

What is commissioning?

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- Commissioning is about identifying people's needs and deciding how best to use the resources available to improve outcomes for communities.



In English, that means...

- Looking at data and talking to people who use different services to find out what is working
- Working with the organisations that provide services to improve things
- Leading a process where organisations can competitively bid to run a particular service
- ‘Commissioning’ is a way of planning and buying something

Why evaluate?

- What we commission is based on what the data tells us works
- We can't know if something is worth funding unless we can see the evidence
- Herts Framework would help reassure commissioners of what does and doesn't work

Community Wellbeing

Supporting Carers	Promoting Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing	Information, Advice & Advocacy	Keeping People out of Hospital
Maintaining Independent Living	Staying Active in the Community	Connecting & Developing Individuals & Communities	Living Well with Long Term Conditions

Info and advice

e.g. Herts Help

Befriending, lunch clubs, meal provision and day activities

e.g. Age UK

Support for carers, skills and confidence building

e.g. Carers in Herts

Crisis intervention, benefits support, welfare checks

e.g. Herts Independent Living

Upcoming tenders & grants

- Three grants:
 - Dementia
 - Mental Health
 - Community
- an bid for up to £85,000, though we tend to award between £10,000 and £30,000
- Dementia Tender

More info

- <http://artscommissioningtoolkit.com/>
- <http://www.creativehertfordshire.com/resources/culture-and-health/>

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