# **Cheshire and Merseyside Community ACP Forum:**

## **From Vision to Reality**

#### Introduction

Community services have been undergoing significant change. ACP roles are making significant contributions to national community health, urgent community response and enhanced care in care home agendas. Support of such roles is vital to success.



### **Aims/objectives**

The aim of the forum is to provide a space for local ACPs and tACPs in

community roles to come together for peer to peer development and support. The forum aims to meet monthly via Teams.

#### **Project Details**

The forum vision was discussed with the NW faculty. Introductions were made to Sara Dalby (AP Lead for Cheshire and Merseyside). Personal inexperience was acknowledged!

## Save the date! NHS

Come and join us for the launch of the Cheshire and Merseyside Community Advanced Practitioner Forum

- Wednesday, 15th March at 2pm (via Microsoft Teams)
- Click here to join the meeting
- Meeting ID: 360 664 663 785
- Passcode: LUwdsQ

This new multi-professional forum is for community ACP peer to peer development and support.

The forum may link with other proposed forums where shared agenda items or learning needs are identified.

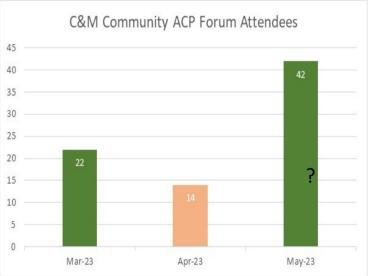


Meetings will be held monthly and will be chaired initially by Caroline Walker (Community ACP East Cheshire Trust). All Community ACPs and trainee ACPs working in community roles would be very welcome to attend.

Please do spread the word!

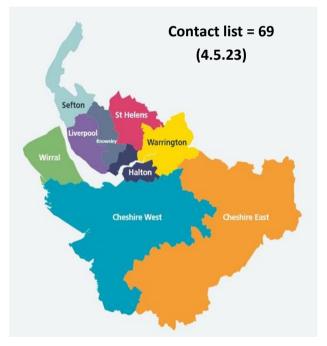
#### Outcomes

The forum met for the first time on 15.3.23. 22 ACPs/tACPs attended from multiple organisations. There was clear enthusiasm regarding the potential benefits. Predicted attendance in May is 42.



### **Conclusions/impact**

It is hoped that the forum will provide valuable peer support for those in challenging & potentially isolating roles. The forum will impact personal development in all 4 pillars of advanced practice. It will allow opportunity for development of clinical skills (via shared CPD activities), education (via provision of a safe space for peer presentations), research skills (via sharing of professional curiosity) and leadership (via shared agendas and rotating chair opportunities).



Helpful links were made with those running a forum in Lancashire and South Cumbria. Draft terms of

reference were written. A presentation was made at the Cheshire and Merseyside AP leads meeting. A flier was created and distributed via AP leads and Community Ambassadors.

#### References

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