

Ambitious plans to improve health and wellbeing in Lancashire communities have brought over £1,200,000 into the county.

Lancashire County Council, working in partnership with other organisations in Chorley and Rossendale, won the cash in a bidding round for a share of almost £90million of government money.

The aim of the project is to save money long-term by working together and intervening early, before people's problems get worse.

Under the working title of Living Well, Living Better, Lancashire County Council has teamed up with Chorley Council and Rossendale Borough Council, as well as hospital trusts and clinical commissioning groups, to improve residents' health, education and job prospects and reduce the demands on services.

The project will run as a pilot in the two districts before being rolled out to the rest of the county.

The aim is that early intervention will lead to better physical and mental health, including:

- Reduced residential care
- Reduced GP and A&E attendance
- Improved mental health
- Fewer housing evictions
- Improved employment prospects

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