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To UK Recovery Walk Team

Monday 19th August 2024

Dear UK Recovery Walk Team,

On behalf of Wolverhampton City Council Public Health department, I am writing to express our full support for the bid to host the UK Recovery Walk 2025 in Wolverhampton. Public Health is a key supporting partner and feel this very much aligns to our responsibilities for strategic policy and programme management for drugs and alcohol in Wolverhampton. This includes commissioning responsibility for treatment and recovery support services therefore we are completely committed to supporting recovery initiatives in our community.

We are excited to collaborate with Good Shepherd and the Service User Involvement Team (SUIT) (commissioned through integrated substance misuse provision) on this important event. Good Shepherd is an organisation dedicated to assisting individuals facing homelessness, addiction, poverty, and multiple disadvantages. Their Lived Experience into Action Project (LEAP) team, along with over half of their staff who have lived experience, demonstrates a strong commitment to supporting those in recovery.

SUIT, as a Lived Experience Recovery Organisation (LERO), has a long-standing history of fostering recovery in Wolverhampton. Their extensive range of activities, support services, and volunteer programmes, along with their lived experience, are invaluable resources for our community and provide an integral element to current treatment and recovery provision.

In addition, we acknowledge the involvement of Recovery Near You, Wolverhampton's commissioned drug and alcohol treatment service, which provides essential support to individuals on their treatment and recovery journey. Together, we have formed a steering group dedicated to making this event a success. As core members of the steering group, Public Health Wolverhampton are committed to providing the necessary resources and support to ensure the success of this event.

The proposed UK Recovery Walk is scheduled for Saturday 13th September 2025 and will take place at West Park in Wolverhampton. This location is ideal for fostering a supportive and inclusive atmosphere, bringing together individuals and families from diverse backgrounds and communities to celebrate and support recovery.

Hosting the UK Recovery Walk in Wolverhampton presents an excellent opportunity to highlight the importance of recovery and demonstrates our community's commitment to

supporting those on their recovery journey. Wolverhampton City Council's Public Health department are dedicated to promoting health and well-being, and we see this event as a vital step in our ongoing efforts to support recovery and resilience in our community.

We wholeheartedly endorse this bid and look forward to working closely with all partners to make the UK Recovery Walk 2025 a significant and memorable event for everyone involved.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bal Kaur', with a small flourish at the end.

Bal Kaur
Deputy Director of Public Health
City of Wolverhampton Council