

Supported accommodation for people with mental health issues consultation 2016

Lancashire County Council is required to make savings of £262m by 2020/21. This extremely difficult financial position is the result of continued cuts in Government funding, rising costs and rising demand for our key services.

Lancashire County Council currently provides funding which is used by your provider to deliver the housing support you receive in supported housing or through the visiting support service you receive. As part of the savings, the county council is proposing to stop funding housing support for people with mental health issues by March 2017.

This proposal will affect all supported accommodation across Lancashire including accommodation which is intended to be:

- short-term (eg less than two years); or
- longer term (eg more than two years or a home for life).

Although we are unclear what this will mean for you at this stage, there is a possibility that any of the following could take place in the next year:

- the **service continues with major changes** (eg different types of services offered in the accommodation or change in way in which the service is delivered);
- the **service continues with little change** as the provider has managed to obtain other funding to allow the service to continue; or
- the **service ends**.

Lancashire County Council is committed to working with your provider to make sure you are supported through this period of change.

Your provider will be looking into how they can fund the service if the housing support funding provided by Lancashire County Council is withdrawn and they will be consulting directly with you during 2016.

It is important for Lancashire County Council to understand what the implications of withdrawing the funding for the supported accommodation service would be. With this in mind, we would appreciate it if you could take a couple of minutes to share your views about your experience in the service.

Please complete this questionnaire if you are currently receiving housing support from any of these providers of supported accommodation in Lancashire:

- Creative Support
- Imagine
- Lancashire Care Foundation Trust
- Lancashire Mind
- Making Space
- Richmond Fellowship
- Sanctuary Housing Association
- North West Community Services (floating support service only)

This questionnaire will help us understand more about the service you currently receive, how important the service is to you and your thoughts about how the proposals could affect you. Your views and comments will be fed back to the county council's cabinet.

You can answer all the questions or just the ones that you are concerned about.

If you feel that you need some support to help you understand or respond to this questionnaire please contact your provider who can support you directly or provide access to advocacy services in your area.

This consultation can be completed online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/haveyoursay. However, if you would prefer to complete a paper copy then:

1. Please read the instructions carefully and use blue or black pen to fill in the questionnaire.
2. Please check you have answered all the questions you want to.
3. Return your completed questionnaire in the pre-paid envelope by **7 August 2016**.

Your use of supported accomodation

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Do you receive or have you received support with the following?

PLEASE TICK AS MANY AS APPLY

Support to maintain your mental health and wellbeing (eg keeping appointments, managing medication and staying safe)

Support to keep living in the community (eg avoiding becoming homeless or going into hospital)

Support to set up and maintain your home when you move on to other accommodation

Support to develop or regain domestic/social and life skills

Support to learn to budget properly and pay bills

Support to claim the right benefits

Support to access health services (eg GP, dentist, mental health services)

Support to build and maintain relationships with family and friends

Support to access community facilities (eg leisure, cultural)

Support to gain awareness of personal safety and security issues

Support to get a job

Support to access training and education

Support to become generally more confident and happy

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If the funding for the service ended, what do you think you would do in the future if you need help with your mental health?

PLEASE TICK AS MANY AS APPLY

Seek help about housing from your local district council

Seek help about housing from private landlords or social landlords

Seek help about care from Lancashire County Council (Social Services)

Seek help from your care coordinator

Seek help from mental health services

Seek help from community support services

Seek help from GP

Seek help from your current support provider

Seek help from Citizen Advice Bureau or another advice agency

Seek help from advocacy services

Unsure/don't know

Other (please write in below)

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Please provide any further feedback or comments about how the proposal will affect you in the box below.

5**What is the name of your service provider?**

PLEASE WRITE IN THE BOX BELOW

About you

To ensure that we meet the needs of all residents, it is important that we ask you a few questions about yourself. As with all the questions your answers will be completely confidential. However, if you do not wish to answer a question, please leave it blank and go on to the next one.

6**Are you...?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

Male Female **7****Have you ever identified as transgender? Transgender is someone who lives, or wants to live, fulltime in the gender opposite to that they were assigned at birth.**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

Yes No Prefer not to say **8****What was your age on your last birthday?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

18-25

26-34

35-49

50-64

65-74

75+

9**Are you a deaf person or do you have a disability?**

The Equality Act 2010 defines a disabled person as someone who has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

Yes No

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Are you in a marriage or civil partnership?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- Marriage
- Civil partnership
- Prefer not to say
- None of these

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How would you describe your sexual orientation?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- Straight (heterosexual)
- Bisexual
- Gay man
- Lesbian/gay woman
- Other
- Prefer not to say

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Which best describes your ethnic background?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

White

- English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British
- Irish
- Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- Any other white background

Black or Black British

- Caribbean
- African

Other

- Arab

Asian or Asian British

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Chinese

Mixed

- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Black African
- White and Asian

Any other ethnic group (write in below)

13**What is your religion?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| No religion | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hindu | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Christian (including CofE,
Catholic, Protestant and all other
denominations) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Jewish | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Buddhist | <input type="checkbox"/> | Muslim | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Sikh | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Any other religion | <input type="checkbox"/> |

14**In which district do you live in Lancashire?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

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|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Burnley | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Chorley | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fylde | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hyndburn | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Lancaster | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pendle | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Preston | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ribble Valley | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Rossendale | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| South Ribble | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| West Lancashire | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Wyre | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> |

15**What is your postcode?**

PLEASE WRITE IN

Thank you for taking part.
**Please return your completed questionnaire
in the pre-paid envelope provided by 7 August 2016.**