise of both co-chairs, and that they will benefit from each other’s complementary strengths and mutual support and ensure a productive and consistent leadership approach.

The Partnership will hold its first meeting at the end of October 2023 and this role description will have been discussed and agreed.

### The role

<b>Pay:</b>	Honorarium/sessional TBC
<b>Location:</b>	Meetings will be hybrid at Stopford House, Piccadilly, Stockport SK1 3UR and online via Teams
<b>Hours:</b>	<p>Approx. 3 days per month</p> <p>This includes attending the following meetings, which will occur on weekdays during working hours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum 6 Partnership meetings per year (hybrid?),</li> <li>• Maximum 4 Locality Board meetings per year (hybrid?)</li> <li>• Maximum 6 Mental Health, Learning Disability and Autism Planning and Delivery Groups per year (hybrid?)</li> </ul>

### Objectives

- To work with the other Co-chair and with other partnership members, to continue and to sustainably develop the partnership work, supporting mental health and wellbeing across Stockport.
- To co-chair the MHP, attend the Stockport Locality Board as required to report on the work of the Mental Health Partnership.
- Alongside the other Co-chair, share tasks and provide leadership to the partnership.
- To support people with lived experience attending the meetings, which may involve pre and post meetings.

### Responsibilities

- **Chairing the Partnership** – Being an effective Co-chair, working both in a partnership and a team to take forward the aims and objectives of the partnership. See the list of these dates for 2023/24 (below).
- **Administrative tasks** – Liaising with the partnership secretary to produce the meeting agendas and ratify the minutes. Working on the Risk Register and policy updates. Keep

abreast of local and national mental health developments and monitoring deadlines of local actions. Contributing to reports for the Locality Board.

- **Strategy & planning** – Working with the co-chair and partnership to deliver Stockport's mental health and wellbeing strategy.
- **Equal opportunities** – Implementing and promoting the system Equality and Diversity Policies.
- **Safeguarding** – Implementing and promoting system Safeguarding Policy and Procedures.
- **Lived Experience** – Ensuring the voice of lived experience is a priority.
- **General** – Undertaking all other reasonable tasks and responsibilities requested by the MHP.

## What we're looking for

### Experience, Knowledge & Skills

- **Lived experience** – experience of using mental health services and/or experiencing mental health issues, preferably as a Stockport resident.
- **Board, chairing & supervision** – Experience of being on a committee, partnership, or board and ideally, as a Chair (although not essential).
- **Collaborative working** – Ability to work with other members, staff, volunteers, the wider community beneficiaries, and other partners, so that our work is jointly developed.
- **Community development** – Demonstrable commitment to improving mental wellbeing and reducing inequalities in mental health across our neighbourhoods.
- **Communications** – Ability to share information clearly and to use IT tools. Ability to share information in an accessible and meaningful way with individuals and groups.
- **Confidentiality** – Ability to maintain confidentiality appropriately.
- **Equal opportunities** – Good understanding and commitment to equal opportunities and experience of working with diverse communities, cultures, and faiths.

We gratefully welcome applications from anyone who feels they are a good fit for the above responsibilities. However, if there are requirements you are unsure of please talk to us as some training and support can be offered across the partnership.

Additionally, although it is not a requirement of this role, we would like to explicitly invite and encourage applications from people who are racially minoritised, male, and/or physically disabled. These groups are currently under-represented on our Board, and we aim to continually improve our ability to provide relevant and effective support to individuals of all communities and backgrounds impacted by neurodiversity.

## How to apply

To apply for the position of Co-chair of the Stockport Mental Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board, please send the attached expression of interest form as an email attachment to [info@healthwatchstockport.co.uk](mailto:info@healthwatchstockport.co.uk)

## Key dates

Expression of Interest deadline:	5pm Monday 27 November 2023
Opportunity to meet informally with Board members:	TBC
Face to Face interviews:	TBC
Future Board meetings dates:	TBC

## Selection Process:

A panel consisting of Director of ASC, Healthwatch Stockport, NHS Senior Commissioning Manager Mental health, and others will shortlist suitable candidates using a scoring process. If you have been selected, you will be invited to an informal interview with the panel to discuss the position further.

Thank you for taking the time to read about our vacancy.

If you would like some help or support with completing this form, please contact Healthwatch Stockport who will be able to assist.