

RENAISSANCE IMPACT REPORT 2022-2023





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A MESSAGE FROM OUR

Chair



“We are happy to report that all of our core services met their targets and objectives; many exceeded and the community services we deliver bring much added value to local statutory services. This can be attributed to the hard work and dedication of project staff and the operational guidance from the Management team. The Management team have worked hard to represent the charity at all relevant forums and have continued to grow and build on the existing relationships with all partners, funders and commissioners, meaning the reputation of the charity continues to prove very positive.

Trustees continue to lead our charity successfully; attending bespoke Trustee Days, undertaking training and development as well as looking at recruitment of new members, with areas of expertise identified as best placed to help the charity meet its ultimate goals and aspirations, we look forward to another successful year”



A MESSAGE FROM OUR *Directors*

2022 – 23 has seen the continued successful delivery of our long term contracts: the Blackpool Horizon service including the Blackpool ADDER Project, gaining national acclaim for its forward thinking approach to delivering drug services; and in 2023 moving into the OASIS Project, supporting multi-disadvantaged people in Blackpool, and the Lancashire and Blackburn Healthier Living Services. The closure of the Changing Futures Project managed by Selnet (Social Enterprise Lancashire Network) meant the end of a 4-year delivery of services to the most vulnerable of our service user group.

The achievements attained during our time delivering the service have been excellent, with our Changing Futures Transformational Coaches being presented with the 'Striving for Equality Award' at the Selnet Enterprise in Society Awards 2022 for their outstanding work and commitment towards our clients. Healthy financial decisions have been taken in the period, with target alignment with budgets ensuring the charity meets its objectives, obligations and responsibilities. The period has seen continued investment in interior décor and structural maintenance and refurbishment of the heritage building taking place, ensuring the continuation of service delivery in years to come, and a safe, well maintained, clean and welcoming place for our service users to access support.

The service continues to work towards the Strategic Action Plan 2021–2024 with Trustees, Senior Managers, Managers and Workers tasked with actions to maximise the effectiveness of the organisation and achieve goals and objectives, also utilising ideas and feedback from beneficiaries and stakeholders.



WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

Our Vision

Renaissance-UK is a dynamic and innovative service offering quality, community focused sexual health and substance use services. We specialise in supporting individuals to reduce harm, we offer specialist support, and we aim to move people forward in their lives by means of empowerment.

Our Mission

Renaissance-UK; A world with empowered individuals, building stronger and healthier communities and reducing the risk of harm.



FUNDED SERVICES 2022-2023

Horizon Blackpool

- Drug and Alcohol Assertive Outreach
- HIV Prevention and Support
- Hep C Support
- Needle Exchange and Naloxone Delivery
- OASIS Enhanced Key Working
- Sex Worker Outreach and Support
- LGBTQ+ Groups
- M2M Clinic
- Big Sexy Bus
- Sexual Health Outreach
- Postal Condom Service

Healthier Living Lancashire and Blackburn with Darwen

- HIV Prevention and Support
- Sexual Health Outreach
- Be PrEPed
- Patricia the PrEP Bus

HIV Testing and Local
Activation partner activity

Employment support for those with
barriers to accessing the labour
market in particular LGBTQ+
individuals and those living with
HIV to move them towards
employment.

OUR ANNUAL IMPACT

HORIZON DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT

340

Individuals supported to access Hep C treatment

303

Take Home Naloxone Kits Delivered

338

Prescriptions delivered to those at risk of dropping out of Horizon prescribing treatment

3,112

Outreach Sessions delivered to those at risk of dropping out of Horizon Treatment

58

Individuals completing Hep C treatment

214910

Needles and Harm reduction packs given out via NX services

491

Individuals re-engaged with treatment services as a direct result of outreach



"The first step for many people is asking for help. When that happens, we want to be there to provide everything they need."

