

World Health Organisation
Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities
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Switzerland

Dear Committee,

Re: Commitment of Membership to WHO Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities

We wish to celebrate the fact that our older population here in Denbighshire is increasing, recognising it as a great achievement.

According to [2023 data on StatWales](#): Denbighshire had 30,018 people aged 60 and over out of a total population of 97,156. The proportion of the population estimated to be aged over 65 is predicted to increase from 24.3 % in 2020, to 30.9% in 2040

We are committed to ensuring that we are all able to enjoy the opportunities this success brings.

This means being equipped to meet the challenges we may face as we grow older and ensuring that older people, particularly those who are most vulnerable, can access the support and services they need to thrive and remain healthy.

It means welcoming and promoting innovation and good practice to inspire action, empowering older people by ensuring they understand their legal rights and how they can exercise them to make their voices heard and challenge poor practice.

It means that we aim to make Denbighshire an even better place to grow old.

Denbighshire County Council unanimously commits to becoming a member of the World Health Organisation's Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities.


We will put into action the following steps:

- Build upon and enhance our existing mechanisms to involve older people in all stages of the Age-Friendly process, such as with our 50+ forums and coordinated networks.
- Draw together the evidence from our recent population-level needs assessment and local wellbeing assessment to establish a baseline picture of the age friendliness of Denbighshire.

- Harness and develop the objectives detailed within our local Wellbeing and Ageing Well plans to create a three-year Age Friendly Action Plan in collaboration with a range of partners and stakeholders
- Use the learning, insights and data developed within our Public Service Boards and our Regional Partnerships Boards to identify indicators that reflect progress against the action plan
- Implement and embed a culture of continual improvement within all teams developing and delivering our age-friendly plan, capturing examples of good practice for sharing with the wider network.

We in Denbighshire want to encourage our older population to live full and healthy lives and be able to participate and contribute to their communities. We believe that Age-Friendly communities create the conditions within which people can age well, adding life to years – not just years to life.

Yours faithfully,



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Y Cyng /Cllr Elen Heaton

Cyngor Sir Dinbych/ Denbighshire County Council.
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