

COUNCIL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Lancashire County Council Consultations

7 March 2019

Report of Democratic Services Manager

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To allow the Committee to consider how they would wish to respond to several current consultations from Lancashire County Council regarding proposals for:

- Break Time
- Wellbeing Service
- Lancashire Waste and Recycling Service Centres
- Integrated Home Improvement Services
- Active Lives – Healthy Weight, Health Improvement Service
- Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation, Health Improvement Service
- Stop Smoking Services, Health Improvement Service

This report is public.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) **That the Council Business Committee agrees a Council response to the stakeholder consultations by Lancashire County Council (LCC) with regards to the proposals for the seven services set out in this report.**

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Due to financial pressures, Lancashire County Council is currently consulting with regards to proposals for seven services.

The services are:

- **Lancashire Break Time (LBT)**, which is a county-wide service providing short breaks for parents or carers of children and young people with special educational needs and/or a disability (SEND). The proposal is to cease the LBT Service. Deadline for this consultation is 25 March 2019.
- **The Lancashire Wellbeing Service (LWS)**, which supports adults most at risk of a health or social care crisis to remain healthy and well. The service assists with
 - Emotional health - low mood, anxiety, stress, feeling overwhelmed and mild depression

- Social isolation - loneliness, few or poor social skills
- Difficult circumstances - family finance, employment, education
- Lifestyle and healthy living - by supporting behaviour change

LWS supports about 11,000 people each year. The proposal is to cease the LWS. Deadline for this consultation is 25 March 2019.

- **Lancashire County Council's household waste recycling centres** currently have longer opening hours during the summer than the winter months. The proposals are for reduced opening hours all year round and for the Carnforth centre's days of opening to be reduced from seven to five days per week. Deadline for this consultation is 25 March 2019.
- **Integrated Home Improvement Service** (also known as Care and Repair) provides help to people in need of extra support to make their homes safe and accessible, by assisting homeowners to maintain, repair and improve their properties. The service is delivered in Lancaster District by the City Council's Home Improvement Agency on behalf of the County Council. The proposal is to continue to provide funding for minor aids and adaptations (under £1,000) to people who are eligible for the service and to cease funding the Home Improvement Services that the County Council is not legally required to provide. (Full details are appended). Deadline for this consultation is 15 April 2019.
- **Active Lives – Healthy Weight, Health Improvement Service**
The Active Lives Healthy Weight service has been commissioned by the County Council since 2016, for people who are classed as inactive, to help them to change their routine behaviours and to incorporate physical activity into their daily lives. Active Lives Healthy Weight also supports people who are overweight, but not obese, to lose weight. The service is delivered in the Lancaster District by the team at Salt Ayre Leisure Centre. The proposal is to develop a programme for everyone in Lancashire, promoting the use of the county's existing assets to increase physical activity, in particular in open and green spaces. Deadline for this consultation is 15 April 2019.
- **Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation, Health Improvement Service**
The County Council's drug and alcohol rehabilitation services are mainly residential based programmes, with a small number of day programmes. Rehabilitation is an abstinence-based set of interventions to address the underlying causes of addiction in order to establish new ways of coping in real-life situations following treatment. The proposal is to reduce access to residential and non-residential drug and alcohol rehabilitation services. Deadline for this consultation is 15 April 2019.
- **Stop Smoking Services, Health Improvement Service**
The County Council currently provides a stop smoking service which is available to everyone over the age of 12 years in Lancashire. The proposal is to reduce general access to stop smoking services. The County Council would still promote quitting smoking through apps and other digital platforms to those who want to give up. Deadline for this consultation is 15 April 2019.

2.0 Consultation Details

- 2.1 The consultations are a series of questions for consultees to answer. Full information about all the proposals, and the consultation questions posed by the County Council, are appended to this report.

3.0 Conclusion

- 3.1 That Council Business Committee agrees responses to the consultations on behalf of the Council. The options open to the Committee are to consider the responses at this meeting, or to deal with the responses by email after the meeting, with the committee delegating agreement of the final responses to the Chairman of the Committee for expediency.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT (including Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing) Lancaster City Council is being consulted on proposals in relation to Lancashire County Council services which will affect residents in the City Council district.	
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS None as a result of this report.	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS None as a result of this report.	
OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS None identified.	
SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no comments to add.	
MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no comments to add.	
BACKGROUND PAPERS	Contact Officer: Debbie Chambers Telephone: 01524 582507 E-mail: dchambers@lancaster.gov.uk Ref:

Lancashire Break Time consultation 2019

Introduction

Lancashire County Council, like many councils across the country, is going through financially challenging times. This is as a result of funding not keeping pace with the increasing demand and cost of services being delivered. We need to continue to look at ways of reducing costs to help balance the books for future years. This means that we have to consider changes to some of the services we currently provide, as we do not have the resources to continue to deliver what we have done in the past. These changes were considered by our county councillors and we are now looking to consult on what impact the proposals may have. We really welcome your views.

