

Public Service Agreement – Target 2 “Promoting Quality of Life and Independence of Older People”

TEMPLATE FOR SHARING INFORMATION FOR ANNUAL REPORT

1.	Name of Target 2 Lead	
2.	Who does the Target 2 lead report to in the partner agency?	
3.	Has partner agency accessed pump priming money to set up a joint post?	
4.	Details: (i) Name of post (ii) Name of postholder (iii) Date commenced in post	
5.	List of work undertaken by postholder to promote quality of life and independence of older people	<p>Through Care & Repair, 1742 enquiries were dealt with for advice and support related to helping them to remain independent in their own homes. Of those, 27 people were assisted with Disabled Facilities Grant funded adaptations to their homes, 9 people were assisted with grants to improve their homes and 28 people were assisted to carry out repairs and improvements to their homes, which were funded by their own or other means.</p> <p>Advice and assistance have been provided to ensure that people are claiming their entitlement to benefits and charitable funding has been sourced to assist people to pay for works required in their homes, which is not eligible for grant funding.</p>

		<p>In addition, 1462 works have been carried out through the Handyperson Service, fitting minor aids and adaptations and carrying out small works around the home to prevent risk of accidents and keep people safe and secure in their homes.</p> <p>New targeted Private Sector Housing Renewal Policy implemented focussed on vulnerability. The Policy assists priority vulnerable groups including older people and people with disabilities. Specific assistance directly implemented to improve the quality of life and independence of older people including :-</p> <p>Home Health and Safety Assistance – to assist older owner occupiers on certain means tested benefits to carry out essential works of repair which present risks to the occupiers health and safety</p> <p>PHEEW (Promoting Home Energy Efficiency and Warmth) Grant – to assist older and/or disabled owner occupiers by providing an energy efficiency grant to reduce the incidence of Fuel Poverty amongst some of our most vulnerable residents.</p> <p>Wyred for Energy Scheme – this scheme offers residents of mobile and park homes (who are most often older people) the opportunity of home energy efficiency improvements through the installation of external wall insulation.</p> <p>Home Improve an equity loan scheme for low income home owners (targeted at equity rich but cash poor older home owners) to release equity in property to</p>
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6.	Has partner agency set any targets to monitor progress	Target set that all minor aids and adaptations fitted

	<p>against Target 2? If so, please supply details. For example: Waiting lists for OT assessment / new extra care sheltered housing / delivery of aids and equipment for daily living</p>	<p>within D54 timescales (7 days for all cases, 48 hours for hospital discharge cases)</p>
7.	<p>Is partner agency in regular contact with Social Services Locality Manager? If so, how often do they meet and in what forum? For example: Local Implementation Team, LSP Health & Well-Being Sub Group, Supporting People Strategy Group</p>	<p>Yes – Wyre Disabled Facilities Grant Priority Panel (bi-monthly), Wyre Extra Care Steering Group (Quarterly), Care and Repair (Wyre and Fylde) Steering Group (Quarterly), Wyre LSP Homes and Communities Theme Group (Quarterly).</p>
8.	<p>What are partner organisations objectives in relation to Target 2 for Year 3 (2005/6) of the PSA?</p>	<p>To continue working with partner agencies to identify and assist the most vulnerable and hardest to reach clients.</p> <p>To continue to provide services in people's homes which are preventative in nature, meeting people's needs to assist them to remain independent in their own homes</p> <p>Helping vulnerable people stay in their own homes when they choose to whilst ensuring that those who need supported housing can access it.</p> <p>To continue working with partner agencies to identify and assist the most vulnerable and hardest to reach clients.</p> <p>To continue to provide services in people's homes which are preventative in nature, meeting people's needs to assist them to remain independent in their own</p>

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9.	Concerns/Issues (Please feel free to describe any concerns or issues you have around Target 2)	<p>Funding for the Handyperson Service was committed initially only to September 2005 by Lancashire Social Services. Without that funding continued delivery of the service could not be assured, which would adversely affect Target 2.</p> <p>Whilst we strive to ensure that those vulnerable clients that choose to can live in their own homes we also must work to ensure that sufficient affordable sheltered housing is available for the Boroughs residents. The provision of support for older people in their own homes must not be pursued to the exclusion of ensuring sufficient sheltered housing provision is available.</p>

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