



Community and Voluntary Sector Newsletter

February 2024



Hello and Welcome!

An exciting opportunity has arisen for all Voluntary and Community Sector organisations to be part of Lancashire County Councils Non-Regulated support offer within the community.

Lancashire County Council have recently developed a new way of purchasing services from providers under the title; 'Living Well at Home'. The new purchasing tool is known as a Pseudo Dynamic Purchasing System (PDPS) which is a list on which providers apply to be part of in order to be able to apply for contracts as they are 'called off-' from this list. The PDPS currently incorporates several elements including Homecare, Intermediate Care, Extra Care and Non-Regulated Support.

Non- Regulated support is any type of support provided to a person that does not require the provider to have a CQC registration. The Authority wants to improve the Non-Regulated Support offer throughout the County, and we need your help to do this!

We are currently in the process of identifying potential services for consideration over the next 12-18 months to develop the Non-Regulated offer to include a Signposting Service, Assistance at Home and specialised Learning Disability and Mental Health Support for the people of Lancashire. Further information regarding each service is as follows:

- **Signposting Service** - A signposting service to practical support such as a handyman or local social activities to prevent social isolation and reduce the reliance on formal care.
- **Assistance at Home** - Practical support offered to people in their own home to help with domestic tasks such as cleaning, washing and food shopping etc.
- **Learning Disability and Mental Health Support** - Outcome based support in the community to support with practical things such as time management, social activities and mood management.

The PDPS opens on an Annual Basis and the next opening will commence in March 2024, with applications needing to be submitted by April 2024 to allow providers access to any future Non-Regulated Services. It's really easy to apply to be part of our PDPS and will enable you to have the opportunity to apply to deliver current and future Non-Regulated services for the people of Lancashire.



Save the Date!

We will be holding a series of engagement sessions in which you will be able to find out more about the PDPS and how to apply. Lancashire County Council invite all VCFS and Community Sector organisations to attend our engagement sessions towards the end of February where your questions and input will be welcomed. We would really like to see you face to face but we understand that people's time is precious and therefore we have included a Microsoft Teams session in mid-March.

Dates for our engagement sessions are below. We would ask that one representative from each organisation attend as places are limited:

Lancaster Library, Market Square, Lancaster, Lancashire, LA1 1HY
Tuesday 20th February 2024 09:30 – 11am

Lancashire Conservation Studios, St Mary's Street, Preston, PR1 5LN
Thursday 22nd February 2024 09:30 – 11am

Accrington Library, St James Street, Accrington, BB5 1NQ
Friday 23rd February 2024 09:30 – 11am

Microsoft Teams
Wednesday 13th March 2024 09:30 – 12pm

If you would like to book on one of the engagement sessions, please email commissioningAgeWell@Lancashire.gov.uk

We look forward to seeing you!

