



Wednesday, 11 June 2025

Dear Member

## **South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board**

You are requested to attend a meeting of the above Board to be held as follows:-

**Date: Wednesday, 18 June 2025**

**Time: 13:00**

**Venue: By Microsoft Teams,**

The business to be considered at the meeting is listed overleaf.

### **Members**

Councillor Joe Fagan

Paul Manning, Chief Executive

John Binning, Principal Policy Officer, **Strathclyde Partnership for Transport**

Cheryl Burnett, Representative, **Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership**

Christine Calder, Manager, **Seniors Together**

Julie Coyle, Area Manager, **Skills Development Scotland**

Stephen Frew, Partnerships (West), Place Directorate, Scottish Economic Development, **Scottish Enterprise**

Clare Hicks, Director of Education Reform, **Scottish Government**

Martin Hill, Chair, **NHS Lanarkshire Board**

Thomas Keay, Group Commander, **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service**

Jennifer Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, Finance and Corporate Resources

Hisashi Kuboyama, Development Manager, West of Scotland, **Federation of Small Businesses**

Tom Little, Head of Communications and Strategy

Louise Long, Chief Executive, **NHS Lanarkshire**

Catriona Mason, Chairperson, **Seniors Together**

Stella McManus, Principal and Chief Executive, **South Lanarkshire College**

Kay Morrison, Chief Executive, **South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture**

Stephen Nesbit, Area Commander, **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service**

Elizabeth O'Reilly, Head of Campus Services, **University of the West of Scotland**

Josephine Pravinkumar, Director of Public Health, **NHS Lanarkshire**

Soumen Sengupta, Director, **South Lanarkshire University Health and Social Care Partnership**

Andrew Thomson, Superintendent (Partnerships), **Police Scotland**

Vicky Watson, Chief Superintendent, **Police Scotland**

Jimmy Wilson, Interim Chief Executive, **VASLan**

## BUSINESS

### 1 Declaration of Interests

- 2 **Note of Previous Meeting** 5 - 12  
Note of the meeting of the Community Planning Partnership Board held on 5 March 2025 submitted for approval as a correct record. (Copy attached)

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### Monitoring Item(s)

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- 3 **Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership Update** 13 - 20  
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### Item(s) for Discussion/Decision

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- 11 **South Lanarkshire's Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) Update Report** 109 - 116  
Report dated 5 June 2025 by the Interim Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources), South Lanarkshire Council. (Copy attached)

- 12 **Director of Public Health Annual Report 2024** 117 - 190  
Report dated 5 June 2025 (copy attached) and presentation by the Director of Public Health and Health Policy, NHS Lanarkshire.
- 13 **Marmot Place Project Update - Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland** 191 - 196  
Report dated 28 May 2025 by the Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council (copy attached) and presentation by the Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council.

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- 14 **Community Planning Bulletin** 197 - 226
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- 15 **South Lanarkshire Register of Information** 227 - 232  
Report dated 5 June 2025 by the Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council. (Copy attached)
- 16 **Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 17 September 2025**

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**Any Other Competent Business**

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- 17 **Any Other Competent Business**  
Any other items of business which the Chair decides are competent.

***For further information, please contact:-***

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## **SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

Note of meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 5 March 2025

### **Chair:**

Councillor Joe Fagan, Leader, South Lanarkshire Council

### **Partners Present:**

A Boyle, Non-Executive Director, NHS Lanarkshire  
 C Burnett, Representative, Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership  
 C Calder, Manager, Seniors Together  
 A Comrie, Senior Transport Planner, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport  
 S Dolan, Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland  
 J Foley, Skills Development Scotland  
 S Frew, Partnership (West), Place Directorate, Scottish Economic Development, Scottish Enterprise  
 C Hicks, Director of Education Reform, Scottish Government  
 J Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, Chief Executive's Office, South Lanarkshire Council  
 C Lauder, Interim Chief Executive, NHS Lanarkshire  
 T Little, Head of Communications and Strategy, Chief Executive's Office, South Lanarkshire Council  
 C Mason, Chairperson, Seniors Together  
 J Pravinkumar, Director of Public Health, NHS Lanarkshire  
 S Sengupta, Director, Health and Social Care, South Lanarkshire University Health and Social Care Partnership  
 J Wilson, Interim Chief Executive Officer, VASLan

### **Also Attending:**

D Brady, Tackling Poverty Officer, Chief Executive's Office, South Lanarkshire Council  
 S Egan, Head of Housing Services, Housing and Technical Resources, South Lanarkshire Council  
 L Grieve, Youth, Family and Community Team Leader, Education Resources, South Lanarkshire Council  
 L Hamilton, Administration Officer, Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council  
 A Murray, Community Planning Adviser, Chief Executive's Office, South Lanarkshire Council  
 A Norris, Administration Assistant, Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council  
 E Paterson, Community Planning Officer, Chief Executive's Office, South Lanarkshire Council  
 H Robertson, Community Participation and Development Officer, Chief Executive's Office, South Lanarkshire Council  
 F Thomson, Clydesdale Locality Manager, Youth, Family and Community Learning, Education Resources, South Lanarkshire Council  
 L Williamson, Community Development Officer, Chief Executive's Office, South Lanarkshire Council

### **Apologies:**

J Binning, Principal Policy Officer, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport  
 J Coyle, Area Manager, Skills Development Scotland  
 M Hill, Chair, NHS Lanarkshire Board  
 T Keay, Group Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service  
 H Kuboyama, Development Manager, West of Scotland, Federation of Small Businesses  
 P Manning, Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council  
 S McManus, Principal and Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire College  
 K Morrison, Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture  
 E O'Reilly, Head of Campus Services, University West of Scotland  
 J Quinn, Area Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

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## Chair's Remarks

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The Chair:-

- ◆ Having advised that S Dolan, Chief Superintendent would be moving to a new post within Police Scotland and J Quinn, Area Commander would be retiring from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, thanked them both for their contribution to the work of the Partnership
- ◆ welcomed C Lauder, the Interim Chief Executive, NHS Lanarkshire, D Brady, Tackling Poverty Officer, South Lanarkshire Council and H Robertson, Community Participation and Development Officer, South Lanarkshire Council to the meeting

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## 1 Declaration of Interests

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No interests were declared.

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## 2 Note of Previous Meeting

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The note of the meeting of the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board held on 4 December 2024 was submitted for approval as a correct record.

**Outcome(s):** Note of meeting approved as a correct record.

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## 3 Community Partnerships Update

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A report dated 12 February 2025 by the Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council was submitted providing an update on the progress of the 4 Community Partnerships in South Lanarkshire and the supports provided by the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Development Officer.

Information was provided on:-

- ◆ the background to the establishment of the partnerships which were community led, and provided a link that allowed the CPP to take forward the ambitions and priorities set out in the Community Plan and Neighbourhood Plan with its community partners
- ◆ the progress made to date and prioritised actions, as outlined in the report

J Wilson commended the work of officers working in partnership with the Third Sector.

C Burnett proposed to share Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Partnership experiences with the 3 other partnerships to support the development of governance, share volunteers' perspectives and work in partnership collectively at a strategic level.

The Community Engagement Manager responded to members' questions in relation to:-

- ◆ the Marmot Place Project engagement with Community Partnerships
- ◆ Community Partnerships' emerging models of governance

**Outcome(s):** Progress to date and continued support provided by the CPP Development Officer noted.

*[Reference: Note of 18 September 2024 (Paragraph 5)]*

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#### 4 East Kilbride South Neighbourhood Plan Update

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A report dated 12 February 2025 by the Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council was submitted providing an update on the East Kilbride South Neighbourhood Plan.

Information was provided on:-

- ◆ the background to neighbourhood planning arrangements within East Kilbride South
- ◆ the outcomes of further engagement and consultation undertaken with householders, children and young people, local groups, organisations, and partner agencies
- ◆ the Participatory Budgeting being undertaken in 2025
- ◆ the future work of the stakeholder group

S Dolan gave an undertaking for Police Scotland to contact L Williamson regarding Police engagement and visibility in the locality.

J Kerr responded to a question from J Pravinkumar regarding identifying high risk areas in the locality where support could be focused through localised place data.

**Outcome(s):** Noted.

*[Reference: Note of 13 March 2024 (Paragraph 9)]*

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#### 5 Community Planning Partnership Budget and Expenditure Report

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A report dated 12 February 2025 by the Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council was submitted providing an update on the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) budget and expenditure for 2024/2025 as at 24 January 2025 (Period 11).

As outlined at Appendix 1 to the report, the total available for 2024/2025 was £87,342. The actual expenditure at the end of Period 11 was £35,188.74. The projected spend for the year had been revised to £59,224.53, from an anticipated full spend.

The Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Development Officer in post was contracted to 31 March 2025. Arrangements were in place to recruit an officer from 1 April 2025, as agreed by the Board, and further information would be provided to the Board when the recruitment process was completed. Details of the funding of the officer post were contained in Section 6.1 of the report.

All partners had confirmed that they would pay their annual contribution for 2025/2026, with the exception of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service who were not making their annual £3,000 contribution to the Partnership budget for 2025/2026. This reduced the annual 2025/2026 financial contributions from Partners to £45,350.

Following the end of the financial year, the 2025/2026 budget would be set and reported to the Board at the June 2025 meeting.

Arrangements were being made for a second Lived Experience Fund Campaign and those were detailed at Section 8 in the report.

**Outcome(s):**

- (1) Noted.
- (2) Intention to issue invoices from South Lanarkshire Council for Partnership contributions to the shared budget for 2025/2026 noted.
- (3) Proposed new Lived Experience Fund 2024/2025 noted.

*[Reference: Note of 4 December 2024 (Paragraph 4)]*

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## 6 Homelessness Pressures

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A report dated 12 February 2025 by the Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources), South Lanarkshire Council was submitted providing an update on homelessness system pressures and the continued partnership approach to homeless prevention.

Information was provided on:-

- ◆ the severe pressure placed on homelessness services due to the sustained high levels of demand with a number of local authorities, including South Lanarkshire, and the Scottish Government declaring a housing emergency
- ◆ the Homelessness Strategic Action Plan which had been extended for a further year to 2025/2026 and incorporated mitigating actions
- ◆ a comparison of 2022/2023 and 2024/2025 performance measures identified to gauge the impact of mitigations
- ◆ the further year of Rapid Re-housing Transition Plan funding being allocated to local authorities
- ◆ the next steps to be undertaken, including continuing to monitor performance and providing an update on progress

Partners were requested to routinely enquire about housing circumstances in an effort to identify homeless or support need risk factors and proactively respond to those to reduce the likelihood of crisis situations, including homelessness.

In response to members' questions, S Egan:-

- ◆ provided some further information on the slight reduction in the number of people presenting as homeless, however, confirmed that South Lanarkshire was one of the worst affected local authorities in Scotland
- ◆ undertook to provide information on accessing the housing options service for local community groups

**Outcome(s):**

- (1) Noted.
- (2) Homeless Strategic Plan 2024/2025 noted.
- (3) Partners asked for support to address some of the issues highlighted.

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## 7 Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability Update

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A report dated 12 February 2025 by the Interim Executive Director (Education Resources), South Lanarkshire Council was submitted providing an update on the developments of the Youth Forum's action plan and the outcomes from the development session with members of the Youth Forum and the Board.

The Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board agreed to the creation of a separate, yearly development session with young people of the South Lanarkshire Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability, with the first session taking place on 23 October 2024.

The session, which was led by pupils from Holy Cross, St John Ogilvie and Trinity High Schools, covered the following discussion topics:-

- ◆ walk to school campaign
- ◆ uniform recycling
- ◆ community litter picks

Details of the outcome of the Board Session, development against targets and agreed sustainability targets for 2024/2025 were contained in the report. Further detail would be provided to the Board as those targets developed.

Information was provided on:-

- ◆ the Conference of School (COS) 3 event, which would be held from 26 to 28 March 2025
- ◆ a visit by the Youth Forum to Whitelee Windfarm

The Chair suggested engagement between the Council and the Youth Forum regarding community projects.

Following suggestions from Board Members, F Thomson committed to looking at:-

- ◆ schools engaging with local recycling groups
- ◆ engagement between the Youth Forum and local companies regarding working towards Net Zero

**Outcome(s):**

- (1) Noted.
- (2) Developments from the Board Session noted.
- (3) Planned content of the COS 3 event, outlined within the report, noted.