Lancashire Break Time (LBT) is a county-wide service providing short breaks for parents or carers of children and young people with special educational needs and/or a disability (SEND). The child or young person will attend a fun group activity whilst their parent or carer gets a short break from their caring role.

LBT can be used without a social care assessment of need. LBT is for unpaid primary carers of a child or young person with SEND, aged four to 18 years, who lives in Lancashire (excluding Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool) and where the child or young person has difficulty accessing services for reasons such as sensory issues, learning difficulties and physical mobility problems.

Children and young people with a higher level of need receive services through their package of care. Parents and carers are able to request a statutory social care assessment of need under Section 17, Children Act 1989 or a carer's assessment under the Care Act 2014. These assessments are undertaken by a social worker and will consider the needs of the child or young person and their family and the needs of the parent or carer. This assessment may mean that short breaks are offered to meet identified needs of the parent or carer.

Lancashire County Council is proposing that LBT will cease, meaning that parents and carers will no longer be able to get short breaks through this service and children and young people will no longer be able to attend LBT activities.

We are asking the public, staff and partner organisations to give their views. You can complete this online version, or printed questionnaires are available on request, please ring 01772 532509 or email Find@lancashire.gov.uk. Your views and comments will be included in the report Lancashire County Council's Cabinet will consider when making the final decision on these proposals.

Timescales

3 December 2018 - Cabinet agreed to consult on proposals

28 January to 25 March 2019 - consultation period

16 May 2019 - report the consultation outcomes to Cabinet

From September 2019 - LBT is proposed to cease

Lancashire Break Time

We are proposing to cease Lancashire Break Time. How strongly do you agree or disagree with this proposal?

Please select one option only

<input type="radio"/>	Strongly agree
<input type="radio"/>	Tend to agree
<input type="radio"/>	Neither agree nor disagree
<input type="radio"/>	Tend to disagree
<input type="radio"/>	Strongly disagree
Why do you say this?	

If Lancashire Break Time was to cease, how would this affect your organisation?

Thinking about our proposal, please tell us if you think there is anything else that we need to consider or that could be done differently.
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Lancashire Wellbeing Service

Introduction

Lancashire County Council, like many councils across the country, is going through financially challenging times. This is as a result of funding not keeping pace with the increasing demand and cost of services being delivered. We need to continue to look at ways of reducing costs to help balance the books for future years. This means that we have to consider changes to some of the services we currently provide, as we do not have the resources to continue to deliver what we have done in the past. These changes were considered by our county councillors and we are now looking to consult on what impact the proposals may have. We really welcome your views.

The Lancashire Wellbeing Service (LWS)

LWS supports those adults most at risk of a health or social care crisis to remain healthy and well. The service assists with

- Emotional health - low mood, anxiety, stress, feeling overwhelmed and mild depression
- Social isolation - loneliness, few or poor social skills
- Difficult circumstances - family finance, employment, education
- Lifestyle and healthy living - by supporting behaviour change

The service supports about 11,000 people each year. Depending on their needs, people receive support directly from the service, or the service refers them to other types of support. For example, the service helps people to use support provided by the voluntary, community and faith sector (VCFS). People generally receive support for up to eight sessions, over 12 weeks, where help is provided to make a plan to address their needs.

Our proposal

We are proposing to cease the LWS.

In some areas of Lancashire there are services that are similar to LWS. It is expected that these services will continue to support people in those areas.

Those with eligible social care needs will continue to receive support in line with their assessed needs.

How to take part

This questionnaire will help us understand the implications of ceasing the Lancashire Wellbeing Service on your organisation and those accessing the service. Your views and comments will be fed back to the county council's Cabinet to make the final decision.

Timescales

3 December 2018 - Cabinet agreed to consult on proposals

28 January to 25 March 2019 - consultation with the public and partner organisations

16 May 2019 - likely date of reporting the consultation outcomes to Cabinet

31 December 2019 - LWS is proposed to cease

We are proposing to cease the delivery of the Lancashire Wellbeing Service.