OUR ANNUAL IMPACT

HORIZON NON CLINICAL SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES

36

LGBTQ+ group sessions delivered offering peer support and meaningful activities

32

Individuals working in the sex industry supported via outreach

6,543

Digital Connections offered

44

Bespoke Sexual Health Clinics delivered from our base at 102 Dickson Road

23

Sex on premises venues supported with events, outreach and safer sex packs

82

Public Sex environment outreach sessions delivered



OUR ANNUAL IMPACT

HIV PREVENTION AND SUPPORT AND SEXUAL HEALTH OUTREACH

223

HIV tests delivered to at risk groups in the community

38

Public Sex environment outreach sessions delivered

9000+

Safer sex packs distributed via outreach, events and postal scheme

87

Individuals given specialist HIV Support

462

PrEP interventions delivered via outreach and events

312

Referrals made to other services



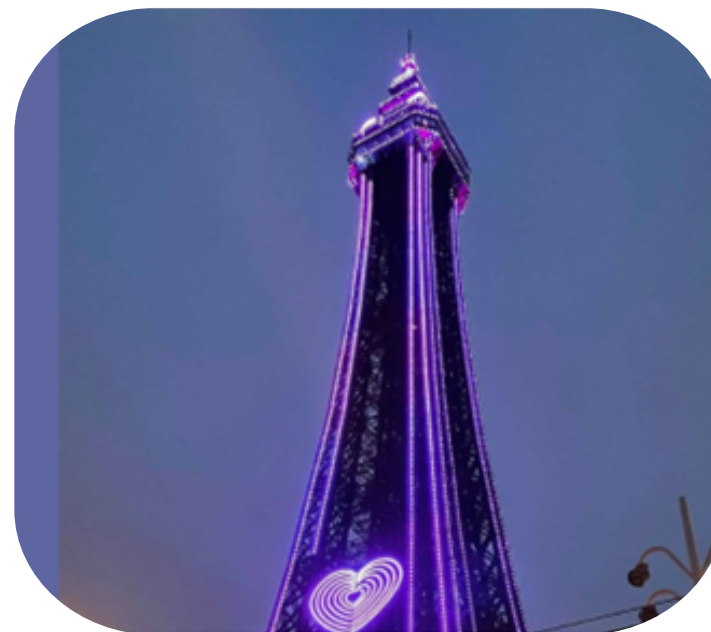


Highlights and Achievements - Q1



- Naloxone and Harm reduction training delivered to Public Health and Blackpool Council.
- 22 individuals were supported to stay in Horizon treatment with support at home from our Assertive Outreach team.
- Needle exchange contracts with pharmacies were renewed.
- We started work on the 'Green Dot Bystander Initiative' with Blackpool Council.
- We attended the Volunteer Expo event at Birmingham NEC.
- A Pop up Sexual Health stall and fundraising event was held at Manbar Blackpool.
- We worked with UKHSA to develop Monkeypox guidance for local venues and saunas.
- Our Sexual Health Manager leading a Panel at the Annual BHIVA Conference.
- The whole team supported Blackpool Pride.
- LGBTQ+ group Allies joined up with Empowerment to take part in the #70yearsaqween project which was shown over Pride weekend.
- Volunteers week was celebrated 1st to 7th June with a thank you event.

Highlights and Achievements - Q2



- We completed a PrEP consultation with 115 participants, the aim was to raise awareness of PrEP and increase the uptake as well as consultation around branding campaign materials.
- Freshers Week Blackpool was attended by our Volunteer Coordinator and PrEP Lead to raise awareness, sexual health interventions were delivered throughout the week.
- We supported Preston Pride which was one of the busiest yet in the town, we delivered 130 interventions on the day.
- 29 sexual health screens and advice sessions were taken up via our partnership working with Serco who house asylum seekers in the Lancashire area.
- World Hep C day and International Overdose Awareness Day events were coordinated by the Drug and Alcohol teams.
- Group members attended Salmesbury Hall for a Five Ways to Wellbeing event.
- The Harm Reduction manager contributed to the Homeless Hub Evaluation.
- We supported HIV Prevention England's, 'Long Hot Summer' campaign via our social media platforms and increased outreach in the period.

Highlights and Achievements - Q3

October to December is always a busy time of year for us, we supported and we attended.....

