

Family Hubs Network Rossendale Partners

Rossendale Newsletter, October 2025

Operation Lester: Spiking Intensification Week (15–21 Sept 2025)

Lancashire Violence Reduction Network is supporting Operation Lester, a national campaign tackling spiking in nightlife settings. With students returning to university, the focus is on raising awareness, encouraging early reporting, and dispelling myths. Spiking is now recognised as a standalone offence, and police are using covert tactics to protect potential victims. Everyone can help by sharing key messages, watching for signs, and reporting incidents.



Licensing SAVI – Offers practical tools and posters for licensed venues to prevent drink spiking and promote safety.

Lancashire Police Spiking Advice – Provides myth-busting facts and guidance on how to respond to suspected spiking.

Home Office Enough Campaign – Includes downloadable assets and messaging to raise awareness and encourage reporting.

NPCC Spiking Assets – A collection of social media graphics and messages to share across your networks.

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

Youth homelessness is a growing concern in Lancashire, with over **6,000 households** assessed as homeless or at risk in the past year. For professionals working with young people, it's vital to understand how to respond effectively and ensure they get the right support.

Lancashire County Council provides clear guidance for supporting **16–17-year-olds** who are homeless or at risk. This includes working together with Children's Social Care and local housing teams to assess needs and offer support. Young people may be supported as a **Child in Need** or become **Looked After** depending on their situation.

- [Helping Young People to Avoid Becoming Homeless](#)
- [Support for 16–17 Year Olds at Risk](#)
- [Lancashire Insight: Homeless Households Data](#)

CAFÉ AND CONNECT



We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to support our Café and Connect sessions, offering a warm welcome and valuable assistance to local families. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact us via the Rossendalefamilyhub@lancashire.gov.uk

Upcoming sessions will be held at

The Maden Family Hub - Monday, 3rd November from 9:30 to 11:30 am

Rawtenstall Family Hub and the Zone - Friday, 7th November from 9:30 to 11:30 am

Your support can make a real difference in our community!



The Hub For US

Your Voice · Info · Support
Us includes you, me, them, and everyone in between

Speak Up
Your ideas matter.
Help shape local services by sharing what's important to you.

Find Help Fast
Need something?
We'll point you in the right direction—services, resources, and more.

RAWTENSTALL FAMILY HUB

The Old Fire Station, Rawtenstall, BB4 8EW
The **First Thursday** of the month, **9:30-11am from September**

HASLINGDEN FAMILY HUB

Haslingden Community Link, Bury Rd, BB4 5PG
The **Second Thursday** of the month, **9:30-11am from September**

MADEN FAMILY HUB

Rochdale Rd, Bacup, OL13 9NZ
The **Third Thursday** of the month, **9:30-11am from September**

Can't attend? Join us via Microsoft Teams during the sessions!

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