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## **8 South Lanarkshire Community Learning and Development Strategic 3 Year Plan 2024 to 2027**

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A report dated 12 February 2025 by the Interim Executive Director (Education Resources), South Lanarkshire Council was submitted advising of the progress made in the review and drafting of the Community Learning and Development (CLD) strategic 3-year plan 2024 to 2027.

CLD was an educational practice that supported individuals and groups to improve their skills and reach their full potential. CLD was committed to the principles of social justice, empowerment, inclusion and access to services and opportunities irrespective of life circumstances.

CLD was delivered against a backdrop of legislation and statutory guidance and placed a duty on local authorities to work with partners and communities to publish and deliver a plan of agreed community learning and development actions over a 3-year period and report the progress through the Council's structures.

Information was provided on:-

- ◆ the content of the Plan, which was attached as Appendix 1 to the report
- ◆ the delivery of CLD in South Lanarkshire
- ◆ the 12 priority outcomes agreed by the CLD Partnership
- ◆ the governance arrangements for 2024 to 2027
- ◆ the efforts being made to reach those areas of the community that remained challenging to meet
- ◆ workforce development
- ◆ participation and engagement

**Outcome(s):**

- (1) Community Learning and Development Strategic 3-year Plan 2024 to 2027, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, endorsed.
- (2) Actions and measures to secure improvement in the quality of life for the people of South Lanarkshire noted.
- (3) Revised governance arrangements for annual planning and reporting noted.

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## 9 Community Planning Partnership Development Session Proposal

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The Interim Chief Executive Officer, VASLan provided a verbal update on a proposed Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Development Session to strengthen the partnership links between the CPP and local communities.

The objectives of the session, to be held on 14 May 2025, were to:-

- ◆ showcase the importance of the Third Sector
- ◆ highlight the pivotal role of the Third Sector in supporting communities' wellbeing and resilience
- ◆ address core funding challenges by discussing financial constraints faced by Third Sector organisations and exploring sustainable solutions
- ◆ enhance collaboration by identifying opportunities for more effective partnership working between the CPP, its Partners and the Third Sector to better serve the communities of South Lanarkshire

A key focus would be the aspiration for South Lanarkshire to be the best Marmot Place in the UK.

Information was provided on the proposed structure for the development day.

**Outcome(s):** Development Session proposals for 14 May 2025 approved.

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## 10 Marmot Place Project Update – Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland

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A report dated 12 February 2025 by the Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council was submitted providing an update on the progress of the Community Planning Partnership's (CPP) participation in the Marmot Place Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland (CHES) project.

Information was provided on:-

- ◆ the background to the Marmot Place Project
- ◆ the governance arrangements, as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report
- ◆ the phases of the Programme (phase 1 – analysis of data; and phase 2 - understanding systems)
- ◆ the ongoing work to share experiences and learning
- ◆ the launch event which had been held on 25 February 2025

Progress updates would be provided to the Board.

The Community Planning Manager responded to members' questions in relation to:-

- ◆ outcomes from the discussions held at the launch event
- ◆ reporting and regarding governance arrangements across organisations

**Outcome(s):**

- (1) Progress of the Marmot Place Project noted.
- (2) Governance arrangements for the Marmot programme, as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report, approved.
- (3) Marmot Leadership Group Terms of Reference, as outlined in Appendix 2 to the report, approved.

*[Reference: Note of 4 December 2024 (Paragraph 12)]*

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### **11 Community Planning Board Bulletin**

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The Community Planning Board Bulletin of 5 March 2025 was submitted providing an update on the Community Planning Partnership Risk Register.

**Outcome(s):** Noted.

*[Reference: Note of 4 December 2024 (Paragraph 15)]*

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### **12 South Lanarkshire Register of Information**

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A report dated 12 February 2025 by the Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council was submitted providing a summary of information which had been circulated to Community Planning Partners between 9 November 2024 and 7 February 2025, as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report.

**Outcome(s):** Noted.

*[Reference: Note of 4 December 2024 (Paragraph 16)]*

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### **13 Date of Next Meeting**

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It was noted that the next meeting of the Board would be held on Wednesday, 18 June 2025 at 1.00pm.

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### **14 Any Other Competent Business**

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There were no other items of competent business.





## Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

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| <b>Date of Meeting:</b>   | 18 June 2025  |
| <b>Subject:</b>   | Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership Update  |
| <b>Report by:</b>   | Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council  |
| <b>Contact for Further Information:</b>                             | Heather Robertson, Community Planning Community Development Officer, South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership<br>Tel: 0303 123 1017<br>Email: <a href="mailto:heather.robertson2@southlanarkshire.gov.uk">heather.robertson2@southlanarkshire.gov.uk</a>  |
| <b>Purpose of the Report:</b>                                       | ♦ to provide the Partnership Board with an update on the progress of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership.   |
| <b>Community Planning Delivery Partners:</b>                        | All partners  |
| <b>Key Recommendations/Decisions/Action Required from Partners:</b> | The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-<br>(1) that the Community Partnership progress update outlined at section 4.1. and in Appendix 1, and its intention to continue to progress these areas together with the Partnership's Community Development Officer and Progress Group, be noted.   |
| <b>Risks/Challenges:</b>  | Section 8 provides a summary of the risks and challenges as set out in the Partnership Risk Register relating to community participation and engagement.  |
| <b>Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <b>Ambition 1</b> - We will invest in people by finding ways to share power and resources.</li> <li>♦ <b>Ambition 2</b> - We will make progress by investing in learning together and how we can do things better.</li> <li>♦ <b>Ambition 3</b> - We will invest in our planet by putting local areas at the centre of our work.</li> <li>♦ <b>Principles:</b> Communication and Empowerment; Embracing Change; and Openness and Trust.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Summary of Report:</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Section 3, paragraph 3.2 sets out the purpose of the latest meeting of the Partnership.</li> <li>♦ Appendix 1 contains the Partnership's progress update.</li> </ul>   |

# Report

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| Report to:       | <b>Partnership Board</b>                          |
| Date of Meeting: | <b>18 June 2025</b>                               |
| Report by:       | <b>Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council</b> |

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| Subject: | <b>Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership Update</b> |
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the progress of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the Community Partnership progress update outlined at section 4.1. and in Appendix 1, and its intention to continue to progress these areas together with the Partnership's Community Development Officer and Progress Group, be noted.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. Cambuslang and Rutherglen Partnership is one of the four locality partnerships where community representatives from community councils and other community bodies come together to discuss common issues and report to the Community Planning Partnership on the discussions and look at improvement actions/options. An update on activity is attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.2. Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership has met once since the last Board meeting. The purpose of the meeting which took place in May 2025 was to meet with the new Community Development Officer (CDO) and discuss progress to date and agree steps for moving forward.
- 3.3. Following agreement by the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board on 18 September 2024, a new CDO was recruited and commenced this role on 1 December 2024. The CDO will continue to increase capacity, hold frequent meetings and assist with any problems that can be resolved with council colleagues and other agencies. Further details of the work being progressed is detailed below.

## 4. Community Partnership Improvement Plan

- 4.1. Engagement activity and work carried out to progress the Community Partnership's Improvement Plan continues. The following provides an update on progress to date:-

- **Communications** – each Community Partnership now has their own identity; Web pages have been developed for all Community Partnerships. Work will continue with the partnerships to develop further content for their pages. All partnerships continue to receive the monthly Register of Information which highlights local partner events, activity and information and national policy and consultation updates. In relation to alignment with the wider locality network, all locality networks in South Lanarkshire have been mapped, the CDO will continue to attend all third sector locality networks to learn more about their work and make links with the partnerships. Consideration is being given to a further locality planning network workshop with relevant leads.
- **Community Leadership** – The CDO continues to engage with local organisations and groups to build capacity and increase local awareness of the partnerships. This has led to new members joining the partnership and sharing their views. Groups and organisations have been introduced to each other, exchanging good practice, information, and supporting each other. Cambuslang and Rutherglen and Clydesdale Community Partnerships have now completed their self-assessment with the Improvement Service and improvement actions will now be progressed. Work continues to have all four Partnerships represented on the Community Planning Partnership Strategic Board. They have all agreed this is a priority action and work will continue to support potential/current Chairs/Depute Chairs. Work continues with key council leads who work with young people to develop a process for engaging with them at a local level. Ideas are being discussed, and arrangements will be made to have an event with young people to discuss their views on the inequalities that they experience and how we can work better together to enable change.
- **Data and profiling** – review of the Neighbourhood Planning Profiles; Deprivation Profiles; and the Deprivation Heat Maps. These are all longer-term actions.
- **Good Governance** – All partnership Terms of Reference documents are currently being reviewed. A community planning email address and inbox has been arranged for the Chair of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership and the relevant acceptable use policy has been shared.
- **Monitoring and reporting** – the review of the CPP Board reporting template is complete and we will continue to monitor and develop as required; the development of a Community Partnership Performance and Reporting Framework is a longer-term action.
- **Statutory Remit** – The CDO is meeting as many local people, groups, partner agencies and organisations as possible, increasing awareness of statutory CPP duties and sharing the opportunities presented through the partnerships, where local voices can be heard to enable change.
- **Volunteers** – Asking local members about their preferences will help them better understand the CPP and how it can help them effect change. The self-assessment process has highlighted several areas for improvement in terms of supporting Community Partnership volunteers, including improving induction arrangements. Discussions are taking place with local people and VASlan are supporting volunteer accreditation and considering their involvement and achievements.

## 5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. Community Partnership activity is delivered by the Partnership's CDO on a full-time basis from 1 April to 30 September 2025 and on a part time basis from 1 October 2025 to 31 March 2026.

## **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1. Delivery costs associated with the recruitment of the Partnership's Community Development Officer. This is funded through the Community Planning budget.

## **7 Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

- 7.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability, or the environment in terms of the information contained within this report.

## **8. Other Implications**

- 8.1. The main risks and challenges as set out in the Partnership Risk Register and Risk Control Plan relating to Community Engagement and Participation are set out in the table below. The Board is asked to note that this activity aligns with partnership mitigation actions and the Risk Control Plan. The information provided is an extract from the Risk Cards and more information is available from the Community Planning Team on request:-

| <b>Risk Card Reference</b> | <b>Risk Classification</b> | <b>Risk Summary</b>  |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| CPP/2018/001               | <b>Very High</b>           | Failure to achieve the outcomes of the Community Plan 2022-2032  |
| CPP/2018/002               | <b>Very High</b>           | The CPP fail to engage effectively with communities (as required in the Community Empowerment Act and as a requirement to deliver the new Community Plan) in the planning, design and delivery of improved outcomes and inequalities |

## **9. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirements**

- 9.1. There are no Impact Assessment implications associated with this report. This report is produced by the Community Partnership in consultation with its members.

**Paul Manning**  
**Chief Executive**  
**South Lanarkshire Council**

5 June 2025

### **Contact for Further Information:**

If you would like further information, please contact:-

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## **Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership Update Report**

The purpose of the meeting which took place in May 2025 was to meet with the new Community Development Officer and discuss progress to date and agree steps for moving forward.

### **Current Activity:**

- Date and frequency of meetings to be agreed;
- Priority areas for discussion includes the following areas:-
  - Partnership's Terms of Reference;
  - A constitution for the group;
  - Self-Assessment outcomes and learning and development needs;
  - Update on the Local Police Scotland report and; timescales for when the office in Cambuslang will be reopened;
  - Water safety and wildfire update from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service;
  - New Priorities from the local Neighbourhood Plans;
  - Update from VASlan on the Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) changes; and
  - Building capacity to support more local group representatives to attend and participate at Community Partnership meetings.

### **Community Partnership Self-Assessment Update**

In September 2024, the Partnership conducted a self-assessment survey with assistance from Improvement Service colleagues. On 8 May 2025, the Improvement Service conducted an online feedback session which focussed on the survey results for members. Members now have the results to assist them to move forward and agree what elements of the procedural matters and improvements are the most important to them to action to develop their partnership further.

### **Neighbourhood Planning Priority Themes and Participatory Budgeting (PB) Funding**

The re-prioritisation of the Neighbourhood Planning priority themes being carried out will help support the delivery of the next round of PB funding. In relation to the previous round of funding, currently, all evaluation forms and receipts are being collated by the council's Community Engagement Team before the next round starts. Groups awarded funding have found this challenging as the monitoring and reporting conditions attached to the Shared Prosperity Fund element, of the PB monies, were rigorous and some groups needed additional support to comply with these.