- World AIDS Day.
- Alcohol Awareness Week.
- Trans Awareness Week.
- International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers.
- Allies Peer Led Christmas celebrations and Health and Wellbeing Events.
- Early morning homeless outreach.
- The Annual HIT Conference.
- Self Care Week.
- Sexual Health Awareness Week.
- Fylde and Wyre Integrated Care Board Homeless Health Hub Evaluation.
- Stakeholder Workshop : Sexual Health strategy for Blackpool.
- Bacterial Infections Workshop.





Highlights and Achievements - Q4



- To coincide with the start of National HIV Testing Week 2023, “Be PrEPed” at Renaissance UK, in partnership with Lancashire Sexual Health Services and Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, launches “Patricia – The Little Sexy Bus” to promote PrEP within underserved communities across Lancashire.
- Green Dot Bystander Training was launched and the full Ren-UK team became champions by being one of the first teams to receive and deliver the training across Blackpool.
- The Hep C Community Outreach Worker delivered Hep C testing training to service partners Delphi Medical at Winstone House.
- As part of International Women’s Day 2023, the Adder Team hosted a pamper day for the women we support.
- International Women's Day was celebrated across the service and with an online campaign presence.
- LGBT History month events were held with our display boards doing a tour of the county.
- Our Transformational Coaches closed the service in style by receiving recognition at, The Selnet Enterprise Annual Awards.

"Thank you for all your support with getting me to my appointment at the new Fatima health centre. As you know, I didn't have a clue how to get there, and having to navigate several buses would have increased my anxiety, so having you support me to get to my appointment was great. I now know where it's located and also have a visual of where the bus stop is and which number bus to take for future appointments."



"Hi All, just want to say thank you to Freddie and Leanne for supporting last minute getting some extra Naloxone's out to the hostels. Plus, thanks to you all you're an amazing team xx"

"Great presentations, extremely helpful and detailed with information. I knew the basics on HIV but I didn't know the science behind it so that was great, thanks."



Avishek Choudhury @Avishek... · 24 May

Replying to @captainiberia

Nope, I couldn't do it, I ended up not getting enough blood into the small tube - but luckily I have @HorizonLGBTQ to go that can do my bloods for me 😊



"You are an absolute Legend, for the 1st time since this ordeal began, I feel it all floating away. Thank you for everything you, Nina and your office for all that you have done in order to protect me and to make me feel safe. I've just left Oak House now and I'm moving in tomorrow until I can get somewhere secured."

"I booked the activities for my daughter and they gave me all support you directed me to; thank you am so grateful for to have you as my support worker."

OUR IMPACT VIA FEEDBACK

VOLUNTEER IMPACT

We offer a range of volunteering roles right across the service !

What you can expect from us:

- Rich and diverse experiences
- A welcoming and supportive team
- Training and career opportunities
- Expenses will be paid
- Events and connections

Our volunteers contributed over 200 hours to the service in 22/23 which equates to just short of £10k in monetary value of valuable services given to support our community!



**Volunteer
with us!**



Find out more:
[www.ren-uk.com/
volunteering](http://www.ren-uk.com/volunteering)



How can you help?

- Drug and alcohol outreach
- Sexual Health outreach
- HIV Practitioner support
- Counselling and CBT therapists
- LGBTQ+ group support

**Apply
today!**

Volunteer Testimonial

“I began volunteering for Renaissance, due to my interest in the service and what they had to offer to people in Blackpool. I spent my time volunteering at different events such as Pride and World Aid’s Day. However, I would spend most of my time volunteering on the Big Sexy Bus and at The Metropole Hotel assisting in testing for Hep C, Hep B, and HIV. This gave me an insight into the clients that are supported by Renaissance and gave me the confidence to work with a diverse range of people. After a short time volunteering, I was offered the role of Drug and Alcohol Assertive Outreach Worker. Volunteering for Renaissance meant that I could gain the necessary skills to begin my new job!”

