

TOGETHER

A HEALTHIER FUTURE

The Accountable Health and Care Partnership For Pennine Lancashire

Introduction

My name is Harry Catherall - Chief Executive of Blackburn with Darwen Council and one of the Partnership Leaders for Together a Healthier Future. I am delighted to introduce the January Workforce Newsletter.

The Together a Healthier Future programme shows what great partnership working we have in Pennine Lancashire. Without this strong working together, we would not have been able to secure funding from the National Lottery Sport England Programme. The funding will allow us to come up with some really innovative and, most importantly, long lasting solutions to get more people active and involved in sport.

Pennine Lancashire was the only one of 12 areas who successfully bid for funding and our bid was highly praised precisely because of the strong ties between local government, the NHS and community and voluntary sector. It is really great news for the area and a real tangible success of the programme. I look forward to seeing how the project develops. You can read more about the bid and what it means below.

This year will be a big year for the health and care transformation in Pennine Lancashire. In December we published our draft Pennine Plan. Over the past year, we have been working with residents, doctors, nurses, social workers, health and care professionals, other staff, volunteers, businesses and community organisations to develop plans we have put together. We want as many people as possible to get involved and have their say on the plan.

Finally, I just wanted to say Happy New Year to everyone and look forward to working with you over the coming 12 months.



3 things you need to know....

- Together a Healthier Future is the Local Delivery Plan set up to help improve our health and care system in Pennine Lancashire which is a part of the wider vision for Lancashire and South Cumbria [Sustainability and Transformation Partnership](#).
- There is a [draft Pennine Plan](#) which sets out proposals for improving health, care and wellbeing in Pennine Lancashire – your feedback is very valuable and will be used to shape the final plan for Pennine Lancashire. Please fill in the [survey](#) to give your views.
- The Programme presents us with some exciting opportunities. Not only will it improve the experience of our patients and residents using our services but give us the opportunity to think about appropriate and best use of staff and how we deliver services ensuring that we can make the best use of our workforce – both paid and unpaid.

Programme Updates



Draft Pennine Plan Proposals - Have your say!

We have published a [draft plan](#) for health and care services in the area.

The draft plan is a blueprint to improve the health of people living in Pennine Lancashire (which covers Blackburn with Darwen and East Lancashire), as well as improving health and care services in the area.

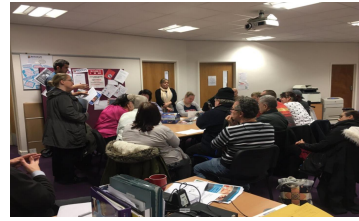
We want everyone who works in health and care across Pennine Lancashire to have their say on the proposals. We will be attending hospital and community sites across Pennine Lancashire in January and are happy to come to team meetings, briefings or other group settings to discuss our proposals. We want to make sure you have the opportunity to have your say to further develop and refine these proposals to ensure that they meet the needs of all of us.

Throughout January we will continue to attend various community meetings, engaging through digital communication methods and having localised outreach engagement discussions with people across Pennine Lancashire.

If you would like more information or would like us to attend any team meetings that you are a part of please [contact us](#)

Feedback on good practice when communicating and engaging with people who have learning disabilities

The Programme Team was invited to attend Resolve Action Group in Blackburn. Most of their members and attendees have a broad range of learning difficulties and/or disabilities. Their main aim is to listen to and support victims of disability hate crime but they are currently working with agencies to support them in engaging and informing people with learning disabilities.



We received feedback on issues they face and their experience of health and social care services and professionals. They also gave us feedback on positive and helpful ways of communicating and engaging and other areas of interest. For more information on the feedback received please contact Nicole.Mason1@nhs.net

News and Events

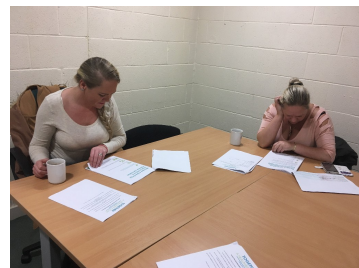
Pennine Lancashire chosen to trail-blaze new ways of transforming the way sport and activity is offered in England

Around £100million of National Lottery funding will be invested over four years in 12 pilot schemes nationally. This funding aims to create innovative partnerships that make it easier for people to access sport and physical activity. Pennine Lancashire was successful in its bid to be one of these 12 pilot schemes. [Read more](#)



Pennine Lancashire Gypsy, Roma, Traveller Community Researcher Training

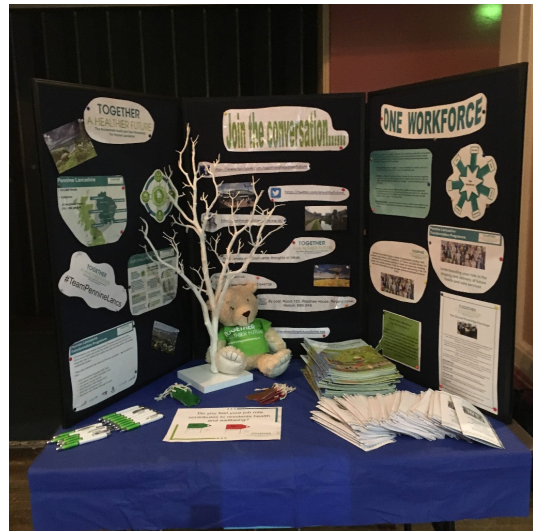
We have many members of the Gypsy, Roma, Traveller Community who live and work in Pennine Lancashire. It can often be difficult to get an insight into issues that these communities face. We are currently training members of the Gypsy, Roma Traveller community to empower and upskill them to go out with our Draft Pennine Plan and get the views of their community across Pennine Lancashire. This valuable feedback will help shape the final Pennine Plan and a separate report will also be produced to help health and social care staff and organisations better inform and engage with the Gypsy, Roma, Traveller Community.



Upcoming Engagement in January

We will be visiting various sites and settings in the next few months. Please come and speak with us to learn more and also spread the word to your colleagues, patients, friends and families. If you have any upcoming meetings, forums or events that you would like us to attend please [contact us](#). Here are our scheduled events for January:

- Blackburn with Darwen Older People's Forum – 8 January 2018
- Irwell Medical Practice – 10 January 2018
- Hyndburn Older People's Forum – 10 January 2018
- Re:think Mental Health Charity Forum - 10 January 2018
- Pendle Community Hospital - 12 January 2018
- Clitheroe Hospital – 15 January 2018
- Hyndburn Patient Partners Group (PPG) – 15 January 2018
- Intermadrassah Organisation – 17 January 2018
- Rawtenstall Primary Care Centre – 18 January 2018
- Burnley General Hospital – 22 January 2018
- Royal Blackburn Hospital – 24 January 2018



This newsletter aims to keep you up to date with everything is happening in the Together A Healthier Future programme as well as health and care updates in Pennine Lancashire.

For further information about the programme and health and care, please visit

www.togetherahealthierfuture.org.uk or email ELCCG.Togetherahealthierfuture@nhs.net