### **Local Development Plan 3 Local Place Plans (LDP3)**

A Planning Officer from the Council's Planning Services attended the Community Partnership to discuss the Local Place Plans for which they have a duty to consider as part of the 10-year LDP3. Local Development Plans will determine people's needs, such as transportation, access to nearby structures and infrastructure, and any other matters which people may observe that affects their daily lives and causes problems for them and their communities.

The Planning Officer also asked if there were any other events she could attend or organisations that she should meet, to get further information/comments about the area. Local issues highlighted were as follows:-

- Newton Farm, Cambuslang - No additional infrastructure has been provided since houses were built and they continue to be built;
- Road safety concerns were highlighted throughout the Cambuslang East area due to traffic associated with new house builds;

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- Pavements and roads being damaged due to Large Goods Vehicle Lorries accessing new build areas; and
- Halfway Park needs lights as this is very unsafe for young people walking to and from school.

### **General Updates**

The CDO gave an update on the Marmot launch, which took place on 25 February 2025 within the Banqueting Hall Almada Street. Lizzy McDonald (Highbacks) and Cheryl Burnett (Springhall/Whitlawburn) both delivered presentations on their involvement in Community Planning and the positive difference that this is making within their communities. They spoke about health inequalities, the Men's Shed and the Youth Activism Group, which focuses on a range of community issues.

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### **Other areas of progress**

- The Partnership and staff representing the CPP continue to work collaboratively to promote wider community awareness of the availability of services, activities and opportunities provided at a locality level.
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- They continue to offer and share funding opportunities for new or established groups that need this type of support within this community.
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## Clydesdale Community Partnership Progress Update

### General update

The Partnership meetings which took place in April and May 2025, included discussions covering locality maps for future community conversations and determining the priorities of the smaller rural communities that affect people's daily life.

### Structural changes to the Community Partnership

There has been a lot of change in the partnership due to individuals leaving the partnership and moving on to other groups. The Community Partnership Development Officer has engaged with many organisations and groups in the Clydesdale area to develop a better understanding of the work of the Community Planning Partnership, build capacity of those individuals who wish to participate, and to increase membership.

This resulted in an increase in attendance at the first meeting in April 2025. The focus of the meeting was on how priorities vary greatly throughout the many different communities in the Clydesdale area. Members agreed that it would be preferable to have smaller local 'community conversations' to ensure that there was a space for everyone's voices to be heard. Information from the smaller community conversations would then feed up into the Community Partnership meeting and provide an opportunity to identify common themes which the partnership could then take forward.

The first step towards a new way of working involved the Community Partnership Development Officer sharing maps of the local community council boundaries showing the division of wards and other areas. Communities are currently considering what works best for them, and whether they identify as a community with these boundaries or have more in common with another area.

The Community Partnership Development Officer will continue to assist by facilitating smaller group discussions as the work progresses.

### Areas discussed for future action

- **Banking Services** - The partnership would like to find out more about 'Banking Hubs'. It was suggested that Cambuslang/Rutherglen Community Partnership representatives who already have a successful hub could be invited to share their story.
- **Community Councils** - As there is currently no Community Council in Kirkmuirhill and Blackwood, Auchenheath Development Trust hopes to be part of another one.
- **Open Space** - Consider further opportunities to use open spaces, upkeep of green spaces and any green space allocations that can be assessed for sustainable growth. Some areas have poor infrastructure and don't have a local shop.
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- **New Housing Development Infrastructure** - Planning for new housing developments should consider the infrastructure that the community needs. This should be included as part of the development build.
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- **Historic Buildings** - The old Braidwood House has become a derelict building with lots of history attached, and although the locals would like to try to repair it, they need help and direction.

Overall, the same issues are evolving with mostly roads, public transport, litter and fly tipping.

### **Communications Update**

The Community Partnership Development Officer has carried out extensive engagement and has met with many local groups and partner agencies to hear more about local issues and the challenges faced in terms of tackling inequalities across the Clydesdale area.

Based on conversations with over 100 local residents, and at least 40 groups, collaboration agencies and colleagues; a significant number of residents and groups wish to have some degree of participation in the Community Partnership. They emphasised that the size of the Clydesdale area, makes it challenging to define objectives, problems and expectations around inequalities at the current Community Partnership geography. Whilst they do feel that their opinions may be heard and included at a strategic level with the community partnership's support, if they collaborated in smaller discussion groups, this would create the space and time for communities to better understand and engage.

The Community Partnership are looking to continue and progress the development of communications and content on the CPP website with support from the Partnership's Community Development Officer.

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In September 2024, the Partnership conducted a self-assessment survey with assistance from Improvement Service colleagues. The Improvement Service conducted an online question-and-answer session for CPP members on 8 May 2025, following the announcement of the findings. Members now have the results to assist them to move forward and agree what elements of the procedural matters, and improvements are the most important to them to action to develop their partnership further.

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The Partnership's Community Development Officer has also encouraged all Partnership members to review the current Terms of Reference.

## Future Actions

Future actions all relate to the arrangements for meetings, learning and development, communications and improvement.

- Members would like the structure of the CPP meetings to change, so that more local, informal community conversations can be developed. They feel that the area is too large for all communities, so having smaller group meetings (approximately 4 for the area) would allow smaller villages to consider their challenges and inequalities which are very different to those experienced in the bigger rural towns.
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**East Kilbride and Strathaven Community Partnership Progress Update****General update**

A meeting of the East Kilbride and Strathaven Community Partnership was held in May 2025.

The partnership's Community Development Officer (CDO) continues to map all key groups in the locality and regularly carries out face-to-face and online communication of CPP objectives and activities with these groups through attendance at their meetings.

Conversations have been held by the CDO with over 150 residents, and more than 30 groups, organisations, and partner agencies, to increase capacity to participate in Community Planning through supporting them to understand the work of the Community Planning Partnership and what this could mean for them.

**Progress to date**

More than thirty residents have expressed an interest in joining the Community Partnership, and twenty representatives from various community groups and residents attended the May meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to introduce the CDO and to discuss the purpose of the partnership and discuss current priorities of the East Kilbride and Strathaven communities.

It was decided at earlier sessions to add the local Third Sector Network to the Partnership's membership. The Third Sector Network and all other meetings and platforms have been attended by the CDO. Members of these organisations have developed strong relationships with the partnership, and Healthy and Active have been helpful in arranging in-person meetings at their premises.

The following provides a summary of current activity facilitated by the CDO and Community Planning Partners:

**LDP3 (Local Development Plan 3)**

A Planning Officer from the council's Planning Services attended the Community Partnership to discuss the Local Place Plans for which they have a duty to consider as part of the 10-year LDP3. Local Development Plans, will determine people's needs such as transportation, access to nearby structures and infrastructure, and any other matters which people may observe that affects their daily lives and causes problems for them and their communities.

The Planning Officer also asked if there were any other events she could attend or organisations that she should meet, to get further information/comments about the area. Local issues highlighted were as follows:-

- An increase in litter and fly tipping was reported across the whole locality.
- Potholes need fixed and pathways and pavements upgraded.
- Questions were asked about the process for Windfarm applications as residents do not want more wind turbines in the area; and they wanted to know how they can lobby against future applications.
- Concerns around the number of churches and local community halls that are closing, leaving fewer places for worship or group meetings.
- New build housing estates lack community infrastructure, with specific mention of the provision of local health services.

- The volume of traffic in Jackton and Thorntonhall is significant as a result of construction traffic and an increase in general traffic due to the number of new houses built, with no additional infrastructure.
- Strathaven residents are concerned about losing some of their public park and are seeking confirmation as to whether some of the park will be used for housing development.
- Challenges highlighted with travelling to other areas as bus and train timetables do not connect.
- There has been significant investment in cycle paths in East Kilbride which don't seem to be getting used.
- Many local bank branches have closed and an alternative service is required, such as banking hubs.
- Better information required which details alternative service locations when libraries and post offices are close permanently.

At the Community Partnership meeting, similar concerns were raised, including a proposed battery park. Members attending the meeting were interested in other groups and hearing about the range of inequalities experienced that some people felt were only relevant to them. Groups who were not familiar with some of the local inequalities such as food bank use offered their help and support and shared their contact details. Moving forward the group feel more comfortable speaking about their local areas and the impacts that local and national decisions have on their daily lives which will help to understand the challenges communities experience daily.

The CDO has worked with council colleagues to share information with the partnership on some of the issues highlighted. This further highlights the value of the Community Partnership approach and the ways in which problems may be resolved through improved communication and better sharing of information.

The next meeting of the Partnership will include discussions regarding membership, nominating a Chair for the Partnership and planning future priorities for the group. Face-to-face meetings have been the groups preferred option, and the Partnership have been using the Connected East Kilbride offices as a meeting venue.

Over the next few months, the CDO will continue to attend further meetings of local groups to encourage participation.

### **Moving forward**

Further to an extensive period of face-to-face engagement with individuals and community groups across South Lanarkshire, the CDO has compiled a list of common areas for improvement across all localities. These should help with setting priorities for improvement activity and are as follows:-

- **Litter and Fly Tipping** – Litter and fly tipping levels have increased. Uplifts can only be booked online which is challenging if you do not have an IT device. Feedback received is that the council's website is difficult to navigate and needs simplified.
- **Roads and Pavements** - The poor condition of pavements and roads with potholes.
- **Pest Control** – Environmental concerns highlighted relating to localised incidences of rats when the earth is disturbed for new house construction.
- **Transport** – Issues with public transport have been highlighted by families who cannot visit neighbouring communities and attend after-school events or a family night out as buses do not operate late into the evening, leaving them without a way to return home. Travel delays are also caused by the timetables for buses and trains not being connected. Morning buses are now full, making it difficult for commuters to get to work

on time. The changes to free school transport have impacted on this with an increase in the number of young people now using local service buses to travel to school.

- **Neighbourhood Planning Priority Areas** - In addition, the following is a summarised list of the top five most important priorities set by the communities across the nine statutory Neighbourhood Planning areas. The stakeholders use these to identify priority actions, deliver activities, and influence change with the support of CPP partners. The Participatory Budgeting process also aligns with these themes. These will assist the partnerships in determining which issues are most important to local residents and how to align these with the common themes highlighted above and other local priorities.

**Top 5 Neighbourhood Planning priorities as of October 2024:**

- 1 – More leisure, recreational and social opportunities
- 2 – Stronger and better communities
- 3 – Greater community safety
- 4 – Easier to get about/moving around
- 5 – Physical environment improvements





## Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

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| <b>Date of Meeting:</b>   | 18 June 2025  |
| <b>Subject:</b>   | Hamilton Area Community Partnership Update  |
| <b>Report by:</b>   | Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council  |
| <b>Contact for Further Information:</b>                             | Heather Robertson, Community Planning Community Development Officer, South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership<br>Tel: 0303 123 1017<br>Email: <a href="mailto:heather.robertson2@southlanarkshire.gov.uk">heather.robertson2@southlanarkshire.gov.uk</a>  |
| <b>Purpose of the Report:</b>                                       | ♦ to provide the Partnership Board with an update on the progress of the Hamilton Area Community Partnership.   |
| <b>Community Planning Delivery Partners:</b>                        | All partners  |
| <b>Key Recommendations/Decisions/Action Required from Partners:</b> | The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-<br>(1) that the Partnership progress update outlined at section 4.1. and in Appendix 1 and its intention to continue to progress these areas together with the Partnership's Community Development Officer and Progress Group, be noted.  |
| <b>Risks/Challenges:</b>  | Section 8 provides a summary of the risks and challenges as set out in the Partnership Risk Register relating to community participation and engagement.  |
| <b>Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <b>Ambition 1</b> - We will invest in people by finding ways to share power and resources.</li> <li>♦ <b>Ambition 2</b> - We will make progress by investing in learning together and how we can do things better.</li> <li>♦ <b>Ambition 3</b> - We will invest in our planet by putting local areas at the centre of our work.</li> <li>♦ <b>Principles:</b> Communication and Empowerment; Embracing Change; and Openness and Trust.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Summary of Report:</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ The progress update for the Hamilton Community Partnership is set out at Appendix 1.</li> <li>♦ This update provides a summary of the most recent meeting of the Community Partnership which focused on the priorities identified through the Neighbourhood Planning process.</li> </ul>   |

# Report

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| Report to:       | <b>Partnership Board</b>                          |
| Date of Meeting: | <b>18 June 2025</b>                               |
| Report by:       | <b>Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council</b> |

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| Subject: | <b>Hamilton Area Community Partnership Update</b> |
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the progress of the Hamilton Area Community Partnership

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the Partnership progress update outlined at section 4.1. and in Appendix 1 and its intention to continue to progress these areas together with the Partnership's Community Development Officer and Progress Group, be noted.

