

Project worker at the Grow Centre

- You are a project worker at the Grow Centre.
- Your role involves working on a project that supports individuals into employment that has been operating out of the Grow Centre for a number of years.
- However, you are keen to get involved in the health and wellbeing side of the Grow Centre's work as you have seen the problems that people with long term conditions face.

Programme manager at the Grow Centre

- You manage the overall health and wellbeing work at the Grow Centre – which involves many different projects supporting people to overcome chronic illness and unhealthy lifestyles.
- You have not always had the best of relationships with the local CCG, but you are excited about the opportunity the Commissioning Challenge Event presents to work together and challenge preconceptions on both sides.

A GP who sits on Nantenwich CCG

- You are a GP in a surgery that is located near the Grow Centre.
- You are very involved in the social prescribing initiative in the local area, referring patients to programmes that can help to support the management of their conditions, and promote healthy lifestyles.
- You are keen to see more on offer locally around weight management in particular.
- Your practice is very busy but you have time allocated to your commissioning role on the CCG.

A Public health commissioner from Nantenwich Borough Council

- You are a commissioner in the Public Health team at Nantenwich Borough Council.
- You are responsible for public health community contracts, and commissioning programmes and projects that help to meet the priorities of the Council.
- Your particular focus is on preventative work around long term conditions, and since the transfer of public health responsibilities to the council, you are increasingly focussed on working across the local health economy, including the voluntary, community and faith sector.

A Cultural Services commissioner from Nantenwich Borough Council

- You are a commissioning manager in Nantenwich Borough Council cultural services department, covering leisure services, parks and libraries.
- The Council has 4 leisure centres which are all run by an arms length organisation.
- There are 3 private gyms run by Virgin and Fitness First in the borough.
- Nantenwich has retained its libraries, and these have increasingly become community hubs, offering a range of employment support, training and providing workshop space for the community.
- You are proud of the Council's award winning parks and towpath walks in particular.

A patient representative

- You are the patient representative for Nantenwich Healthwatch representing the views of patients, service users and carers with local commissioners and providers of health and social care services in the borough.
- You have a keen interest in the health issues affecting local residents, and are very committed to representing their views.
- You are relatively new to the role, and are learning about how best to ensure that patient feedback, experience and stories inform the commissioning cycle.
- You think that Nantenwich is doing well so far in terms of working with the voluntary sector engaging local communities to gather data and evidence from local residents and would like to see more of this in the future.

Commissioning programme manager, Nantenwich CCG

- You are a commissioning manager at Nantenwich CCG responsible for commissioning services to promote better management of long term conditions.
- You have a particular interest in wellbeing and preventative interventions.
- Your role involves working closely with Nantenwich Council's Public Health team to try to ensure that the CCG and the Council work together effectively.
- You are responsible for delivering the CCG's Commissioning Strategy relating to long term conditions, liaising with external organisations and delivering specific projects that promote self management.
- You also lead on training and development across the CCG around the patients in control agenda – but so far have found some resistance amongst colleagues who do not always see the benefit of this approach.
- Your role is very busy and you admit that you don't always manage to prioritise new innovative approaches as much as you'd like.