

Stakeholder Bulletin



Blackburn with Darwen Integrated Prevention and Recovery Service

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24 Hour Helpline

We have been able to assertively engage any treatment naïve clients through the 24 hour helpline; thus offering support into service from our team.

The 24 hour Helpline is available for service users and stakeholders, on **01254 495014**

Access and Engagement

Open Access is available to everyone and is a way of being assessed for services without needing an appointment.

Open Access has now moved to Inspire House, Exchange Street. We also have sessions in Darwen, at The Resource Centre and Darwen Health Centre.

Open Access has been positively received by both service users and partner agencies. Future plans include having a staff team based within the Transforming Lives Partnership in Darwen to strengthen multi agency working and increase the provision in the area.

Health and Wellbeing

Our nursing team are busy promoting health and wellbeing via the Health and Wellbeing Suite. HIV and Hepatitis testing via dry blood spot kits, harm reduction advice and Hepatitis B Vaccinations are all available as part of our professional and confidential service. The Nursing team are also working closely with the Hospital Alcohol Liaison Service to ensure that recovery pathways are in place to support access to treatment and support.

Go2

Our Young Person's service, Go2 has now identified a logo. We also have an active Facebook page which can be accessed following this link: <https://www.facebook.com/go2bwd>

Open Access for young people is delivered at the venues and times below:

The Everybody Centre

Barbara Castle Way Health Centre, Simmons Street, Blackburn, BB2 1AX

Monday-Friday, 1pm-5pm

Reach Out

15 Ash Grove, Darwen, BB3 3AH

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1pm-5pm

Getting in Touch

For our Adult Integrated Prevention and Recovery service, call: **01254 495014** (press option 1 for Regent House, option 2 for Inspire House)

For our Young Persons Drug and Alcohol service, call: **01254 495052**.

Like us on Facebook

ADULTS: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Inspire-Blackburn-with-Darwen-Integrated-Prevention-and-Recovery-Service>

YOUNG PEOPLE: <https://www.facebook.com/go2bwd>

Volunteering Opportunities

Inspire are looking for enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers to support our services across Blackburn with Darwen. If you know of anyone hoping to gain valuable skills and experience, or give something back to the community, please check our website for vacancies, or contact our volunteer and mentor coordinator— Sionadh.Curtis@cri.org.uk to discuss.



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Engaging Communities

The Asset Based Community Development Coordinator has been busy developing community engagement opportunities. Several events have been attended by staff, volunteers and service users including, the Mela organised by One Voice, Big Lunch at Café Hub and Smile for a Mile fun run. Service users have also established a fishing group and the first trip is planned for mid-August. Other activities and events will be promoted through our Facebook page, details on page 3.

Counselling Service

The Counselling Service is brand new to Blackburn with Darwen and we are working closely with several local Universities and Colleges to recruit student counsellors. Successful candidates will be offered full training and supported to deliver services by our Counselling Co-ordinator. The Counselling Service currently has 2 students recruited who are undergoing induction with a view to start seeing service users at the beginning of September. For further details please contact: Claire.hastings@cri.org.uk

Training

A programme of training will be available from September onwards. We are keen to recruit 'Service Ambassadors' and 'Community Champions' to come along and gain skills and knowledge required in order to be able to respond effectively and reduce drug and alcohol related harm. If you would like to know more please contact Angela.D.Woods@cri.org.uk

Think Families

We are working closely with partners to strengthen the links between our service and others supporting families in the Blackburn with Darwen area. Our aim is to ensure that care packages are co-ordinated and support is identified with a focus on the whole family; a key part of the Transforming Lives agenda.

Future areas for development include closer working with the Blackburn with Darwen Carers Service, Offering support at the 'Your Support Your Choice' drop-ins and skilling up Community Champions in local community centres to enable greater access to the right information at the right time.

Education Training and Employment

We are working closely with The Work Company who are taking a lead on employment and training opportunities for services users as part of promoting long term recovery. Staff have now been recruited and are now actively offering support to service users. Engagement with local employers and training organisations has already begun and is already having a positive impact.

For further detail contact: Claire.knighton@theworkcompany.co.uk

Right Angles

Inspire are pleased to announce the launch of a new fishing club, available to all, from the novice to the experienced fisherman. Meetings are held at Regent House, with the next trip planned for August. For details, contact Mel Cowan or Paul Lavin.

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