## 3. Background

3.1. The Hamilton Area Community Partnership which includes the areas of Hamilton, Blantyre, Larkhall, Bothwell, Stonehouse, and Uddingston is one of four locality partnerships where community representatives from community councils and other community bodies come together to discuss common issues and report to the Community Planning Partnership on the discussions and look at improvement actions/options. An update on activity is attached at Appendix 1.

## 4. Community Partnership Improvement Plan

4.1. Engagement activity and work carried out to progress the Community Partnership's Improvement Plan continues. The following provides an update on progress to date:-

- **Communications** – each Community Partnership now has their own identity; Web pages have been developed for all Community Partnerships. Work will continue with the partnerships to develop further content for their pages. All partnerships continue to receive the monthly Register of Information which highlights local partner events, activity and information and national policy and consultation updates. In relation to alignment with the wider locality network, all locality networks in South Lanarkshire have been mapped, the Community Development Officer (CDO) will continue to attend all third sector locality networks to learn more about their work and make links with the partnerships. Consideration is being given to a further locality planning network workshop with relevant leads.
- **Community Leadership** – The CDO continues to engage with local organisations and groups to build capacity and increase local awareness of the partnerships. This has led to new members joining the partnership and sharing

their views. Groups and organisations have been introduced to each other, exchanging good practice, information, and supporting each other. Cambuslang and Rutherglen and Clydesdale Community Partnerships have now completed their self-assessment with the Improvement Service and improvement actions will now be progressed. Work continues to have all four Partnerships represented on the Community Planning Partnership Strategic Board. They have all agreed this is a priority action and work will continue to support potential/current Chairs/Depute Chairs. Work continues with key council leads who work with young people to develop a process for engaging with them at a local level. Ideas are being discussed, and arrangements will be made to have an event with young people to discuss their views on the inequalities that they experience and how we can work better together to enable change.

- **Data and profiling** – review of the Neighbourhood Planning Profiles; Deprivation Profiles; and the Deprivation Heat Maps. These are all longer-term actions.
- **Good Governance** – All partnership Terms of Reference documents are currently being reviewed. A community planning email address and inbox has been arranged for the Chair of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership and the relevant acceptable use policy has been shared.
- **Monitoring and reporting** – the review of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board reporting template is complete and we will continue to monitor and develop as required; the development of a Community Partnership Performance and Reporting Framework is a longer-term action.
- **Statutory Remit** – The CDO is meeting as many local people, groups, partner agencies and organisations as possible, increasing awareness of statutory CPP duties and sharing the opportunities presented through the partnerships, where local voices can be heard to enable change.
- **Volunteers** – Asking local members about their preferences will help them better understand the CPP and how it can help them effect change. The self-assessment process has highlighted several areas for improvement in terms of supporting Community Partnership volunteers, including improving induction arrangements. Discussions are taking place with local people and VASLan are supporting volunteer accreditation and considering their involvement and achievements.

## **5. Employee Implications**

- 5.1. Community Partnership activity is delivered by the Partnership's CDO on a full-time basis from 1 April to 30 September 2025 and on a part time basis from 1 October 2025 to 31 March 2026.

## **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1. Delivery costs associated with the recruitment of the Partnership's Community Development Officer which is funded through the Community Planning budget.

## **7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

- 7.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability, or the environment in terms of the information contained within this report.

## **8. Other Implications**

- 8.1. The main risks and challenges as set out in the Partnership Risk Register and Risk Control Plan relating to Community Engagement and Participation are set out in the table below. The Board is asked to note that this activity aligns with partnership mitigation actions and the Risk Control Plan. The information provided is an extract from the Risk Cards and more information is available from the Community Planning Team on request:-

| <b>Risk Card Reference</b> | <b>Risk Classification</b> | <b>Risk Summary</b>  |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| CPP/2018/001               | <b>Very High</b>           | Failure to achieve the outcomes of the Community Plan 2022-2032  |
| CPP/2018/002               | <b>Very High</b>           | The CPP fail to engage effectively with communities (as required in the Community Empowerment Act and as a requirement to deliver the new Community Plan) in the planning, design and delivery of improved outcomes and inequalities |

## **9. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirements**

- 9.1. There are no Impact Assessment implications associated with this report. This report is produced by the Community Partnership in consultation with its members.

**Paul Manning**  
**Chief Executive**  
**South Lanarkshire Council**

5 June 2025

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## **Hamilton Area Community Partnership Progress Update**

### **General update**

The meeting of the Hamilton Area Community Partnership took place in May 2025.

The partnership's Community Development Officer (CDO) continues to map all key groups in the locality and regularly carries out face-to-face and online communication of CPP objectives and activities with these groups through attendance at their meetings.

Conversations have been held by the CDO with over 120 residents, and more than 20 groups, organisations, and partner agencies, to increase capacity to participate in Community Planning through supporting them to understand the work of the Community Planning Partnership.

### **Progress to date**

Many residents who attend Neighbourhood Planning meetings have expressed an interest in joining the partnership because they see its significance and applicability. The Hamilton locality is a vast area, which covers Hamilton, Blantyre, Larkhall, Stonehouse, Bothwell and Uddingston and some areas do not have Neighbourhood Planning Stakeholder Groups. The CDO has therefore been engaging with many organisations and residents who would like to participate in the partnership process.

Residents and members of local groups have advised that they would like to establish a similar model to the East Kilbride and Strathaven Community Partnership by incorporating third-sector networks as part of the membership.

The following provides a summary of current activity facilitated by the CDO and Community Planning Partners:-

### **Local Development Plan 3 Local Place Plans (LDP3)**

A Planning Officer from the council's Planning Services attended the Community Partnership to discuss the Local Place Plans for which they have a duty to consider as part of the 10-year LDP3. Local Development Plans, will determine people's needs such as transportation, access to nearby structures and infrastructure, and any other matters which people may observe that affects their daily lives and causes problems for them and their communities.

The Planning Officer also asked if there were any other events she could attend or organisations that she should meet, to get further information/comments about the area. Local issues highlighted were as follows:-

- It was felt that there are too many new housing developments which lack community infrastructure, adding pressure on existing services such as NHS, dentists and schools.
- Green spaces could be improved to increase use.
- The process for Community Asset Transfer could be more transparent for communities before buildings/land are allocated.
- Families and residents could be better informed about changes that affect them.
- It was felt that there are too many take-away food shops in town centres which are contributing to increased litter.
- Roads and lighting could be improved.

- In relation to private electric vehicle charging, some vehicle owners run their cables across the pavement to charge their car, creating an obstruction which impacts on a person's ability to use these pavements.
- In terms of Public Transport, there are not enough bus services to meet demand, for example evening bus services limiting the ability for families to travel outwith their area as there is no way for them to get back home later in the evening.
- Walkways and cycle routes, could be better maintained as they are overgrown.

The next meeting of the Partnership, will include discussions regarding membership, nominating a Chair for the Partnership and planning future priorities for the group. Over the next few months, the CDO will continue to attend further meetings of local groups to encourage participation.

### **Moving forward**

Further to an extensive period of face-to-face engagement with individuals and community groups across South Lanarkshire, the CDO has compiled a list of common areas for improvement across all localities. These should help with setting priorities for improvement activity and are as follows:-

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### **Top 5 Neighbourhood Planning priorities as of October 2024:**

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## Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

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| <b>Date of Meeting:</b>   | 18 June 2025  |
| <b>Subject:</b>   | Community Planning Partnership Budget and Expenditure Report  |
| <b>Report by:</b>   | Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council  |
| <b>Contact for Further Information:</b>                             | Jen Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council<br>Tel: 0303 123 1017<br>Email: <a href="mailto:Jennifer.Kerr1@southlanarkshire.gov.uk">Jennifer.Kerr1@southlanarkshire.gov.uk</a>  |
| <b>Purpose of the Report:</b>                                       | ♦ To provide the Partnership Board with an update on the CPP Budget and Expenditure as at 31 March 2025 (Period 14, 2024/25) and provide details on the proposed 2025/26 budget and spending plan.  |
| <b>Community Planning Delivery Partners:</b>                        | All partners  |
| <b>Key Recommendations/Decisions/Action Required from Partners:</b> | The Board is asked to approve the following recommendations:-<br>(1) that the Partnership Board note the update on the Community Planning Partnership Budget and Expenditure as of 31 March 2025 (Period 14); and<br>(2) that the proposed budget and spending plan outlined at Appendices 2 and 3 are approved.  |
| <b>Risks/Challenges:</b>  | Risks identified in the Partnership Risk Register that are associated with the impacts of financial challenges are set out in section 11.   |
| <b>Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:</b>                | ♦ All ambitions/principles.   |
| <b>Summary of Report:</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Section 4 details the actual expenditure as at Period 14, 2024-25 (see Appendix 1);</li> <li>♦ Section 5 confirms expenditure as at Period 1, 2025/26; and outlines the proposed budget for 2025/26 (see Appendix 2) and spending plan (see Appendix 3);</li> <li>♦ Section 6 provides an update on the Community Development Officer post beyond 31 March 2025; and</li> <li>♦ Section 7 provides an update on the Lived Experience Fund 2024/25 campaign.</li> </ul> |

# Report

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| Report to:       | <b>Partnership Board</b>                          |
| Date of Meeting: | <b>18 June 2025</b>                               |
| Report by:       | <b>Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council</b> |

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| Subject: | <b>Community Planning Partnership Budget and Expenditure Report</b> |
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Budget and Expenditure as at 31 March 2025 (Period 14, 2024/25) and provide details on the proposed 2025/26 budget and spending plan

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the Partnership Board note the final outturn position on the Community Planning Partnership Budget as of 31 March 2025 (Period 14); and
- (2) that the proposed budget and spending plan outlined at Appendices 2 and 3 be approved.

## 3. Background

3.1. Details of the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Budget and Expenditure are reported to every Partnership Board meeting. This provides Partners with an opportunity to seek clarification on the budget and sums spent during the relevant period.

## 4. Expenditure 2024/25

4.1. The total expenditure at the end of the year (2024/25) is £43,040.86. Appendix 1 provides a breakdown.

4.2. There were costs of £11,859 since those last reported at Period 11 which relate to Community Planning events, salaries, IT costs, and printing and stationery.

4.3. Comparing the spend of £43,040.86 to the budget available of £87,342, leaves a carry forward balance of £44,301.14. Of this sum, there is £11,000 of Lived Experience Fund monies remaining for the current campaign. This will be carried forward into 2025/2026.

## 5. Income and Expenditure 2025/26

5.1. The total available budget for 2025/26 is £89,651.14. This reflects the balance of £44,301.14 carried forward (section 4.3) and the annual total income of £45,350. This is shown in Appendix 2.



- 5.2. There is no expenditure at the end of Period 1. Staff costs are expected on a quarterly recharge basis. Appendix 2 provides a breakdown of the proposed 2025/26 budget.
- 5.3. The forecast spend for the year is £89,651.14. A draft spending plan is outlined in Appendix 3.

## **6. Community Partnership Development Officer**

- 6.1. At its meeting on 4 December 2024, the CPP Board approved the funding arrangements for the Community Partnership Development Officer post from 1 March 2025. The figures in the table below have been updated to reflect the increase in National Insurance contributions from 1 April 2025 and an estimate pay award. This is being managed within the budget as set out in Appendices 2 and 3:

| <b>Dates</b>                      | <b>Contract Type</b>           | <b>Indicative cost</b> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 April 2025 to 30 September 2025 | Temporary, full time (1 FTE)   | £0.026m                |
| 1 October to 31 March 2026        | Temporary, part time (0.5 FTE) | £0.014m                |

- 6.2. As previously advised, an officer was in post until 31 March 2025. Following a recruitment process, the current officer was successful in extending their contract from 1 April to 30 September 2025 (Temporary, full time) and from 1 October 2025 to 31 March 2026 (Temporary, part time).

## **7. Lived Experience Fund**

- 7.1. The CPP Board approved two applications in the first Lived Experience Fund Campaign for 2024/25 where £2,960 was awarded. A second Lived Experience Fund Campaign for 2024/25 has been carried out with £11,000 being made for this campaign which was split evenly across the four Community Partnership areas with £2,750 awarded to each area.
- 7.2. For 2025/26, there is £2,500 available in the budget for Lived Experience Fund as well as £11,000 carried forward from 2024/25 (appendix 2) taking the total to £13,500. Funding of £5,500 has been applied for from the second Lived Experience Fund campaign which is detailed in a separate report.

