



## CHANGING FUTURES LANCASHIRE BRIEFING

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Welcome to this fortnightly 'Changing Futures Lancashire' briefing to all Lancashire partner agencies and stakeholders. The briefings will provide information on the progress of a revised delivery plan for Changing Futures until 2023/4. Although the programme has had ongoing support from all sectors in its development, we want to share information across Lancashire so you can help us to achieve one of the aims of Changing Futures— lasting *Systemic Change*.

### Background

The Changing Futures programme is a £64 million joint initiative by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and The National Lottery Community Fund, the largest funder of community activity in the UK. The fund is for local organisations to work in partnership to better support those who experience multiple disadvantage, including homelessness, substance misuse, mental health issues, domestic abuse, and contact with the criminal justice system.

People in this situation are among the most vulnerable in our communities, often with past experiences of trauma. Getting coordinated support from local services can be difficult, and this can lead to greater risk of homelessness, ill health, and increased contact with the criminal justice system. This in turn can result in greater pressures on services that respond to crises such as A&E, policing and homelessness services.

In December 2020, Lancashire submitted an expression of interest to the Changing Futures Fund. The bid was led by the team at Blackburn with Darwen council on behalf of the whole county (including Blackpool). The EOI proved sound, as a formal bid was invited, and a team involving partners from across Lancashire, including Lancaster University, submitted an ambitious plan, which has now been approved, awarding Lancashire £6.5m.

We are now looking at building the team across 4 localities, Fylde Coast, Central/West, East and North, to deliver this fantastic programme whilst considering how great the legacy can be. All of this work is being driven by the voice of people with *Lived Experience* of multiple disadvantage from our community.

### Key Activities of the Delivery Plan Phase

#### Fortnight commencing 13th September 2021

- Finalise JD and adverts for the ICP Team Manager posts (to be advertised through LCC)
- Recruitment panel assembled for each area for recruitment of team managers
- Lived Experience Team feedback shared with each locality to help inform service planning
- Training for Lived Experience Peer Mentors is finalised
- Revision of budget allocations
- Localities have outreach and engagement plans
- Buildings in each locality are identified to support integrated teams, at neighbourhood level
- Meeting with MHCLG and The National Lottery to check delivery

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