**Advice Link Partnership (ALP)**

**Membership Information Form**

**October 2014**

# The Advice Link Partnership (ALP) is an independent body formed to represent the community of advice organisations delivering frontline advice services across Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre.

The focus will be on the FOUR main areas of social welfare law: *debt, employment, housing and welfare benefits.*

Its role is to provide a forum for discussion, dissemination of information and the co-ordination and collaboration of its member activities, in order to increase the effectiveness, capacity and quality of frontline community advice.

The overall purpose of the Advice Link Partnership (ALP) is:

**To maximize the effective delivery of frontline community advice\*\* by member organisations for the benefit of the residents of Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre.**

**\*\***The definition of advice for this purpose is as defined by Advice Services Alliance AQS standard:

* *Offering a diagnosis of the client’s enquiry and explaining the legal issues involved*
* *Giving information and explaining options*
* *Identifying further action the client can take*
* *Providing some assistance e.g. contacting third parties to seek information or filling in forms*

**ALP membership is open to statutory and non-statutory organisations and agencies delivering frontline advice\*\* and other interested parties.**

Members are expected to

* promote the Partnership and show commitment to its development and success
* encourage representation from all advice sectors
* be willing to take part in the Partnership referral protocol
* participate in surveys, research and project task groups to promote effective partnership working
* be willing to work to an appropriate quality standard relevant to their organisation
* be willing to share information on the services they deliver across Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre

Membership is administered by the ALP Secretariat.

Membership benefits may be withdrawn if members behave in ways that are not in accordance with these terms of reference and/or not conducive to the effective working of the Partnership. Such a ruling will be taken by majority decision at the first available Steering Group meeting.

**If you would like to be a member of the ALP please complete the attached form to help us fulfil the above purpose. If you have questions about membership please contact one of us.**

# Regards

# The ALP Steering Group

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**Please complete and return to** **alp@disabilityfirst.org**

# Advice Link Partnership Membership Information

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|  | **Your Name** |  |
|  | **Your Role** |  |
|  | **Organisation** |  |
|  | **Postal Address** |  |
|  | **Postcode** |  |
|  | **E mail**  |  |
|  | **Tel No** |  |
|  | **Sector:**Please tick as many as apply |

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| Registered Charity |  | Private sector |  |
| Public sector |  | Not for profit sector |  |
| Community / Voluntary/ Faith Organisation |  |

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| Other please state |  |

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|  | **Your advice area of interest**Please tick as many as apply | **The focus will be on the 4 main areas of social welfare law:** ***debt, employment, housing and welfare benefits.***

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| Debt |  | Housing |  |
| Employment |  | Welfare benefits |  |

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|  | **The geographical area your service covers**  | Please tick as many as apply

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| Blackpool |  |  |  |
| Fylde |  |  |  |
| Wyre  |  |  |  |
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| Other please state |  |  |  |

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|  | **Please let us know of any special access or communication requirements you want us to be aware of** |
|  | **Are you a member of a national body? If yes, please let us know which?** |
|  | **Does your Organisation hold a current Quality Standard?****If yes, please state which?** |

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