

Why we need your views



We need to know your views about our plans to change some of our services for:

- people who have Lancashire County Council social care service in their own home;
- carers; and
- people who receive Independent Living Fund (ILF).

Why we are having to change the way we support people



- The Government is giving less money to Lancashire County Council.
- This means the council need to look to provide services for people that need the most care and support.
- People are living longer - this is great news but it means more people will need to use our services in the future.
- In 2010 the council changed the way it provided care to people who had 'moderate' needs.
- We did this by telling people about the different kinds of support they could find in their communities.
- This meant less people get our services.
- We also had to charge people more for their services.



Lancashire County Council has a legal duty to set a budget based on the money it is given, so we have no choice about looking at what services we need to provide.



[Find out how we plan to make savings within our budgets on the county council website:](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/council/finance/budget/budget-have-your-say)

(www.lancashire.gov.uk/council/finance/budget/budget-have-your-say) or they are available on request – see contact details in your letter.



We are not changing the support we offer to carers. But, some carers may find that after the person they are caring for is reassessed the service user may receive less support from us.

Filling in this questionnaire



Please complete this questionnaire if you use our adult social care services or care for someone who does.
Please read the instructions carefully.



Please use a blue or black ink pen to fill in the questionnaire.



or complete it online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/socialcare and click on 'Have your say on the future of adult social care services'.



- Please check you have answered all the questions that affect you.
- If your carer lives with you, ask them to fill in the sections that affect them.
- If you need more space for any answers, please do so on another blank page.
- If you need any help filling in the questionnaire or any part of this that you don't understand please email adultsocialcareconsultation@lancashire.gov.uk or, if you do not have access to email, ring 0300 123 6720.



When you have filled the document in, please send it back to us by 31 March 2015 in the envelope that came with this questionnaire.
You do not need a stamp.



The consultation will run for 12 weeks from 1 January 2015 to 31 March 2015. The results of the consultation will be put on our website at www.lancashire.gov.uk/haveyoursay.