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the proposal to cease the Lancashire Wellbeing Service?

Please select one option only

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| <input type="radio"/> | Strongly agree |
| <input type="radio"/> | Tend to agree |
| <input type="radio"/> | Neither agree nor disagree |
| <input type="radio"/> | Tend to disagree |
| <input type="radio"/> | Strongly disagree |

Why do you say this?

If this proposal happened, how would it affect your organisation?

Thinking about our proposal, is there anything else you think we need to consider or that we could do differently?

Lancashire County Council's household waste recycling centres

Introduction

Lancashire County Council, like many councils across the country, is going through financially challenging times. This is as a result of funding not keeping pace with the increasing demand and cost of services being delivered. We need to continue to look at ways of reducing costs to help balance the books for future years. This means that we have to consider changes to some of the services we currently provide, as we do not have the resources to continue to deliver what we have done in the past. These changes were considered by our county councillors and we are now looking to consult on what impact the proposals may have. We really welcome your views. We are asking the public, staff and partner organisations to give their views. There are printed questionnaires available on request, or you can complete this online version. Your views and comments will be included in the report Lancashire County Council's Cabinet will consider when making the final decision on these proposals.

Timescales

3 December 2018 - Cabinet agreed to consult on proposals

28 January to 25 March 2019 - consultation with the public and partner organisations

16 May 2019 - report the consultation outcomes to Cabinet

20 May 2019 - consultation with employees

From October 2019 - new opening times proposed to begin

Opening hours

Lancashire County Council's household waste recycling centres currently have different opening hours during the summer (1 April to 30 September) and during the winter (1 October to 31 March). The summer opening hours are 8am to 7pm and the winter opening hours are 8am to 5pm.

Our proposal for opening hours

We are proposing to change the opening hours for all our household waste recycling centres to 9am-5pm for the entire year (2 January to 31 December).

Background to our proposal for opening hours

Our analysis shows that

- during the summer about nine out of ten visits to our household waste recycling centres happen from 9am-5pm
- during the winter 19 out of 20 visits happen between these times

During the summer, staff currently work 11-hour shifts, four days a week. During the winter, they work nine-hour shifts, four days a week. Managing these working arrangements is more costly than managing staff working a traditional set working week. We are proposing that our staff will work eight-hour shifts, five days a week all year round. This would mean that they will spend less hours working when our centres are least used, therefore providing better value for money.

Opening days

All 15 of Lancashire County Council's household waste recycling centres are currently open seven days a week (excluding Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day).

Our proposal for opening days

We are proposing to open the following seven household waste recycling centres on five days a week

- Barnoldswick
- Burscough
- Carnforth
- Clitheroe
- Haslingden
- Longridge
- Skelmersdale

All these centres will be open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The two days they close will either be Monday and Tuesday or Wednesday and Thursday. The days the centres close will be based on usage data and the availability of alternative facilities. Background to our proposal for opening days

We are proposing that centres that handle less than 5,000 tonnes a year open five days a week. The average annual tonnage of household waste delivered to each of our centres is

<i>0 to 5,000 tonnes</i>		<i>5,000 to 9,000 tonnes</i>		<i>9,000 tonnes to 14,000</i>	
	Annual tonnage		Annual tonnage		Annual tonnage
Longridge	2,859	Altham	6,491	Preston	9,697
Barnoldswick	2,995	Skelmersdale	6,678	Chorley	10,579
Clitheroe	3,440	Lytham	8,242	Burnley	11,148
Burscough	4,507	Fleetwood	8,369	Lancaster	11,768
Carnforth	4,527			Farlington	13,116
Haslingden	4,536				

We are also proposing that the centre in Skelmersdale opens five day a week, because there are two household waste recycling centres in West Lancashire district. The majority of Lancashire's districts have only one centre. Three districts each have two: West Lancashire (Burscough and Skelmersdale); Ribble Valley (Longridge and Clitheroe); and Lancaster (Lancaster and Carnforth). By staggering the days that each centre is open in both West Lancashire and Ribble Valley, a seven days a week household waste recycling centre service will still be maintained in each of these districts.

Pendle and Rossendale will be the only districts without a seven day service. In Pendle many residents already use the Burnley household waste recycling centre due to the location of Barnoldswick. However, Barnoldswick's opening days would also be staggered with Clitheroe's opening days to provide a second alternative. In Rossendale, if households can't hold onto their waste until their local household waste recycling centre is open, the nearest alternative centres are Burnley or Altham. Where centres are open seven days a week it increases the overall number of staff required to deliver the service. If staff work five days a week extra staff are required to cover the two additional days. To open our household waste recycling centres five days a week provides the most efficient and cost effective means of delivering the service.