## **8. Employee Implications**

- 8.1. Employee implications associated with this report are detailed at section 6 above.

## **9. Financial Implications**

- 9.1. The financial implications are included in sections 4 to 7 of the report.

## **10. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

- 10.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability, or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

## **11. Other Implications**

- 11.1. The main risks and challenges as set out in the Partnership Risk Register and Risk Control Plan relating to Community Engagement and Participation are set out in the table below. The Board is asked to note that this activity aligns with partnership mitigation actions and the Risk Control Plan. The information provided is an extract from the Risk Cards and more information is available from the Community Planning Team on request:-

| Risk Card Reference | Risk Classification | Risk Summary   |
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## 12. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirements

12.1. There are no impact assessment or consultation implications associated with this report.

**Paul Manning**  
**Chief Executive**  
**South Lanarkshire Council**

28 May 2025

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| Community Planning Budget 2024-25        |  |                             |  |                           |
|--|--|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| <b><u>Opening Balance April 2024</u></b> |  | <b>£38,992</b>              |  | <b>£38,992</b>            |
|  |  |                             |  |                           |
| <b><u>Income</u></b>                     |  |                             |  |                           |
| <b>Partner Contributions</b>             |  | <b>Budget</b>               |  | <b>Actual to Date</b>     |
| NHS Lanarkshire                          |  | 18,350                      |  | 18,350                    |
| South Lanarkshire Council                |  | 22,000                      |  | 22,000                    |
| Police Scotland                          |  | 5,000                       |  | 5,000                     |
| Scottish Fire and Rescue Service         |  | 3,000                       |  | 3,000                     |
| <b>Total Income</b>                      |  | <b>£48,350</b>              |  | <b>£48,350</b>            |
| <b>Total available funding</b>           |  | <b>£87,342</b>              |  | <b>£87,342</b>            |
|  |  |                             |  |                           |
|  |  | <b>£</b>                    |  | <b>£</b>                  |
| <b><u>Expenditure 2024-25</u></b>        |  | <b>Proposed Expenditure</b> |  | <b>Actual Expenditure</b> |
| Community Plan Delivery                  |  | 11,236                      |  | 441.45                    |
| Community Planning Events                |  | 3,000                       |  | 942.98                    |
| Learning and Development                 |  | 5,000                       |  | 0.00                      |
| Lived Experience Fund                    |  | 13,960                      |  | 2,960.00                  |
| Printing/Stationery/General              |  | 2,000                       |  | 1,323.86                  |
| Salaries                                 |  | 51,963                      |  | 37,372.57                 |
| Travel                                   |  | 183                         |  | 0.00                      |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>                 |  | <b>£87,342</b>              |  | <b>£43,040.86</b>         |
|  |  |                             |  |                           |
| <b>Closing Balance March 2025</b>        |  |                             |  | <b>£44,301.14</b>         |

| Community Planning Budget 2025-26 |  |                             |                       |
|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Opening Balance April 2025</b> |  | <b>£44,301.14</b>           | <b>£44,301.14</b>     |
|                                   |  |                             |                       |
| <b>Income</b>                     |  |                             |                       |
| <b>Partner Contributions</b>      |  | <b>Budget</b>               | <b>Actual to Date</b> |
| NHS Lanarkshire                   |  | 18,350                      | 18,350                |
| South Lanarkshire Council         |  | 22,000                      | 22,000                |
| Police Scotland                   |  | 5,000                       | 5,000                 |
| <b>Total Income</b>               |  | <b>£45,350</b>              | <b>£45,350</b>        |
| <b>Total Available Funding</b>    |  | <b>£89,651.14</b>           | <b>£89,651.14</b>     |
|                                   |  |                             |                       |
|                                   |  | £                           | £                     |
| <b>Expenditure 2025-26</b>        |  | <b>Proposed Expenditure</b> | <b>Expenditure</b>    |
| Community Plan Delivery           |  | 20,000                      | 0.00                  |
| Community Planning Events         |  | 5,000                       | 0.00                  |
| Learning and Development          |  | 5,000                       | 0.00                  |
| Lived Experience Fund             |  | 13,500                      | 0.00                  |
| Printing/Stationery/General       |  | 6,000                       | 0.00                  |
| Salaries                          |  | 40,000                      | 0.00                  |
| Travel                            |  | 151.14                      | 0.00                  |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>          |  | <b>£89,651.14</b>           | <b>£0.00</b>          |

## Spending Plan 2025-26

| Category                         | Budget            | Purpose  |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Community Plan Delivery          | £20,000           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivery of Marmot project interventions</li> <li>• Delivery of Community Plan Ambitions and Priorities</li> <li>• Youth Climate and Nature Delivery Plan</li> </ul>  |
| Community Planning Events        | £5,000            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Planning Partnership Board Development Sessions x 2</li> <li>• Development Session with young people x 1</li> <li>• Food Event x 1</li> <li>• Age Friendly South Lanarkshire Workshop x 1</li> <li>• Interfaith Community Event x 1</li> <li>• Marmot Events, Leadership Event, Data Events and others as required</li> <li>• Community Partnership Events x 4; and Meet the Board Session x 1</li> </ul> |
| Learning and Development         | £5,000            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivery of the Community Plan Ambitions relating to leadership and learning</li> <li>• Delivery of the Community Partnership Learning and Development Action Plan</li> <li>• Marmot Learning and Development</li> </ul>  |
| Lived Experience Fund            | £13,500           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £2,000 per area for 2025/26 campaign</li> <li>• £11,000 carried forward from 2024/25 Lived Experience Fund Campaign</li> </ul>  |
| Printing, Stationery and General | £6,000            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Planning Administration</li> <li>• Printing of Neighbourhood Planning materials</li> <li>• UNCRC Children's Services Partnership Child Friendly Annual Report</li> <li>• Delivery of Community Partnerships activity (including email costs, meetings, expenses)</li> </ul>   |
| Salaries                         | £40,000           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projected Salary costs for CPP Development Officer (including estimated annual pay award)</li> </ul>  |
| Travel                           | £151.14           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel costs, expenses for in person events</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>         | <b>£89,651.14</b> |  |



## Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

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| <b>Date of Meeting:</b>   | 18 June 2025  |
| <b>Subject:</b>   | Lived Experience Fund 2024/25 Applications  |
| <b>Report by:</b>   | Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council  |
| <b>Contact for Further Information:</b>                             | Dana Brady, Tackling Poverty and Inequalities Officer,<br>South Lanarkshire Council<br>Tel: 0303 123 1017<br>Email: <a href="mailto:dana.brady@southlanarkshire.gov.uk">dana.brady@southlanarkshire.gov.uk</a>  |
| <b>Purpose of the Report:</b>                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ advise the Partnership Board of the approved Lived Experience Fund applications from the second funding campaign of 2024/25; and</li> <li>◆ advise the Partnership Board of the allocation of funding from the 2024/25 Lived Experience Fund Budget.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Community Planning Delivery Partners:</b>                        | All partners  |
| <b>Key Recommendations/Decisions/Action Required from Partners:</b> | <p>The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ that the Lived Experience Fund 2024/25 applications awarded as set out in Appendix 1 of this report be approved.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Risks/Challenges:</b>  | Risks identified in the Partnership Risk Register that are associated with the impacts of financial challenges are set out in section 8.  |
| <b>Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Ambition 1 - We will invest in people by finding ways to share power and resources.</li> <li>◆ Ambition 2 - We will make progress by investing in learning together and how we can do things better.</li> <li>◆ Ambition 3 - We will invest in our planet by putting local areas at the centre of our work.</li> <li>◆ Principles: Communication and Empowerment; Embracing Change; and Openness and Trust.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Summary of Report:</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 11 successful Lived Experience Fund applications have been approved</li> <li>◆ Feedback from successful applicants will be returned throughout the year</li> <li>◆ £5,500 of the £11,000 allocated budget has been spent with the remaining funds to be spent on a further round of Lived Experience Funding later in 2025.</li> </ul>   |

# Report

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| Report to:       | <b>Partnership Board</b>                          |
| Date of Meeting: | <b>18 June 2025</b>                               |
| Report by:       | <b>Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council</b> |

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| Subject: | <b>Lived Experience Fund 2024/25 Applications</b> |
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise the Partnership Board of the approved Lived Experience Fund applications from the second funding campaign for 2024/25
- ◆ advise the Partnership Board of the allocation of funding from the 2024/25 Lived Experience Fund Budget

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the Lived Experience Fund applications from the second funding campaign for 2024/25, awarded as set out in Appendix 1 of this report, be approved.

## 3. Background

3.1. The Lived Experience Fund is to support organisations in capturing the lived experience of local residents to help inform Community Planning Partnership service delivery and policy development. Engaging with local people in this way can help to ensure that:-

- There is equality and dignity for all;
- Services and activities are relevant to local needs;
- Communities can voice their opinions and identify what works and what doesn't;
- Everyone feels valued and included;
- Sense of community is improved;
- Sense of control and influence strengthened in local communities;
- Collective action is promoted; and
- People are empowered to deliver effective interventions in their own lives and in that of their communities.

3.2. This money can only be used to capture the views and experiences of people who live in South Lanarkshire and who experience poverty, inequalities and/or deprivation. The money can be used for example:-

- Cost of living support for community groups;
- Activities for youth;
- Food growing; or
- Support for older people.



- 3.3. All applications need to be supported by a constitution, a copy of the last year's final accounts and a signed Condition of Grants Acceptance Form.
- 3.4. The first round of funding from the Lived Experience Fund was approved by the Cambuslang/Rutherglen Community Partnership and submitted to the Board on 18 September 2024. The successful applications were received from the Break Through Youth Project and Project 31 who were awarded £1,500 and £1,460 respectively.
- 3.5. Following approval by the Board, funding applications for 2024/25 opened on 24 February 2025 and ran for 6 weeks. All applications were acknowledged and assessed against standard criteria.

#### **4. Application Approval**

- 4.1. 21 applications were received. Officers worked with applicants who had submitted applications that didn't meet the required criteria and provided support with submissions if it was required.
- 4.2. Overall, 3 applications were refused (of these one application was redirected to the Community Wishlist for support/one was submitted by a Limited Company and therefore ineligible/one was proposed for an event in March and therefore unsuitable), 7 were withdrawn as they were unable to provide the required documents (i.e. constitution/accounts, etc.) by the closing date, and 11 met the full criteria for approval by the Board.
- 4.3. The Board are asked to note the list of approved applications at Appendix 1. A range of methods will be used to gather feedback – this will include working closely with successful applicants who will return their feedback forms which will include information on their project, how the funds were spent and how many people were engaged with.
- 4.4. Further information on the applications is available to the Board on request.

#### **5. Employee Implications**

- 5.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

#### **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1. The current position of the Lived Experience funding allocation for 2025 is as follows:-

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| Total allocation for Lived Experience Fund 2024/25 | £13,960.00       |
| Lived Experience Funding approved (Campaign 1)     | £2,960.00        |
| Lived Experience Funding approved (Campaign 2)     | £5,500.00        |
| Remaining balance                                  | £5,500.00        |
| <b>Total (Carried forward to 2025/26 Campaign)</b> | <b>£5,500.00</b> |

Following a review of the first phase of the Lived Experience Fund, it is proposed to complete a second round of funding later in the year with the remaining funds.

#### **7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

- 7.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

#### **8. Other Implications**

- 8.1. The main risks and challenges as set out in the Partnership Risk Register and Risk Control Plan relating to Financial Challenges are set out in the table below. The

Board is asked to note that this activity aligns with partnership mitigation actions and the Risk Control Plan. The information provided is an extract from the Risk Cards and more information is available from the Community Planning Team on request:-

| <b>Risk Card Reference</b> | <b>Risk Classification</b> | <b>Risk Summary</b>   |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| CPP/2018/001               | <b>Very High</b>           | Failure to achieve the outcomes of the Community Plan 2022-2032   |
| CPP/2018/002               | <b>Very High</b>           | Ineffective engagement and collaborative working with communities |

## **9. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirements**

- 9.1. There are no Impact Assessment implications associated with this report. The Lived Experience Fund will act as community consultation with the feedback from applicant and their communities used to shape policy and projects. Lived Experience Fund feedback will be reported to the Community Planning Progress Group for any proposed actions/potential interventions and furthermore to the Community Planning Partnership Board.

