

## WEST CHESHIRE TOGETHER LSP REPORT

Report title	Cheshire Charter
Description	The Cheshire Charter is a scheme to provide structure and support to staff who work in a patients/clients home when the patient/client is a smoker.
Document purpose	To outline the process for gaining accreditation to the Cheshire Charter.
Circulation list	Western Cheshire Tobacco Alliance West Cheshire Together LSP
Decision/Action required	To increase awareness and support for the implementation of the Charter in Western Cheshire.  To encourage Western Cheshire organisations and businesses to sign up to the Charter.
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Launch date	The Charter was launched on the 29th September between 10-12 noon at the Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service headquarters, all LSP members are welcome.
Target audience	All partners in Cheshire and Warrington.
Cross reference	Local Area Agreement targets priority item (11) Adult Health and Wellbeing: Stopping Smoking.

Report narrative
The Cheshire Charter is based on work carried out in Merseyside to provide

structure and support to staff when working in a client's/patient's home when the client or patient is a smoker. The scheme aims to set a standard for organisations to follow and enables a consistent message to be given to staff and patients and will supplement our Smoke free policy.

To be accredited requires being compliant with four standards:

**Standard 1:** The organisation has a Smoke free workplace policy.

**Standard 2:** The organisation requests clients to provide a room which has been smoke free for a minimum of 30 minutes prior to a planned visit by community staff as far as is practicable.

**Standard 3:** The organisation advises staff on ways to minimise their risk of second hand smoke.

**Standard 4:** The organisation provides advice to staff, and in turn, service users on smoke free issues and stop smoking services.

Initially the Charter was developed in Merseyside and is based on the Royal College of Nursing guidelines. The Mersey Charter has been well received and is a positive method for promoting smoke free messages and protecting staff.

Support to local organisations who wish to achieve Charter status is available via Heart of Mersey a cardiovascular charity based in Sefton.