

**Central Forward Project – Consultation with Focus Groups**

*NHS Central Lancashire and Lancashire Drug and Alcohol Action Team (LDAAT), a government sponsored organisation, jointly fund the alcohol and drug services that are available across Central Lancashire. We are currently re-shaping these to ensure services best meet the needs of people living and working in this area.*

*The purpose of this short questionnaire is to find out what awareness, understanding, experiences and expectations people have of alcohol and drug services in Central Lancashire. The answers you provide in this questionnaire are totally anonymous.*

**Focus Group title:**

Improving drug and alcohol services for the people of Central Lancashire

**Focus Group Questions:**

Please answer the following questions as fully as you can. The answers you give could help improve the services on offer and how they are delivered, so that they better meet the needs of the individual.

*Definitions –*

**Central Lancs** – *this is the term used to describe the Preston, Chorley, South Ribble and West Lancs areas.*

**Drug and alcohol services** – *services that provide support and treatment for individual people who use or misuse drugs and/or alcohol.*

The questions we would like to ask are:

- 1) What do you understand by the term - “drug and alcohol services”?

- 2) Would you know how to contact drug and alcohol services? If so where?

- 3) Who do you think drug and alcohol services are available to?

4) What experiences have you, or anyone you know, had in trying to contact drug and alcohol services? And how would you describe the service you received and why?

5) How do you think more information in Central Lancs should be provided about drug and alcohol services?

6) What do you think people need from a drug and alcohol service?

7) In what ways do you think drug and alcohol services could be improved in future?

**Any further comments?**

**Thank you for completing this questionnaire – please return to:  
[centralforward@centrallancashire.nhs.uk](mailto:centralforward@centrallancashire.nhs.uk) by Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 2009**

**If you or someone you know would like more information about drug and alcohol services across Central Lancashire please contact Lancashire Drug and Alcohol Action Team (LDAAT) on 01772 777065 who will provide contact details for the services you may need.**