Lancashire County Council's household waste recycling centres currently have different opening hours during the summer (1 April to 30 September) and during the winter (1 October to 31 March). The summer opening hours are 8am to 7pm and the winter opening hours are 8am to 5pm.

We are proposing to change the opening hours for all our household waste recycling centres to 9am-5pm for the entire year (2 January to 31 December).

How strongly do you agree or disagree with our proposal to change the opening hours of all household waste recycling centres to 9am-5pm for the entire year?

Please select one option only

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| <input type="radio"/> | Strongly agree |
| <input type="radio"/> | Tend to agree |
| <input type="radio"/> | Neither agree nor disagree |
| <input type="radio"/> | Tend to disagree |
| <input type="radio"/> | Strongly disagree |

Why do you say this?

If this proposal happened, how would it affect you?

We are proposing to open the following seven household waste recycling centres on five days a week.

Barnoldswick
Burscough
Carnforth
Clitheroe
Haslingden
Longridge
Skelmersdale

All these centres will be open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The two days they close will either be Monday and Tuesday, or Wednesday and Thursday. The days the centres close will be based on usage data and the availability of alternative facilities.

How strongly do you agree or disagree with our proposal to open five days a week at these seven household waste recycling centres?

Please select one option only

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| <input type="radio"/> | Strongly agree |
| <input type="radio"/> | Tend to agree |
| <input type="radio"/> | Neither agree nor disagree |
| <input type="radio"/> | Tend to disagree |
| <input type="radio"/> | Strongly disagree |

Why do you say this?

If this proposal happened, how would it affect you?

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Thinking about our proposals, is there anything you think that we need to consider or that we could do differently?

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Integrated Home Improvement Services

Introduction

Lancashire County Council, like many councils across the country, is going through financially challenging times. This is as a result of funding not keeping pace with the increasing demand and cost of services being delivered. We need to continue to look at ways of reducing costs to help balance the books for future years. This means that we have to consider changes to some of the services we currently provide, as we do not have the resources to continue to deliver what we have done in the past. These changes were considered by our county councillors and we are now looking to consult on what impact the proposals may have. We really welcome your views.

The Integrated Home Improvement Service (also known as Care and Repair) provides help to people in need of extra support to make their homes safe and accessible, by assisting homeowners to maintain, repair and improve their properties.

This supports independent living for older people, people living with physical disabilities and people living with long term health conditions. The Integrated Home Improvement Service is currently contracted to six local providers based across Lancashire for service delivery.

The service divides broadly into two areas:

1) **Minor aids and adaptations** – we are legally obliged to provide works under £1,000. Examples of minor adaptations include external rails and step adaptations, additional banister rails and semi-permanent ramping. People who are eligible for this service will continue to receive it. We also provide additional services and support to enable people to live safely and independently.

2) **The Home Improvement Service includes services that we are not legally required to provide.**

- a. Handy person services - typically used for small jobs/repairs that take less than two hours
- b. Home visit to assess and advise what jobs/repairs are needed
- c. Help to organise/oversee home repairs, maintenance, adaptations or security measures such as drawing up plans, organising quotes
- d. Advice about what housing is available to meet an individual's needs
- e. Advice about what financial support is available
- f. Advice and information about other organisations that can help

Our proposal

We will continue to provide funding for minor aids and adaptations (under £1,000) to people who are eligible for this service. However, we are

proposing to cease funding the Home Improvement Services that we are not legally required to provide.
How to take part
<p>We are asking the public, providers and partners to give their views. As a provider or partner please complete this online questionnaire. We will also be holding workshops with partners to identify implications of the proposal and potential alternate forms of delivery.</p> <p>This is an eight week consultation so please reply before Monday 15 April 2019. All responses will be considered by Lancashire County Council's Cabinet in making its final decision.</p>
Timescales
<p>3 December 2018 - Cabinet agreed to consult on proposals</p> <p>18 February to 15 April 2019 - consultation with the people we support, providers and partners</p> <p>13 June 2019 - intended date of reporting the consultation outcomes to Cabinet</p> <p>End of December 2019 - propose to cease funding Home Improvement Services</p>

Proposal: we will continue to provide funding for minor aids and adaptations (under £1,000) to people who are eligible for this service. However, we are proposing to cease funding the Home Improvement Services that we are not legally required to provide.
How strongly do you agree or disagree with this proposal? <i>Please select one option only</i>
<input type="radio"/> Strongly agree
<input type="radio"/> Tend to agree
<input type="radio"/> Neither agree nor disagree
<input type="radio"/> Tend to disagree
<input type="radio"/> Strongly disagree

Why do you say this?