**Paul Manning**  
**Chief Executive**  
**South Lanarkshire Council**

5 June 2025

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## Lived Experience Fund Awards 2025

| App. No. | Applicant                      | Amount requested | Purpose of Grant   | Amount awarded |
|----------|--------------------------------|------------------|--|----------------|
| 001      | Fernhill Soccer School         | £500             | The purpose of the grant is to support youth in the area to stay away from gang culture, meet new friends and enjoy themselves by keeping active and fit via a football skills academy. They will run free sessions to engage with young people and families in Fernhill/ Rutherglen and supply free football kits and snacks to aid with the cost-of-living crisis. Engagement and suggestions from the young people/families will be fed back. | £500           |
| 002      | Little Blue Suicide Prevention | £500             | The purpose of the grant is to create a project to provide peer support for individuals impacted by suicidal thoughts and offer a confidential, empathetic space where participants can share their experiences, find hope and receive guidance from others – they will use these activities to gather information on how they can improve local support services.   | £500           |
| 003      | WATIF                          | £500             | The purpose of the grant is to focus on inequalities in rural Clydesdale – the group will host a dinner and chat event to allow the community to come together for a meal and discuss what is important to them. WATIF also want to involve their young people so will be asking for their feedback at their forest school day during the school holidays.   | £500           |
| 004      | Cambuslang Community Council   | £500             | The purpose of the grant is to create a mini orchard at Silverbanks, create a mini bee garden at their Sunflower Garden and add shrubs to the bare area at Silverbanks shops. This will be done in partnership with the community and be an opportunity to engage with volunteers about what more they would like to see in their area.  | £500           |

| <b>App. No.</b> | <b>Applicant</b>  | <b>Amount requested</b> | <b>Purpose of Grant</b>  | <b>Amount awarded</b> |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 005             | EKFC Girls        | £500                    | The purpose of the grant is to support the group to tackle health and gender inequalities in the local area. They want to use the funds to run sessions which encourage more girls to get involved in football, keep fit and train with other local children to create friendships. Engagement from the girls/families will be fed back.   | £500                  |
| 006             | The Machan Trust  | £500                    | The purpose of the grant is to carry out a creative consultation. The group will provide various formats to ask local people questions around health, environment and local issues. This will be carried out online, at groups and at an event.  | £500                  |
| 007             | The Busy Bees     | £500                    | The purpose of the grant is to support older people, isolated, bereaved and unpaid carers to meet and share crafting skills. The funds will be spent hosting a craft fair with another similar group and exchanging ideas for knitting and sewing. They will use this event to learn best practice for their group and community – including making/altering their own clothes and feed back on how they can best use these skills to help the local area. | £500                  |
| 008             | Fulham Girls 2016 | £500                    | The purpose of the grant is to help create a girl's football team bringing together girls from the local area (Rutherglen) to develop skills and promote a healthy lifestyle. The funds will initially help the group run low-cost sessions to families to feed back and engage with Scottish Football Woman's League teams to visit the girls.  | £500                  |

| <b>App. No.</b> | <b>Applicant</b>           | <b>Amount requested</b> | <b>Purpose of Grant</b>   | <b>Amount awarded</b> |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| 009             | Biggar Youth Project       | £500                    | The purpose of the grant is to strengthen the youth led group initiative ensuring young people take the lead in planning activities and events. A dedicated group will work alongside staff to create an engaging inclusive programme where young people shape the future of Biggar Youth Project. The impact reaches beyond young people, benefiting families and the wider community. With this funding, they can continue expanding their work, ensuring they remain a thriving hub where young people from Biggar and surrounding villages can safely connect, grow, and contribute to their community. | £500                  |
| 010             | Friends of Stonehouse Park | £500                    | The purpose of the grant is to host an afternoon tea and music event on their newly refurbished bandstand, which would include having a local pipe band playing music and a bouncy castle and face painter to keep the younger children entertained. This would allow the local community to celebrate the park and learn more about what is going on in their area. The event will also gather feedback from local community about how to further support their area.  | £500                  |
| 011             | COVEY                      | £500                    | The purpose of the grant is to build on the Building Brighter Futures programme which aids young people by supporting them to re-engage with school, further or higher education. They are also supported in seeking employment and gaining confidence and new skills. The young people will feed back what would help them with suggestions on how they can be supported.  | £500                  |



## Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

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| <b>Date of Meeting:</b>  | 18 June 2025  |
| <b>Subject:</b>  | Community Planning Partnership Governance Update  |
| <b>Report by:</b>  | Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council  |
| <b>Contact for Further Information:</b>                              | Aileen Murray, Community Planning Adviser, South Lanarkshire Council<br>Tel: 0303 123 1017<br>Email: <a href="mailto:aileen.murray@southlanarkshire.gov.uk">aileen.murray@southlanarkshire.gov.uk</a>   |
| <b>Purpose:</b>  | Provide the Partnership Board with an update on the Community Planning Partnership Governance arrangements including a proposal to review the current Community Planning Partnership Board membership.  |
| <b>Delivery Partners:</b>  | All partners  |
| <b>Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:</b> | The Board is asked to approve the following recommendations:-<br>(1) that the updated Community Planning Partnership Governance Arrangements and Partner Commitments, as detailed at Appendix 1, be approved; and<br>(2) that the proposal and suggested changes to the current membership of the Community Planning Partnership Board, as detailed at Appendix 2, be approved. |
| <b>Risks/Challenges:</b>   | There are no risks/challenges associated with this report.  |
| <b>Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:</b>                 | All ambitions/principles.   |
| <b>Summary of Report:</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section 4 provides a summary of changes made to the governance framework and partner commitments;</li> <li>Section 5 considers the current membership of the Community Planning Partnership Board and makes recommendations to further align representation with the Community Plan ambitions and the Marmot Place Programme.</li> </ul> |



# Report

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| Report to:       | <b>Partnership Board</b>                          |
| Date of Meeting: | <b>18 June 2025</b>                               |
| Report by:       | <b>Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council</b> |

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| Subject: | <b>Community Planning Partnership Governance Update</b> |
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the Community Planning Partnership Governance arrangements including a proposal to review the current Community Planning Partnership Board membership

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendations:-

- (1) that the updated Community Planning Partnership Governance Arrangements and Partner Commitments, as detailed at Appendix 1, be approved; and
- (2) that the proposal and suggested changes to the current membership of the Community Planning Partnership Board, as detailed at Appendix 2, be approved.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. Following the approval of the revised Community Planning structures, in September 2023, the Board approved an updated Governance Framework; and reviewed their membership to ensure that representation better reflected the new structures and the Community Plan.
- 3.2. This report provides a summary of the Governance Framework and outlines where changes have been made. It also sets out recommendations for further changes to the membership of the Community Planning Partnership Board.

## 4. Current Progress

### 4.1. Governance arrangements update

The updated Governance Framework and Partnership Commitments document is attached at Appendix 1 for consideration and approval. The main changes to the document relate to the inclusion of the Marmot Place Programme and updated governance arrangements for the Children's Services Partnership and the Health and Social Care Partnership.

- 4.2. The Board is asked to note that this document will continue to be monitored and updated to reflect changes as the Board develops its approach to the Marmot Place Programme and delivery of its statutory plans, the Community Plan and the associated Partnership Board Plans, namely, the Children's Services Plan, the South Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board Strategic Commissioning Plan, and the Community Learning and Development Plan.



## **5. Community Planning Partnership Board Membership Review**

- 5.1. Following a review of the Community Planning Partnership Board's membership in September 2023, the Board welcomed South Lanarkshire College to participate in Community Planning and be represented on the Progress Group and the Community Planning Partnership Board.
- 5.2. Following the successful application to become a Marmot Place, the Board is asked to consider strengthening its membership further. It is recommended that all remaining statutory partners as set out in the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 are invited to participate. The Board is asked to note that all statutory partners named in the Act were invited to participate when the legislation was first enacted.
- 5.3. Appendix 2 provides a full list of all statutory partners set out in the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and states if they are current members; and also includes non-statutory members.
- 5.4. New partners with a statutory duty to participate in Community Planning to be invited to join the partnership and be represented on the Community Planning Partnership Board are as follows:-
  - Historic Environment Scotland;
  - NatureScot;
  - The Scottish Environmental Protection Agency;
  - SportsScotland; and
  - VisitScotland.

## **6. Employee Implications**

- 6.1. Employee implications relate to new partners resourcing Community Planning Partnership activity. In addition, support from the Community Planning Team in terms of time to undertake induction meetings for all new officers will be required.

## **7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1. There are no financial implications associated with the content of this report.

## **8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

- 8.1. The Community Planning Partnership completed a Strategic Environmental Assessment in 2023. The resulting mitigation/adaptation actions have been integrated into partnership planning and delivery.

## **9. Other Implications**

- 9.1. There are no issues in terms of risk associated with this report.

## **10. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirements**

- 10.1. There are no Impact Assessment implications associated with the recommendations set out in this report.

**Paul Manning**  
**Chief Executive**  
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5 June 2025

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## Governance Framework and Partner Commitments 2025



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## 1. Introduction

This document sets out the Community Planning governance arrangements for South Lanarkshire. It outlines the statutory duties of partners, how the partnership operates, the role and remit of partners, partners commitments and a summary of the structures within the partnership.

## 2. Scope of responsibility (as defined by the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015)

Community Planning is about how public bodies work together and with the local community to plan for, resource and provide or secure the provision of services which improve local outcomes with a view to reducing inequalities.

The statutory framework for Community Planning is set out in Part 2 of the [Community Empowerment \(Scotland\) Act 2015](#). The organisations who have a legal duty to participate in Community Planning and a summary of their responsibilities are as follows:-

Sections 13(1) and 13(2) of the Act, sets out the legal duties placed on five partners to facilitate Community Planning in South Lanarkshire; and to take reasonable steps to ensure that the partnership carries out its functions as set out in the Act, efficiently and effectively. These are:-

- Local Authority for the area, South Lanarkshire Council;
- NHS Lanarkshire;
- Police Service of Scotland;
- Scottish Enterprise; and
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

In addition to the above, Schedule 1 of the Act sets out a list of all organisations that have a statutory duty to participate in Community Planning in South Lanarkshire. Those participating include:-

- Skills Development Scotland;
- South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership; and
- Strathclyde Passenger Transport.

The Community Planning Partnership (CPP) must prepare and publish a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) setting out the local outcomes which the CPP will prioritise for improvement. In South Lanarkshire, this plan is called the Community Plan.

Tackling inequalities is a specific focus; and there is a requirement to produce 'locality plans' (known in South Lanarkshire as [Neighbourhood Plans](#)) at a more local level for areas experiencing particular disadvantage. All partners must take account of these plans in carrying out their functions and must contribute appropriate resources to improve the priority outcomes.

Participation with communities lies at the heart of Community Planning. CPPs must support community bodies to participate in all parts of the process, in the development, design and delivery of plans and in review, revision and reporting of progress.

## 3. The purpose of the Community Planning Partnership

The [Community Plan 2022-2032](#) sets out the strategic direction of the partnership, its vision, values and ambitions for the next 10 years.

The partnership has set the framework for strong partnership governance by having a clear vision and principles:-

## **Vision: “To improve the lives and prospects of everyone in South Lanarkshire”**

This means ensuring that our communities are at the heart of community planning in South Lanarkshire and doing the right things, in the right way, for the right people, at the right time, in an inclusive, open, honest and accountable manner.

The partnership’s **shared principles**, shown in the diagram below, set out how we plan to work better together:-

**Diagram 1 – South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Shared Principles**



#### **4. Partner Commitments**

The partnership is a joint working arrangement where partners are otherwise independent organisations/representative of local communities. Partner commitments to Community Planning in South Lanarkshire are set out at Appendix 1.

#### **5. The structure of Community Planning in South Lanarkshire**

The governance structure set out at Diagram 2 was agreed in March 2023 to deliver Community Planning in South Lanarkshire. This structure will be kept under review and will evolve as the Community Plan and the work of the Partnership develops to ensure that it



aligns with the delivery of our legal duties, local needs and priorities. Further information about these partnership groups can be found in sections 6 to 8 below.

Diagram 2 – South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Structure



## 6. The South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board

- 6.1. The remit of the Board is to provide collective strategic leadership, direction, governance and oversight of partnership activity. Planning, resourcing and sourcing services which improve local outcomes in South Lanarkshire, with a focus on reducing inequalities.

The core membership, role and remit of the Community Planning Partnership Strategic Board is determined by the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. This will be referred to as “the Act” from here onwards.

