

Cross sector Peer Review of Warwickshire

A cross-sector Peer Review of Warwickshire will take place between 1 – 5 March 2010. The review builds on work carried out last year which looked at the capacity of Warwickshire's public sector partners to deliver common and shared priorities. It has been commissioned by Warwickshire's Comprehensive Area Assessment Co-ordinating Group on behalf of the Public Service Board (PSB)

A peer review takes a "critical friend" approach to public sector improvement. It is not an inspection and the team is made up of people who work within local government and the wider public sector, who volunteer to take part.

During the week the visiting team will meet with a wide range of individuals from the organisations represented on the PSB, conducting a series of interviews and workshops. Feedback will be given on Friday 5 March, followed by a written report which highlights achievements as well as areas for improvement.

As well as the onsite visit the review team will be using information gathered from a recent Partnership survey, together with the work carried out in 2009, which established a benchmark against which current progress will be measured. All the data collected will ultimately highlight good practice as well as key areas for improvement. Following the Peer Review an agreed set of actions will be drawn up which will improve partnership working in Warwickshire, and more importantly deliver better outcomes for communities.

The team

The team comprises nine peer reviewers:

- Chris Williams, Chief Executive of Buckinghamshire County Council, who will lead the team for the week.
- Jane Scott, Leader of Wiltshire County Council
- Ross Henley, Councillor, Taunton Deane Council
- Alan Goodrum, Chief Executive, Chiltern District Council
- Gill Galliano, Chief Executive, Lewisham Primary Care Trust
- Gerry Broadbent, Chief Superintendent, West Yorkshire Police
- Brian Horner, Chief Executive, Voluntary Norfolk
- Stephen Harrison, Chair, North Somerset Primary Care Trust
- Judith Hurcombe, IDeA Review Manager, Senior Improvement Manager for the North of England

Overall the team will be looking at how well the public agencies in Warwickshire work together, using the benchmark to explore the following areas:

- What works well and what should the partnership stop doing?
- Delivering improved outcomes
- Political and managerial leadership
- Community engagement and communication
- Governance and risk management
- Financial and resource capacity

Further details

Further information about the Warwickshire Peer Review can be found on the Warwickshire Together Website:
<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/Web/corporate/pages.nsf/Links/4984FC49F744F5E7802576850058391B>

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If you would like the opportunity to talk to the review team and share your views about partnership working in Warwickshire please contact Judith Hurcombe. All comments will be treated in the strictest confidence.
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