



## **The National Lottery Community Funded Safety First Project Reaches an End**

The Safety First Team would like to thank the National Lottery Community Fund for their generous sponsorship which has allowed us to offer additional support to disabled people from Preston, Chorley and South Ribble over the last three years.

From November 2021, we have been funded to support disabled people maintain their safety at home, in personal relationships and within their local communities. With the help of local partners, disabled people, volunteers, friends and allies we have provided a range of 121 support sessions, group activities, events and support to report crimes and incidents to the Police.

To all of our volunteers who so generously gave up their time, the marvelous support of partner Organisations and to each and every one of our stakeholders...

**Thank you - we couldn't have done it without you!**

The project ends on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024, after that date calls or text messages to the Safety First mobile number 07841017472 or email address [safetyfirst@disability-equality.org.uk](mailto:safetyfirst@disability-equality.org.uk) may not get picked up, but you can still reach DENW by emailing [hello@disability-equality.org.uk](mailto:hello@disability-equality.org.uk).

DENW will continue to act as a 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Hate Crime Reporting Centre and will continue to support victims of hate crimes and incidents in conjunction with other local support services. If you would like more details, please telephone Reception on **01772 558863** and ask to speak to an advisor.

**All trained hate crime ambassadors will continue their work in the community.**

Other Organisations such as – Lancashire Victims Services and Stop Hate UK operate the **Stop Hate Line** which provides support to people affected by Hate Crime motivated by disability, gender identity, race religion or sexual orientation. You can contact them by phone on **0808**

**802 1155** its manned by volunteers 24 hours a day, leave a message and they will get back to you.

**Please note:** The Safe and Well calls that started to provide help during the Covid pandemic will end on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024, as the pandemic has now ended and there are now many Organisations and self- help Groups providing emotional support. Organisations such as:

Mental Health helpline: **0800 953 0110**

Lancashire Mind: **01257 231660**

The NHS provide emotional support in relation to health and wellbeing, you can contact the free helpline on **0800 915 4640** or by texting **Hello to 07860 022 846**

Age UK & The Silver Line is a free confidential telephone service for older people who provide friendship, conversation and support 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Call them for free on **0800 470 80 90**

The Safety First Team have made a difference and disabled people in the Preston area have told us they now feel much safer, with improved confidence and a greater sense of well-being as a result of the project.

Keep Safe

The Safety First Team

Your feedback is really important to us – to leave comments and complete a short survey please click on the link below which will take you to Survey Hero.

<https://www.surveyhero.com/c/safetyfirst>