FINANCIAL REPORT



REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number 03723917 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number 1076154

Registered office 102 Dickson Road Blackpool FY1 2BU

Trustees

P T Curwen (resigned 1/7/2022)

Ms L Edwards

Ms P Isherwood

M A Jones

Ms J Singleton

Mrs Y Bairstow

Ms D Ghashghaei (appointed 17/8/2022)

Ms J C M Anderson (appointed 17/8/2022)

Auditors Wallwork Nelson & Johnson Chartered

Accountants & Statutory Auditors Chandler House 7 Ferry

Road Office Park Riversway Preston Lancashire PR2 2YH

Income - £1,379,985

£14,488

Donations and Legacies

£1,361,077

Charitable Activity Funding

£4,315

Other Trading Activity

Expenditure - £1,228,098

£26,399

Support Costs

£6,108

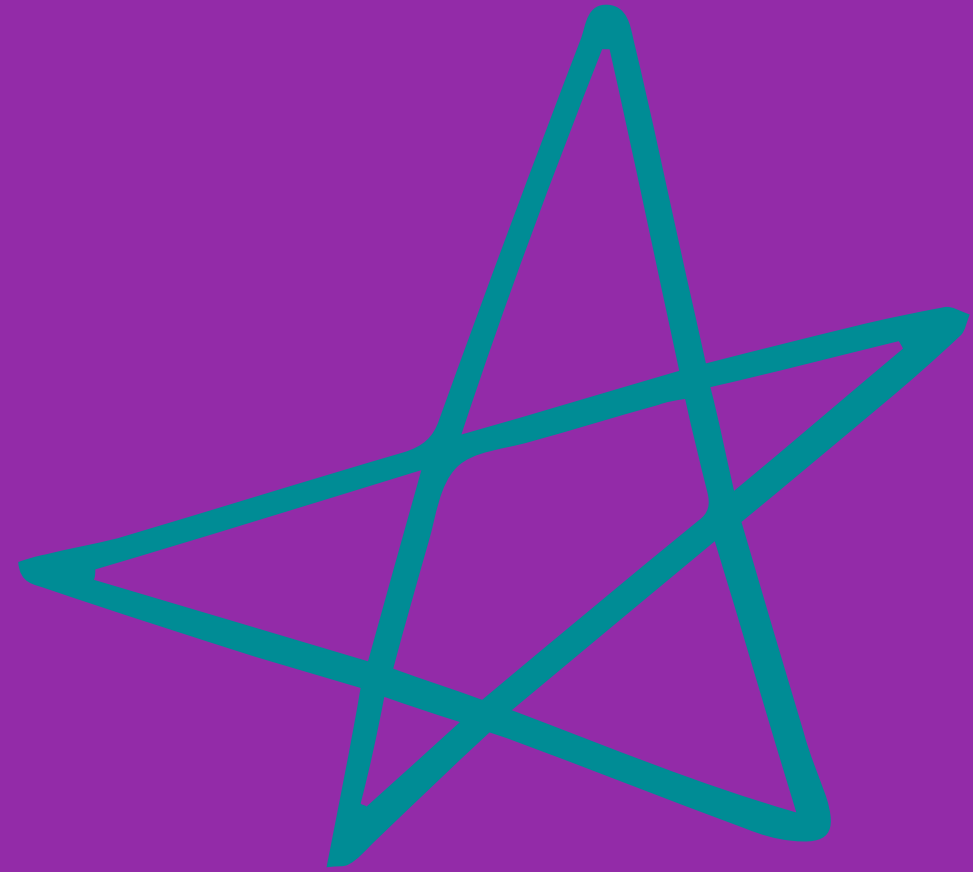
Governance costs

£1,037,778

Provision of services

£157,813

Management and Admin



Thank you 

Public Health, Blackpool Council
Lancashire County Council
Blackburn with Darwen Council
Selnet Enterprises
HIV Prevention England
Terrence Higgins Trust
Mardis Gras Blackpool
Manbar Blackpool
Flying Handbag Blackpool
Blackpool Teaching Hospitals
Delphi Medical
Empowerment
Brook Sexual Health Charity
Dan Westwood – Patron

**TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS, FUNDERS, PARTNERS AND VOLUNTEERS
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR..HERE ARE JUST A FEW OF THEM**

RENAISSANCE

A New Dawn for Substance Misuse and Sexual Health Services

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building stronger and healthier communities
and reducing the risk of harm.



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