### 6.2. Membership of the Strategic Board

In addition to the eight statutory partners participating (see item 2 above), the following are also members of the Community Planning Partnership Board.



For more information on the organisations and their representatives who attend the Board see:

[Meet the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board](#)

The Scottish Government is also represented through a ‘[Place Director](#)’. Their role is to: understand, promote and support how public services work together and with communities; and improve wellbeing and outcomes on local and national priorities.

The Board is chaired by a councillor, the Leader of South Lanarkshire Council. If the Chair is absent from the meeting, then a Chair for that meeting will be appointed by those members present. The Board will review its membership periodically and any proposed changes must be approved by the Board.

### 6.3. Role and Remit

The remit and the role of the Board is as follows:-

- To set the strategic direction for the partnership through the preparation, agreement and publication of the statutory Community Plan (Part 2, Section 6 of the Act);
- To maintain a strategic overview of prevention and early intervention activity which is targeted at reducing inequalities of outcome which result from socio-economic disadvantage (Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act Part 2, Section 5);



- To take reasonable steps to ensure the effective engagement and involvement of the wider community (Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act Part 2, Section 4(3,6,9));
- To provide strategic, collaborative leadership, creating the necessary conditions to deliver whole systems change and improvement to deliver the ambitions of the Community Plan;
- To enable the deployment of combined funding arrangements and resources to achieve its agreed outcomes;
- To promote and demonstrate commitment to partnership working at Strategic Board level, across the Partnership, in own partner organisations, and within communities;
- To agree strategic outcomes and a performance monitoring framework which sets out the contribution of partners and enables a robust assessment of progress and impact in the delivery of these outcomes;
- To ensure statutory planning requirements are met in relation to the development, review, reporting and publication of the Community Plan and Neighbourhood Plans;
- To ensure effective governance and accountability arrangements are in place across the Partnership;
- To achieve Best Value through collaborative leadership: identifying Best Value partnership solutions to achieve better outcomes for local communities; identifying opportunities to invest in and commit to shared services; and integrated management of resources, where appropriate; and
- To advocate and lobby nationally, within the partnership, own organisation and community matters which support the delivery of the Community Plan ambitions.

## **6.4. Operational arrangements**

### **6.4.1. Frequency of meetings**

There will be four board meetings each year and two development sessions.

### **6.4.2. Decision Making Process**

The CPP Board is the main decision making body within the partnership. Thematic Partnerships, Community Planning Outcomes Leads Group, and the Progress Group advise and inform the CPP Board. Local decisions on priorities are made by the Community Partnership and Neighbourhood Planning Groups.

It is the duty of the Chair to ensure that decision-making is clear, open, transparent and founded on consensus. All members are required to demonstrate commitment to and a willingness to work together and share resources.

In order to comply with the statutory requirements, Terms of Reference and Standing Orders (or equivalent) of partner organisations, the following general process for decision making by the Board will be followed:-

- Decisions made by the Board will be implemented by partners only after individual partners' governance requirements have been met; it is the responsibility of each partner to ensure this;
- Partner organisations will make every effort to ensure that their decision-making processes support partnership working and the work of the CPP;
- Where decisions need to be approved by individual partner organisations, the Board should first agree a course of action which should then be approved by the individual partners; and
- Where one of the partners acts as a lead partner on behalf of the CPP, the CPP must agree the course of action that the partner can take.

#### **6.4.3. General Conduct at Meetings**

Conduct should correspond to the partnership's [shared principles](#). Members should also abide by any Code of Conduct applicable within their own organisation.

#### **6.4.4. Notice of Meetings and Papers**

The advance annual calendar of Board meetings and Development Sessions is submitted to the Board for approval in autumn of each year. The arrangements for Board meetings are as follows:-

- **Notice of meeting** - At least five clear days' notice in writing (via email) will be given of meetings, including time and method, and a list of all agenda items; and
- **Agenda and papers** - Electronic copies of papers will normally be issued by email with the agenda. Paper copies are available on request. On occasion, it may be necessary to issue papers with less than 5 days' notice, however, this will be kept to a minimum.

Topics/draft agendas and other relevant information for the Board Development Sessions will be submitted to the Board in advance for approval.

#### **6.4.5. Openness and Transparency**

The agenda, reports and draft minute of the previous meeting will be available online at least five clear days before the date of the meeting (the exception being any items that are considered confidential). These can be viewed on the Community Planning website at: [https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/cp/info/1/what\\_is\\_community\\_planning](https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/cp/info/1/what_is_community_planning). Alternatively, they can also be accessed by emailing the Community Planning Team at: [contact@southlanarkshirecommunityplanning.org](mailto:contact@southlanarkshirecommunityplanning.org).

All Board meetings are open to the public via a live video stream of the meeting. The Chair, however may decide that an item of business is confidential. In this case, the recording will be stopped after all items on the agenda have been considered so that the confidential item(s) can be considered by the Board in private. Meetings can be viewed on South Lanarkshire Council's YouTube channel: [SL Committees - YouTube](#).

#### **6.4.6. Performance Management and Scrutiny**

A new performance framework is currently being developed for the Community Plan. The plans of Thematic Partnership Boards should be aligned to the ambitions and priorities set out in the Community Plan. Thematic Boards should report draft plans and provide annual performance reports to the CPP Board as part of scrutiny arrangements. To ensure compliance with statutory requirements, the Board will receive key annual reports as outlined in sections 7 and 8.

Community Planning partners are encouraged to embed the relevant outcomes, indicators and actions arising from the Community Plan and thematic action plans into their own organisational business plans.

#### **6.4.7. Reporting**

The CPP Board will receive and review reports from Community Partnerships, Community Planning Partners and Thematic Partnerships. Each partner will also undertake to report to their own Management Board/Committee on key decisions. Representatives will be expected to speak on behalf of their organisation and to be of sufficient seniority to be able to agree and commit their organisation to a course of action in line with the role, remit and decision-making arrangements of the Board. Community Representatives are expected to speak on behalf of their partnership and report on key decisions to them.

#### **6.4.8. Joint Budget Arrangements**

Details of the Partnership's Budget and Expenditure are reported at every meeting. This provides partners with an opportunity to seek clarification on the budget and sums spent during the relevant period.

Annual contributions are made by South Lanarkshire Council, NHS Lanarkshire and Police Scotland. The budget is hosted by South Lanarkshire Council and is managed by the Community Planning Team. The budget supports targeted areas of the work of the partnership to be progressed such as: the development of Community Partnerships and Neighbourhood Planning areas; the Lived Experience Fund; Improvement Projects; maintaining the Community Planning website; and hosting Community Planning events.

#### **6.4.9. Managing Risk**

A Community Planning Partnership Risk Register and Risk Control Plan is maintained to formally record, assess and support the management of strategic risks for the Partnership. The risk register comprises of detailed risk description cards which are maintained by the Community Planning Progress Group who carry out an annual review of risks. The risk control plan contains actions for the partnership to mitigate known risks. Updates on risks/progress on the delivery of the risk control plan are reported regularly to the Board.

#### **6.4.10. Meeting substitutes**

Partners may nominate a substitute to attend a meeting in their absence. Substitute members should be fully briefed and be of sufficient seniority from within their respective organisations.

#### **6.4.11. New Board Members:**

Every new Board member will receive a copy of the Community Planning Induction document which sets out information about the partnership, its structure, the role of Board Members and other local governance arrangements. In addition, the Community Planning Team will offer a personal induction meeting. This includes additional guidance which has been published by the Improvement Service regarding the role of a CPP Board Member which is detailed as follows:-

- [Improvement Service CPP Board Member Guidance - Overview of Community Planning](#)
- [Improvement Service CPP Board Member Guidance - How to be an effective CPP Board and Member](#)
- [Improvement Service CPP Board Member Guidance - Checklist for CPP Board Members](#)

### **7. Community Planning Action Groups**

**7.1.** The Board has oversight of statutory partnership strategies and initiatives which focus on improving outcomes for those communities that experience the poorest outcomes.

Partnership delivery strategies include: Children's Services including Keeping the Promise; Health and Social Care; and Community Learning and Development.

#### **7.2. Thematic Partnerships**

There are three thematic partnerships which have a statutory duty to prepare and deliver partnership plans which improve outcomes in priority areas. The duration of these plans and other planning requirements including decision making arrangements are set out in the relevant legislation/policies. A summary has been provided below:-

The [Children's Services Partnership](#) recognises that all children and young people in South Lanarkshire require the right support at the right time, to be safeguarded and supported to

reach their full potential and thrive within their communities. The priorities of this partnership are:-

- **Whole Family Approach:** every family gets the right family support at the right time for as long as needed;
- **Mental Health and Wellbeing:** every child and young person will be able to access local community services which support and improve their mental health and wellbeing; and
- **Keeping the Promise:** children and young people grow up loved, safe, respected and listened to. This includes the Champions Board and the Promise Board.

Key plans of this partnership are the Children's Service Plan and the Local Child Poverty Action Report. It should be noted that the governance arrangements and approvals for these plans are the responsibility of South Lanarkshire Council and NHS Lanarkshire.

The vision of South Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board (IJB) is for all our communities to live longer and healthier lives, supported by the right care, in the right place and at the right time. The IJB is responsible for developing and leading the strategy for health and social care through its [Strategic Commissioning Plan](#). Five strategic goals underpin the work of the IJB with [South Lanarkshire University Health and Social Care Partnership](#) which operationally takes forward their implementation. These are:-

- **Nurture:** supporting children to reach their developmental milestones
- **Flow:** shifting the balance of care from acute to community services including reducing delayed discharges
- **Recovery:** reducing harm from substance use and reduce drug related deaths
- **Access:** improving the accessibility and range of primary care services
- **Protect:** strengthening public protection arrangements to help keep vulnerable children and adults safe from harm.

The Alcohol and Drugs Partnership also sits within this structure.

The [Community Learning and Development Partnership](#) comprises a range of organisations including statutory, third sector, and further and higher education organisations, who work together with communities to deliver a range of positive learning and development outcomes. Collectively, they offer a variety of learning opportunities across a range of settings and the focus of their work is on areas experiencing the poorest outcomes. Underpinning this work are the competencies and values of Community Learning and Development (CLD) as set out by the CLD Standards Council, in the spirit of collective action, partnership, and collaborative practice. The Community Learning and Development 3-Year Strategic Action Plan strengthens the work of this Partnership, and governance and approvals are the responsibility of South Lanarkshire Council's Education Service/Committee. The Youth Partnership and English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) also sits within this structure. Both the ESOL Strategy and the Youth Partnership are being considered to ensure synergy within the national policy context.

These partnerships report annually to the Community Planning Partnership Board.

### 7.3. Community-led Partnerships and Groups

#### Community Partnerships

The purpose of these partnerships is to strengthen local democracy through local decision making and to align with local Neighbourhood Planning activity. They aim to ensure that

their community is represented, fully engaged and has a voice in community planning decision making processes. The partnerships are led by people living in the community. The membership of these groups varies however it typically includes representatives from Neighbourhood Planning Groups, local Community Councils and other key local community groups.

The partnership acts as an intermediary between Neighbourhood Planning Groups/local activity which is focussed on reducing inequalities and improving outcomes and the Community Planning Partnership Board, strengthening links between communities in the local area and the work of the partnership. The Chairs of these groups are members of the Community Planning Partnership Board. Partnerships identify local priorities and provide a quarterly progress update on progress/highlight local challenges to the Board. Whilst each partnership sets its own Terms of Reference, the broad remit is as follows:-

### **Remit**

- To provide an opportunity to network across communities;
- To resolve local problems through the identification of challenges requiring joint solutions;
- To be a consultative group for new service delivery proposals from partners;
- To oversee the work to produce Neighbourhood Planning Annual Reports as required by the Community Empowerment Act;
- To provide an update on work ongoing in each Neighbourhood Planning Locality;
- To consider progress of the delivery of Neighbourhood Plans;
- To link into the wider community engagement and volunteering agenda; and
- To have an awareness of wider Community Planning work through updates and communicate their activity and partnership activity within their local communities.

Four Community Partnerships have been established in South Lanarkshire and cover the following areas:-

- Cambuslang and Rutherglen;
- Clydesdale;
- East Kilbride and Strathaven; and
- Hamilton, Blantyre, Bothwell, Larkhall, Stonehouse and Uddingston.

### **Neighbourhood Planning Groups**

Neighbourhood Planning Groups are led by communities. These groups work with people living in the area to plan and deliver on local priorities. The Community Planning Partnership is required to work with these communities to reduce inequalities and improve outcomes as required by the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. Groups annually review and report on their priorities to their community and to the Board.

