

Short term supported accommodation consultation 2016



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

As part of the savings, the county council is proposing to stop funding for the support within short term supported accommodation services from 31 March 2017, with the exception of funding for some services for young people who the county council have a legal duty to help.

Although we don't know what this will mean for each service, there is a possibility for any or some of the following to take place:

- the **service closes**;
- the **service continues with major changes** (eg reduction in number of staff); or
- the **service continues with little change** as your provider has managed to obtain other funding (eg from charities not Supporting People)

People usually stay in short-term supported accommodation for about six to nine months. Consequently this proposal would be unlikely to directly affect you. However, it could impact on other people who may use this service after March 2017.

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 people who need services in the future.

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 can help you find an advocacy service 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 **17 July 2016**.

You don't need to put a stamp on the envelope.

Your support needs

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

PLEASE TICK AS MANY AS APPLY

Support to set up and maintain your home

Support to develop domestic/social and life skills

Support to learn to budget properly and pay bills

Support to claim the right benefits

Support to improve physical health (eg accessing
GP, dentist, healthy eating, exercise)

Support to improve mental health

Support to address substance misuse issues

Support to build and maintain relationships with
family and friends

Support to access community facilities
(eg leisure, cultural)

Support to keep you safe and to avoid
harm caused by others

Support to get a job

Support to access training and education

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If this service ended, what do you think that people who need this type of service would do in the future?

PLEASE TICK AS MANY AS APPLY

Seek help about housing from the District Council (Housing)

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

Seek help from CAB (Citizen Advice Bureau) or another advice agency

Seek help from the Police

Seek help from family/friends

Stay in unsafe/inappropriate accommodation

Sleep on the streets/homeless

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.

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.

5 What is the name of your service?

PLEASE WRITE IN THE BOX BELOW

6 What is the name of your provider?

PLEASE WRITE IN THE BOX BELOW

7 What type of service do you currently live in or did you live in?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- Refuge
- Supported accommodation for young people
- Supported accommodation for single people who are homeless
- Supported accommodation for homeless families
- Supported accommodation for people with a history of offending
- Supported accommodation for teenage parents
- Supported accommodation for people with substance misuse issues
- Supported accommodation for people who are homeless (families, single people and young people)

8 Are you...?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- Male
- Female

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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

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What was your age on your last birthday?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

16-17

18-21

22-25

26-34

35-49

50-64

65-74

75+

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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 there any children or young people in your household aged under 20?

PLEASE TICK AS MANY AS APPLY

No, but
expecting

Yes, aged
under 5

Yes, aged
5-8

Yes, aged
9-11

Yes, aged
12-16

Yes, aged
17-19

No children
aged under
20

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Are there any young people with a disability in your household aged 20-25?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

Yes

No

14**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

Any other ethnic group (write in below)

Asian or Asian British

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Chinese

Mixed

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

15**What is your religion?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- No religion
- Christian (including CofE,
Catholic, Protestant and all other
denominations)
- Buddhist
- Hindu
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Sikh
- Any other religion

16**Are you in a marriage or civil partnership?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

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

17**How would you describe your sexual orientation?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

Straight (heterosexual) Lesbian/gay woman Bisexual Other Gay man Prefer not to say **18****In which district do you live in Lancashire?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

Burnley Chorley Fylde Hyndburn Lancaster Pendle Preston Ribble Valley Rossendale South Ribble West Lancashire Wyre Don't know **19****What is your postcode?**

PLEASE WRITE IN

Thank you for taking part.
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