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# Commissioning

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Commissioning is the process by which public authorities plan the services that are needed by people who live in the local area. Blackpool Council needs to ensure that services are available for people of Blackpool, are of high quality, appropriate to their needs and give good value for money.

Strategic commissioning is the process of long term planning which ensures that resources are used in the right way at the right time to meet demand and need. A key stage of the process is the involvement of local residents ensuring that we are delivering appropriate services to people, families and their carers.

Blackpool Council has published a new commissioning strategy for adult and children's social care for 2015 to 2018. The strategy document has been prepared following consultations with providers of adult and children's services, users of local services and with the local voluntary and community sector.

The strategy will contribute to this by

- Ensuring there is a consistent approach to commissioning
- Ensuring that commissioning activity is planned and co-ordinated
- Ensuring we are clear about the outcomes that will be delivered
- Ensuring that we are able to monitor these outcomes and that a robust process for review is in place
- Ensuring that all interested stakeholders have an opportunity to participate in the process

## We welcome feedback

You can give your feedback you can email [contracts.team@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:contracts.team@blackpool.gov.uk) please mark the subject commissioning feedback

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