How would our proposal affect your services and the people you support on our behalf?

Thinking about our proposal, is there anything you think that we need to consider or that we could do differently?

Active Lives Healthy Weight service consultation 2019

Introduction

Lancashire County Council, like many councils across the country, is going through financially challenging times. This is as a result of funding not keeping pace with the increasing demand and cost of services being delivered. We need to continue to look at ways of reducing costs to help balance the books for future years. This means that we have to consider changes to some of the services we currently provide, as we do not have the resources to continue to deliver what we have done in the past. These changes were considered by our county councillors and we are now looking to consult on what impact the proposals may have. We really welcome your views.

Our proposal

We are proposing to change how we provide public health lifestyle services in order to achieve savings yet continue to deliver positive outcomes for the people we support. In particular, we are proposing to change how we provide three types of service, which are drug and alcohol rehabilitation, stopping smoking and physical activity/healthy weight. We are proposing to increase digital support for behaviour change and health improvement through promotion of websites and apps. We are also suggesting delivering services based more on local needs.

Since April 2016, we have delivered the Active Lives Healthy Weight service for people who are classed as inactive, to help them to change their routine behaviours and to incorporate physical activity into their daily lives. Active Lives Healthy Weight also supports people who are overweight but not obese to lose weight.

The programmes are free to participants and are delivered over a 12 week period. They are delivered under different names in local communities, such as Up and Active, Active Lives, Your Move, Active West Lancs.

We propose to stop offering specific physical activity and healthy weight programmes which currently target those people exercising for less than 30 minutes three times per week and/or with a BMI of between 25 and 34.9. However, we are proposing to develop a programme for everyone in Lancashire, promoting the use of the county's existing assets to increase physical activity, in particular in open and green spaces. This would be through activities such as walking, running and cycling in urban, coast and countryside locations, as well as using purpose built leisure facilities.

How to take part	
<p>We are asking the public, staff and partner organisations to give their views. You can complete this questionnaire and we will also be holding workshops with partner organisations to identify implications of the proposal.</p> <p>This is an eight week consultation so please reply before Monday 15 April 2019. Your views and comments will be included in the report Lancashire County Council's Cabinet will consider when making the final decision on these proposals.</p>	
Timescales	
<p>3 December 2018 - Cabinet agreed to consult on proposals 18 February to 15 April 2019 – consultation with the public, staff and partner organisations 13 June 2019 – likely date of reporting the consultation outcomes to Cabinet 31 March 2020 – implementation of changes complete</p>	
Our proposal	
<p>Proposal: we propose to stop offering specific physical activity and healthy weight programmes which currently target those people exercising for less than 30 minutes three times per week and/or with a BMI of between 25 and 34.9. However, we are proposing to offer a new programme to everyone in Lancashire promoting the use of the county's existing natural assets to increase physical activity in open and green spaces. This would be through activities such as walking, running and cycling in urban, coast and countryside locations, as well as using purpose built leisure facilities.</p>	
How strongly do you agree or disagree with this proposal?	
<i>Please select one option only</i>	
<input type="radio"/>	Strongly agree
<input type="radio"/>	Tend to agree
<input type="radio"/>	Neither agree nor disagree
<input type="radio"/>	Tend to disagree
<input type="radio"/>	Strongly disagree
Why do you say this?	
How would our proposal affect your services and the people you support on our behalf?	
Thinking about our proposal, is there anything you think that we need to consider or that we could do differently?	

Drug and alcohol rehabilitation services consultation 2019

Introduction

Lancashire County Council, like many councils across the country, is going through financially challenging times. This is as a result of funding not keeping pace with the increasing demand and cost of services being delivered. We need to continue to look at ways of reducing costs to help balance the books for future years. This means that we have to consider changes to some of the services we currently provide, as we do not have the resources to continue to deliver what we have done in the past. These changes were considered by our county councillors and we are now looking to consult on what impact the proposals may have. We really welcome your views.

