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This handbook is a tool to help you make most of the Strategy for an Ageing Population. We hope that it will also encourage organisations with an interest in improving the lives of older people to work in partnership. It is aimed at older people and staff and managers in all sectors.

The first part of the strategy covers 10 years up to 2015. It aims to respond to changes in Lancashire's population. You can find details of this in the executive summary and in chapter 1.

How to use the handbook

The strategy provides several references and electronic links to the handbook. These links will take you to more specific information and useful ideas on using the strategy.

You can use your handbook as:

- a toolkit for preparing documents (for example, an impact assessment chart and strategy analysis framework);
- a resource for additional information on how we developed the strategy; and
- a source of data and links to information on local and national policy.

Finally, circumstances will change and we will need to update the handbook regularly. We will be asking partner organisations to help us do this, so that the document remains relevant to everyone.