

£23k grant for charity

DISABILITY Advice West Lancs (DAWL) has been awarded a £22,900 grant to help streamline and maintain their information and advice systems for disabled people and carers in West Lancashire.

The grant will mean that the charity will be expanding its services to:

- Help disabled people and carers access improved up to date, accurate information advice and support that broadens their choices.
- Be part of a team that maximises welfare income to people's quality of life.
- Support volunteers to gain skills & experience to achieve their goals.

This service will mainly be delivered from the charity's Whelmar House 2nd floor office adjacent to the Concourse Shopping Centre in Skelmersdale. Anyone wanting help can call into the office in person or can call the 0800 220676 freephone number

The 1981-established Queen's Award-winning charity provides high quality, confidential



Manager Tony Lewis

information, advice and support to disabled people and their carers in West Lancashire, which enables them to make informed choices about how they wish to live their lives.

Examples of services provided include: information & advice about equipment, holidays, budgeting, leisure, mobility,

community care, transport, tribunal representation, welfare benefits, form-filling and signposting. The team deals with over 6,000 enquiries each year and generates more than a million pounds in welfare benefit income for clients.

Tony Lewis, Manager at DAWL said: "This resource is very important to our clients as it offers holistic choices to adopt healthy lifestyles and to improve people's lives."

Paul Streets, Chief Executive of Lloyds Bank Foundation said: "I am delighted to confirm that a two-year grant has been approved. We wish Disability Advice West Lancs every success with their work."

The charity is also looking to offer opportunities to new volunteers and Board members. Please contact Marie Hackney on 01695 51819, email her on mariehackney@dawl.org.uk or look on the new website www.dawl.org.uk for more information.