

How can I get involved?

- Be part of a wider Sounding Panel
- Take part in a pilot of the diagnostic tool (May – June 2007)
- Take part in the wider programme of diagnostic work (July 2007)
- By contacting project Working Group members

We would like to hear from you about:

- Examples of partnership benchmarking work
- Any good practice examples from your LSP
- Particular complexities and issues facing LSPs
- What you want from any model

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Where can I find out more?

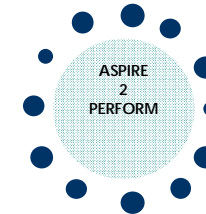
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Does your LSP

'ASPIRE to PERFORM'?



A chance for you to:

- Be involved in a regional LSP project whilst assessing your own LSP
- Share your experiences and expertise
- Help design and develop the regional benchmarking model
- Influence how the East of England LSP capacity building programme supports and develops your LSPs
- ...and to test whether your LSP is what you ASPIRE for it to be. Is it:
 - Accountable
 - Strategic
 - Performance-managed
 - Inclusive
 - Responsive
 - Effective
- ...and how well it does PERFORM. Is it's work:
 - Prioritised
 - Evidence-based
 - Risk managed
 - Financed
 - Outcomes-driven
 - Reported
 - Monitored and evaluated

What is “ASPIRE to PERFORM”?

- A Building Capacity East funded project to support and develop LSPs in the Eastern region.
- The project will develop a regionally sensitive diagnostic tool to test the effectiveness of LSPs – designed for LSPs by LSP representatives
- Individual diagnostic ‘health checks’ will help identify key support and capacity building needs of LSPs that can be developed into a focused and responsive programme of support for the East of England Local Strategic Partnership Network
- The project will focus on the challenges of partnership working, including the two-tier context, linked to Local Area Agreements and the wider place-shaping role.
- It will help test whether your LSP’s approach to performance management will make sure it can PERFORM.

How does this differ from other partnership tools?

- Developed for LSPs by LSPs
- Looks at effective partnerships - but also explores the wider dimension of two-tier working
- Will test current effectiveness and future potential, with direction on key development priorities
- Will develop capacity within partnerships
- Linked to developing a regional capacity building programme

The Peterborough pilot work

A pilot ‘health check’ in Peterborough has helped develop some of the approach to ASPIRE to PERFORM. Based on observations of partnership meetings and face-to-face and telephone interviews, this work helped Peterborough’s LSP to:

- Identify its strengths
- Pinpoint its key areas for development
- Inform decision-making on its emerging support structure
- Develop its strategy

‘The health check has been a real benefit to our work in the Greater Peterborough Partnership, enabling us to focus our development work in the right areas and to understand better both the challenges and opportunities we face as we seek to improve both our management and delivery of the Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement. We now have a more informed basis on which to work - one that reflects the views of all partners.’ Richard Astle Director of Great Peterborough

Why should you get involved?

- To benchmark your LSP and assess how well it is performing
- To influence the design and development of the model
- To ensure key challenges facing the region’s LSPs are identified and taken into account
- To raise the profile of LSPs in the East of England and influence national policy development

Project timetable

Developing the model: April – May 2007

Pilot model testing: June 2007

Wider programme of diagnostics July 2007

Diagnostics analysis: August 2007

Developing the regional programme: September 2007