**Population health case studies (11)**

**Ryelands Community Space Project**

**What was the issue we were trying to resolve/why was it needed?**

To create a healthy community for the people, children and families of Ryelands Estate in the focussed ward of Skerton West, Lancaster District, to provide a space to thrive, opportunities for social integration and improve physical and mental health and wellbeing. The ward is one of six focused wards in the Lancaster District with a disproportionate number of emergency admissions recorded.

**Who was it aimed at?**

People, children and families living on the Ryelands Estate, in the focussed ward of Skerton West.

**Summary of the project**

To work with partners and the residents of the Ryelands Estate to develop a community park/open space for use by all people, children and families on the estate to improve their health and wellbeing.

**Who was involved – partnership approach for example?**

The work involved a partnership approach from L&SC ICB, Integrated Care Community, NHS primary care, Lancaster CVS and Lancaster County Council.

**When did it start/finish (is it ongoing)?**

Work began in 2023 and continues to date. Funding opportunities are being explored to support the work as it moves forward.

**What area was/is it delivered in?**

The focussed ward of Skerton West in Lancaster District.

**How did the team go about delivering it?**

* Listen to the voice of the residents via engagement and consultation.
* Attend frequent meetings with the residents association.
* Keep in regular contact with the lead from the resident’s association.
* Provide strategic support to the work.
* Work with the residents to understand the improvements on the estate and break this down into phases to move the work forward:
	+ Zone 1 – Playground – phase 1
	+ Zone 2 – Community open space – phase 3 & 4
	+ Zone 3 – Multi-use games area (MUGA) – phase 2
* Develop a timeline and project plan alongside a funding strategy provided by Lancaster CVS.
* Provide support to the tender process.

**What were the main outcomes/impacts for people?**

Established trust and built relationships with the lead of the estate resident association and residents of the estate. Next steps include completion of a planning exercise, secure costs and play equipment providers for phase 1, hold further consultation with residents for the design stage and make applications to funding providers.

**Are there any comments/statements from people it helped?**

**Please see supporting information below:**

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