

Lancashire Chief Executives

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Dear Colleague

### **Joint Commissioning for Domestic Abuse Services in Lancashire**

As you will know, specialist Domestic Abuse (DA) services in Lancashire are wholly funded by short-term grant monies, the majority of which will not continue after March 2013. Statutory Partners do not currently commission direct core services despite being heavily reliant on them to support victims of DA. Programmes for perpetrators are restricted to those within the criminal justice system.

In line with all of our discussions, this letter now seeks a formal commitment to financial contributions from partner agencies, to a Joint Commissioning fund of £3.5million. This will secure effective provision for vulnerable victims, children and young people, and to change the behaviour of perpetrators. The initial focus will be to stabilise the services for those in crisis, however it is essential that we reduce the number of high risk victims and so the overarching aim is to move investment into earlier intervention and reduce the level of harm.

Following on from discussions at the recent meeting of Lancashire Chief Executives, Lancashire County Council's Cabinet Members have agreed to contribute £500 000 towards this joint fund. This is in addition to the £1.5million Supporting People monies already provided. In order to ensure a robust commissioning approach to this activity, we will also appoint a dedicated Commissioning Officer from our core budget.

Domestic Abuse is a priority for many partners. The Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire identified Domestic Abuse as a priority and has committed support.

An early approach to tackling Domestic Abuse is a key priority for the Health and Wellbeing Board. This joint commission will provide a framework for prevention and early support informed by the JSNA.

Domestic Abuse is also a priority for Lancashire Community Safety Strategy Group which is leading on this approach to reduce the harm caused to victims and challenge the behaviour of perpetrators.

We are asking you to confirm a recurrent commitment from your organisation for three years, as set out at the end of this letter.

If you require any further information for your own governance purposes we would be happy to provide it and have attached the discussion paper considered by chief executives for your consideration.

We look forward to receiving your support for this important initiative and would be grateful if you could respond by Monday 28 January 2013. A pro-forma is attached for return to [mel.ormesher@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:mel.ormesher@lancashire.gov.uk)

Your time taken to fully consider this matter is greatly appreciated,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen Denton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Helen Denton  
Chair, Lancashire Community Safety Strategy Group  
Executive Director for Children and Young People, LCC

cc. Chief Executives of Partner Organisations  
LCSSG members  
Community Safety partners

## Joint Commissioning for Domestic Abuse Services in Lancashire

Please complete indicating the agreed response:

- Option 1** We agree to provide a financial contribution to a Joint Commissioning Fund for Domestic Abuse, as per the attached formula, and for an initial period of three years
- Option 2** We do not agree and will not be contributing to this Joint Commission

**Agreed on behalf of:**

Organisation	
Date	
Name & Position	
Signature	

**Please return to:**

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The table below shows the funding allocation requested from each district council towards the Joint Domestic Abuse Services Pooled Fund. The full formula and allocations requested from partners is shown in the Lancashire Chief Executives Discussion Paper attached.

<b>Area</b>	<b>Contribution to pooled fund</b>
Lancashire – District Council Total	£100,000
<b>Burnley</b>	<b>£7,000</b>
<b>Chorley</b>	<b>£9,000</b>
<b>Fylde</b>	<b>£7,000</b>
<b>Hyndburn</b>	<b>£7,000</b>
<b>Lancaster</b>	<b>£12,000</b>
<b>Pendle</b>	<b>£8,000</b>
<b>Preston</b>	<b>£12,000</b>
<b>Ribble Valley</b>	<b>£5,000</b>
<b>Rossendale</b>	<b>£6,000</b>
<b>South Ribble</b>	<b>£9,000</b>
<b>West Lancashire</b>	<b>£9,000</b>
<b>Wyre</b>	<b>£10,000</b>