



CHESHIRE

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EXCELLENT AWARD FOR CHESHIRE PROBATION AREA

Cheshire Probation Area has been awarded the Investors in Excellence standard, marking the culmination of several years' work. Over the years, the Area has undertaken annual self assessment exercises under the European Foundation for Quality Management (EFQM).

Last year the Area sought external verification of the outcomes and scores from these assessments and as a result, entered the North of England Excellence Awards and was a finalist in the "Public Sector over 250 employees" category. Following this success it was decided to attain further recognition via the Investors in Excellence Standard.

Investors in Excellence is a national standard which allows organisations to achieve the external recognition for their excellence programme, and receive the benefit of feedback from experienced award assessors, without the need to compete in a "first-past-the post" award contest.

The Award will encourage continuous development and improvement across all aspects of the organisation.

For more information about the work of Cheshire Probation Area visit www.cheshireprobation.org.uk.

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CHRISTINE EVANS, CHESHIRE PROBATION AREA'S ASSISTANT CHIEF OFFICER ACCEPTS THE AWARD FROM PAUL EVANS, CHAIRMAN OF NORTH WEST EXCELLENCE, WATCHED BY STEVE COLLETT, CHESHIRE PROBATION AREA'S CHIEF OFFICER AND CEDRIC FULLWOOD, THE AREA'S BOARD CHAIR

