



**Lancashire  
Children and Young People's  
Trust**

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## Background

The purpose of the Prevention and Early Help Core Offer is to support children young people and their families who are 'Coping' or showing signs of 'Struggling to Cope' (Levels 2 and 3 of Lancashire's Continuum of Need), to build their capability and capacity for them to manage challenges/difficulties safely within their home environment and the local community and enable them to 'Thrive' (Thriving as defined by the Lancashire Continuum of Need).

The core offer is made up of four agreed specialist themes and has been put in place until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016. These themes are:

- Domestic Abuse;
- Emotional Health and Well Being;
- Family Support;
- Parenting.

Delivery of the core offer of commissioned services commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 with initial contracts awarded to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

## Mini Competition and 2015/16 funding

As part of the contract arrangements for 2015/16 it was necessary to undertake a mini competition to ensure that the delivering organisation for 2015/16 was the most effective on the framework. It was acknowledged that such activity could possibly cause minor disruption to service delivery and as such the commissioners tried to ensure the mini competitions were as straight forward as possible and completed in timely manner. The mini competition process has now concluded and the providers for 2015/16 are confirmed as below:

<b><u>Family Support</u></b>	<b><u>Domestic Abuse</u></b>	<b><u>Emotional Health and Well Being</u></b>	<b><u>Parenting</u></b>
Greater Together Consortium	Greater Together Consortium	Child Action North West – Central and North Lancashire / Barnardo's – East Lancashire	Action for Children

Full details of the providers, delivery models and their contact information at a district level can be accessed via the [Lancashire CYP Trust](#) website.

Schools Forum have again agreed to fund the commissioned service provision for 2015/16 and have committed £1m whilst agreeing that any unused funding from 2014/15 can be carried over. There is provision once again for small grants which allow for localised providers to contribute to the prevention and early help agenda via smaller scale community projects (not any more than £5k as project value), i.e. registered charities, voluntary and community organisations, statutory bodies and charitable or not-for-profit companies. As a result of the lower level of resource available this year the amount of the overall pot allocated to the small grants budget has been reduced by 2.5%, with this decision based upon usage over the last 2 year period.

Additionally the lead professional budget will also be available once again to support lead professionals supporting children, young people and their families in each district. Requests for sums under £250 can be submitted based on professional judgement that the lead professional budget would be appropriate to enhance the early intervention actions agreed with the family or would remove a blockage that is preventing the family from engaging effectively with the process. Discussions are ongoing to finalise arrangements and funding for a TFU lead professional budget that can be accessed by professionals working with TFU families that may have a higher level of need. Details of this budget will be shared with partners as and when details are made available.

Prevention and Early Help funding is allocated to districts in an equitable way, based upon available data and calculated using a tool which took into account the following local factors:

- 0 – 19 population;
- deprivation levels;
- children social care referral numbers;
- domestic abuse referral numbers;
- rurality.

	<b>Small Grants (10%)</b>	<b>LP Budget (5%)</b>	<b>Core Offer Funding (85%)</b>	<b>District Total ES Resource</b>
Burnley	£9,296	£4,648	£79,013	£92,957
Chorley	£8,154	£4,077	£69,306	£81,537
Fylde	£5,836	£2,918	£49,605	£58,359
Hyndburn	£8,462	£4,231	£71,926	£84,619
Lancaster	£10,331	£5,166	£87,816	£103,313
Pendle	£8,856	£4,428	£75,272	£88,555
Preston	£12,496	£6,248	£106,213	£124,957
Ribble Valley	£5,572	£2,786	£47,359	£55,716
Rossendale	£6,557	£3,279	£55,736	£65,572
South Ribble	£7,614	£3,807	£64,717	£76,138
West Lancs	£9,282	£4,641	£78,899	£92,823
Wyre	£7,546	£3,773	£64,137	£75,455
<b>Total</b>	<b>£100,000</b>	<b>£50,000</b>	<b>£850,000</b>	<b>£1,000,000</b>

### District allocations across themes

Monthly summaries outlining the number of families accessing services and capacity levels are shared with local prevention and early help panels to monitor demand for services. In light of this it was requested that district panels, with input from partnership boards, were given the opportunity to consider the previously agreed allocations across the themes and adjust where appropriate based on the level of usage.

The final agreed allocations for the core offer commissioned services for 2015/16 were applied to the unit costs given by the providers and the level of resource available in each district is outlined below:

	<b>Family Support</b>	<b>Domestic Abuse</b>	<b>Parenting</b>	<b>EHWB</b>
Burnley	40	32	26	35
Chorley	40	11	19	32
Fylde	16	20	14	26
Hyndburn	32	29	20	40
Lancaster	34	42	24	35
Pendle	34	36	21	35
Preston	54	34	0	57
Ribble Valley	30	11	13	22
Rossendale	29	18	23	26
South Ribble	41	10	18	26
West Lancashire	46	13	22	37
Wyre	25	31	18	26
<b>Lancashire Total</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>395</b>

This table reflects the number of families that can be supported per district, per theme during 2015/16. This number will be supplemented in some districts by utilising unused capacity from 2014/15 which can be rolled over into next years' allocation. This means that in some cases districts decided to reduce the percentage allocation to a theme as there was a significant level of remaining capacity. At the end of March 2015 a further communication will be shared illustrating the total capacity for 2015/16 inclusive of any carry over.

Data gathered from 2014/15 has showed that the Parenting service has been underutilised across many districts with feedback suggesting the delivery model was too narrow. Delivery to date has been solely the Strengthening Families programme but there was scope within the service specification to extend delivery to a variety of evidence based parenting programmes. For 2015/16 the provider will be offering a range of parenting programmes, details of which will be shared before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.

## **Reporting**

A single Outcomes Based Performance Framework has been developed which provides robust measurements to monitor and evaluate the impact on outcomes for children young people and their families. This process will also enable us to identify a strategic and management understanding of what interventions work to achieve positive outcomes.

Performance reports are produced on a quarterly basis and are published on the [Prevention and Early Help](#) website with accompanying anonymised case studies.