Our proposal

We are proposing to change how we provide public health lifestyle services in order to achieve savings yet continue to deliver positive outcomes for the people we support. In particular, we are proposing to change how we provide three types of service, which are drug and alcohol rehabilitation, stopping smoking and physical activity/healthy weight. We are proposing to increase digital support for behaviour change and health improvement through promotion of websites and apps. We are also suggesting delivering services based more on local needs.

Our drug and alcohol rehabilitation services are mainly residential based programmes, with a small number of day programmes. Rehabilitation is an abstinence-based set of interventions to address the underlying causes of addiction in order to establish new ways of coping in real-life situations following treatment.

We propose to reduce access to residential and non-residential drug and alcohol rehabilitation services. We propose to target only the most vulnerable individuals and those more likely to benefit, such as those people subject to chronic stress and trauma, those with insufficient support or social capital to cope without intensive assistance, to help build and increase resilience. As a consequence, for those with lower levels of need we are also proposing to increase the use of support services based in local communities.

How to take part

We are asking the public, staff and partner organisations to give their views. You can complete this questionnaire and we will also be holding workshops with partner organisations to identify implications of the proposal.

This is an eight week consultation so please reply before Monday 15 April 2019. Your views and comments will be included in the report Lancashire County Council's Cabinet will consider when making the final decision on these proposals.

Timescales

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31 March 2020 – implementation of changes complete

Our proposal

Proposal: we propose to reduce access to residential and non-residential drug and alcohol rehabilitation services. We propose to target only the most vulnerable individuals and those more likely to benefit, such as those people subject to chronic stress and trauma, those with insufficient support or social capital to cope without intensive assistance, to help build and increase resilience. As a consequence, for those with lower levels of need we are also proposing to increase the use of support services based in local communities.

How strongly do you agree or disagree with this proposal?

Please select one option only

Strongly agree

Tend to agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Tend to disagree

Strongly disagree

Why do you say this?

How would our proposal affect your services and the people you support on our behalf?

Thinking about our proposal, is there anything you think that we need to consider or that we could do differently?

Stop smoking services consultation 2019

Introduction

Lancashire County Council, like many councils across the country, is going through financially challenging times. This is as a result of funding not keeping pace with the increasing demand and cost of services being delivered. We need to continue to look at ways of reducing costs to help balance the books for future years. This means that we have to consider changes to some of the services we currently provide, as we do not have the resources to continue to deliver what we have done in the past. These changes were considered by our county councillors and we are now looking to consult on what impact the proposals may have. We really welcome your views.

Our proposal

We are proposing to change how we provide public health lifestyle services in order to achieve savings yet continue to deliver positive outcomes for the people we support. In particular, we are proposing to change how we provide three types of service, which are drug and alcohol rehabilitation, stopping smoking and physical activity/ healthy weight. We are proposing to increase digital support for behaviour change and health improvement through promotion of websites and apps. We are also suggesting delivering services based more on local needs.

We currently provide a stop smoking service which is available to everyone over the age of 12 years in Lancashire.

We propose to reduce general access to stop smoking services. We would still promote quitting smoking through apps and other digital platforms to those who want to give up. A more targeted offer of behavioural support with advice on stop smoking medicines would focus on

- ♦ supporting pregnant women who smoke
- ♦ those where smoking rates remain high, such as routine and manual workers
- ♦ those with mental health conditions
- ♦ those with long-term conditions and/or those dependent on drugs and/or alcohol

How to take part

We are asking the public, staff and partner organisations to give their views. You can complete this questionnaire and we will also be holding workshops with partner organisations to identify implications of the proposal.

This is an eight week consultation so please reply before Monday 15 April 2019. Your views and comments will be included in the report

Lancashire County Council's Cabinet will consider when making the final decision on these proposals.
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Our proposal

Proposal: we propose to reduce general access to stop smoking services. We would still promote quitting smoking through apps and other digital platforms to those who want to give up. A more targeted offer of behavioural support with advice on stop smoking medicines would focus on

- ♦ supporting pregnant women who smoke
- ♦ those where smoking rates remain high, such as routine and manual workers
- ♦ those with mental health conditions
- ♦ those with long-term conditions and/or those dependent on drugs and/or alcohol

How strongly do you agree or disagree with this proposal?
Please select one option only

<input type="radio"/>	Strongly agree
<input type="radio"/>	Tend to agree
<input type="radio"/>	Neither agree nor disagree
<input type="radio"/>	Tend to disagree
<input type="radio"/>	Strongly disagree

Why do you say this?

How would our proposal affect your services and the people you support on our behalf?

Thinking about our proposal, is there anything you think that we need to consider or that we could do differently?