The Neighbourhood Planning Groups in South Lanarkshire are as follows:-

- Blantyre;
- Burnhill;
- Cambuslang East Ward;
- East Kilbride South;
- Fernhill;
- Hamilton South Ward;
- Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank;
- Springhall and Whitlawburn;
- Strutherhill and Birkenshaw; and
- Whitehill.

## 7.4. Community Planning Delivery Groups

The following groups support the delivery of the Community Plan and the Marmot Place Programme:-

### **Outcomes Leads Group**

The Outcomes Leads Group lead on the implementation of the Community Plan and the Marmot Place Programme, and provide guidance to partners (including community partners) in the development of outcome-based planning. Senior Officers from across the partnership are members of this group. They are currently leading the development and implementation of the Marmot Place programme and meet every four weeks. The work of this group is reported regularly to the Board through the Marmot Place Update report.

### **Community Planning Progress Group**

The Community Planning Progress Group ensures that the actions contained within the Community Plan are delivered and that progress is monitored and reported. Their remit also includes undertaking work as directed by the Board; overseeing the work of the partnership project delivery groups; Community Planning Risk Management, and ensuring that effective community participation is at the heart of Community Planning. The group also provides support to the Outcome Leads Group with the development and implementation of the Marmot Place Programme. The work of the group is progressed through various workstreams. The group meets every six weeks and they are supported by short-term working groups (where required). The work of this group is reported regularly to the Board through various updates.

### **Tackling Poverty Groups**

Within the partnership, there are groups which focus on making improvements in areas where there is persistent inequality. More information about the groups and their work can be accessed using the links below. The work of these groups will be reported to the Board annually.

[Financial Inclusion Network](#)

[Digital Inclusion Group](#)

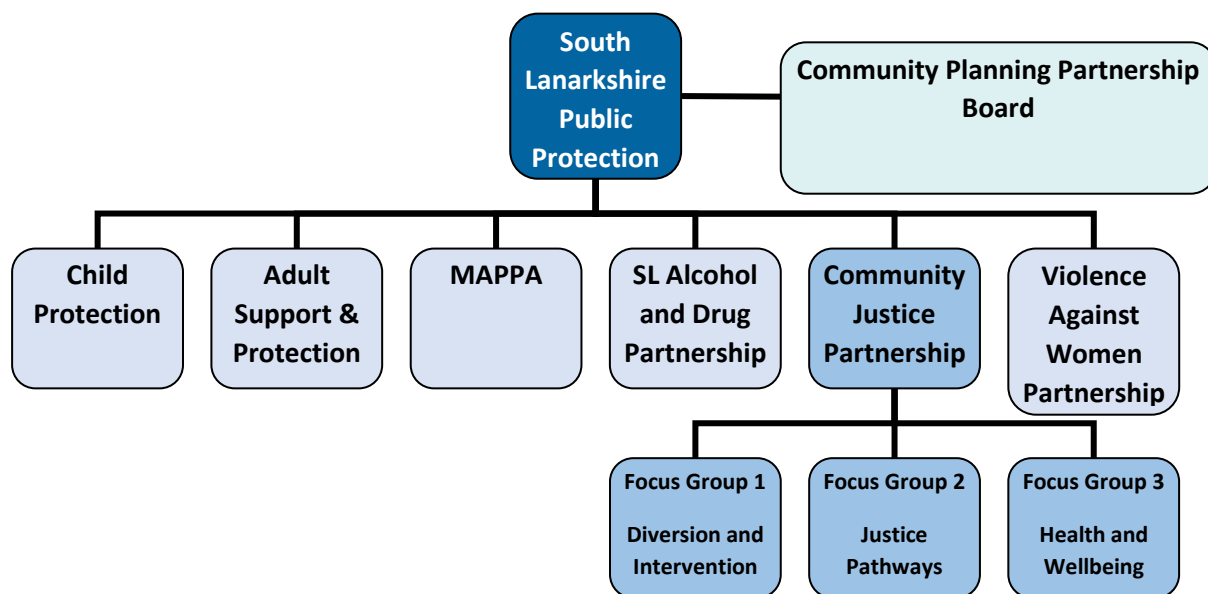
[Fuel Poverty Group](#)

[Living Wage Campaign Group](#)

## 7.5. Other structures – Public Protection

### **South Lanarkshire Chief Officers Group**

Chief Officers of the partnership are responsible for ensuring that their organisations, individually and collectively, work to protect adults, children and young people as effectively as possible. They also have responsibility for maximising the involvement of those agencies not under their direct control. They are responsible for the leadership, direction and scrutiny of their respective protection services and their Child and Adult Protection Committees. Chief Officers are responsible for overseeing the commissioning of all adult and child protection services and are accountable for this work and its effectiveness. They are individually responsible for promoting adult and child protection across all areas of their individual services and agencies, thus ensuring a holistic approach to public protection in its widest context. In addition, the group has oversight of the work of the Community Justice Partnership and the Gender Based Violence Partnership (see diagram below). The Board are kept informed of the work of these committees and partnerships through annual progress reports.



## 8. Partnership Support

Policy and partnership support for the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership is co-ordinated by the Community Engagement Team, South Lanarkshire Council. This includes the Community Planning Development Officer who is employed by the Board.

The key partnership support functions include:-

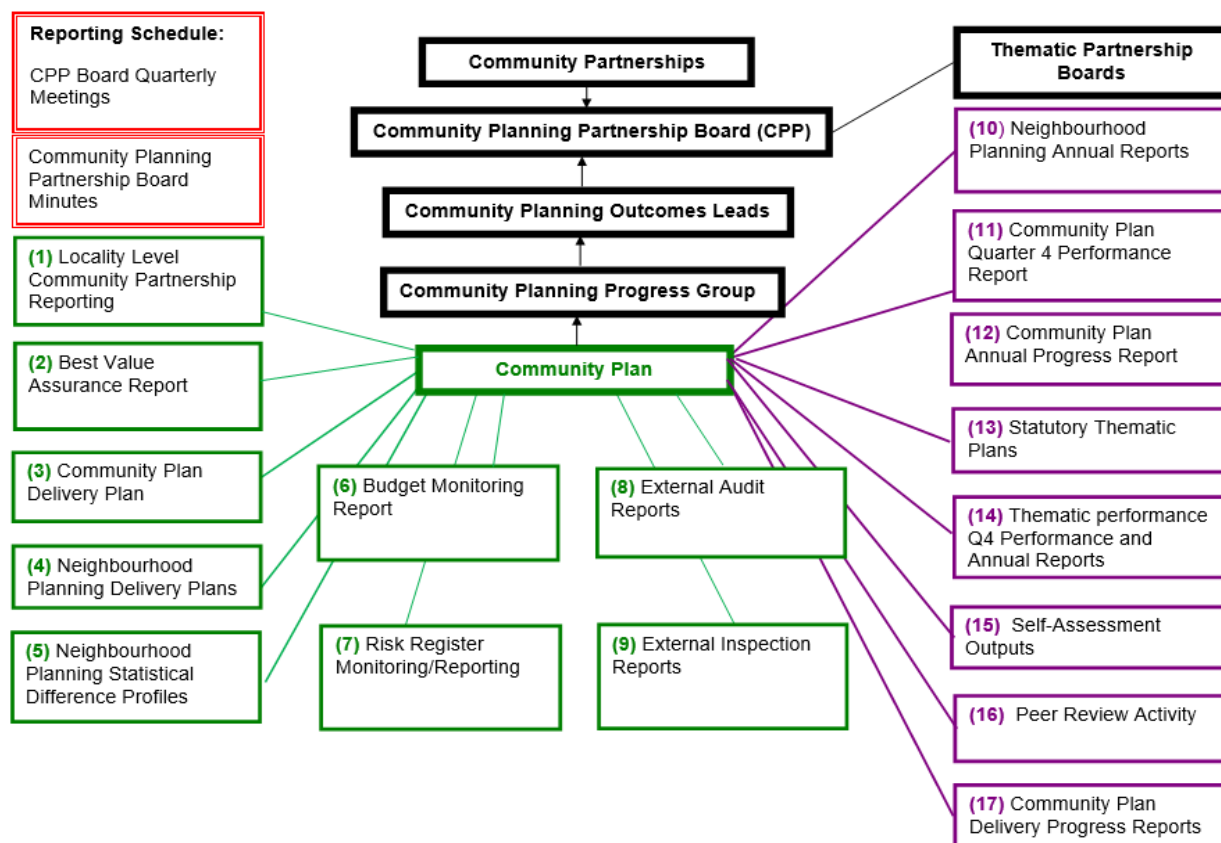
- Partnership and policy support across all partnership structures;
- Preparing partnership strategies and plans;
- Performance Management and Reporting;
- Programme Management of Community Plan and Marmot Place Programme delivery;
- Preparing the agenda and reports for meetings of the Board, in consultation with partners;
- Research and information;
- Performance monitoring and reporting;
- Community participation and engagement;
- Communications;
- Local Community Planning including Neighbourhood Planning and Community Partnerships;
- Communications;
- Data sharing;
- Implementing requests from the Board, for example, co-ordinating the activity of short-life working groups;
- Highlighting emerging strategic issues to the Board;
- Ensuring that the linkages and connections between and across the partnerships are effective and fit for purpose;
- Partnership governance arrangements;
- Organising Board Development Sessions and Community Planning events; and
- Providing guidance and support to the Progress Group and Outcome Leads Group, as well as to individual partnership groups, the Age Friendly South Lanarkshire Programme, officers working in the partnership and with communities.



## 9. How the partnership monitors and evaluates the effectiveness of its governance arrangements

The partnership regularly monitors and evaluates the effectiveness of its governance arrangements. The key sources of assurance that inform this process are shown in the diagram below:-

**Diagram 3 – South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Assurance Framework**



## 10. Review of Governance arrangements and Partner Commitments

This document will be reviewed annually, and any amendments must be considered and approved by the Board.



## 11. Glossary of terms

**Community Plan** – This is the overarching strategy of the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership. It is also known as a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan as set out in Section 6 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

**Place Director** – A Place Director represents the Scottish Government in local authority and Community Planning Partnership areas. More information can be found on the Scottish Government's website: [Place Directors: factsheet - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/place-directors/factsheet/pages/default.aspx)

**Neighbourhood Plans** – These are plans which set out local priorities for action in communities that experience poorer outcomes than the rest of South Lanarkshire. They are also known as Locality Plans as set out in Section 9 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

## South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Partner Commitments

The Partnership is a joint working arrangement where the partners are otherwise independent bodies who commit to working collaboratively through:-

- Ensuring the strategic and operational commitment of their organisation to the community planning process as required to comply with the legal duties as set out in the [Community Empowerment \(Scotland\) Act 2015](#); and to the delivery of the principles for effective community planning as set out in the [statutory Community Planning Guidance](#). These are: community participation and co-production; tackling inequalities; shared leadership; governance and accountability; understanding of local communities' needs; circumstances and opportunities; focus on key priorities; focus on prevention; resourcing improvement; and effective performance management;
- Upholding and demonstrating the standards of behaviour as set out in the Seven Principles of Public Life ([also known as the Nolan principles](#)) (see Appendix 2).
- Attending each Partnership Board meeting and, if this is not possible, a named substitute of sufficient seniority should deputise;
- Appointing a representative(s) with appropriate authority to contribute to and seek to implement decisions made by the Partnership. In respect of the Partnership Board, this will be Chair or person of Chief Executive status/equivalent or their senior nominated person;
- At all times, act in the best interests of the partnership, setting aside any personal interests;
- Working in a way that demonstrates the values of openness, respect, parity between partners and which achieves progress through reaching consensus and positively promotes shared decision-making;
- Providing clarification as appropriate when contributing to final decision-making, whether views expressed are as an individual or on behalf of their respective organisation;
- Ensuring that partnership working, is co-ordinated and inclusive, especially in relation to accepting shared responsibility for agreed actions;
- Leading or supporting work to deliver the agreed ambitions and outcomes;
- Facilitating the sharing of information and resources to support the delivery of community planning activities;
- Promoting the work of the partnership within their organisation;
- Ensuring any agreed community planning budget and resource requirements are included as part of your organisation's annual budget and resource planning process;
- Supporting capacity building initiatives aimed at strengthening the knowledge and skills of partner representatives and communities in respect of community planning;
- Co-operating and participating in performance monitoring and reporting frameworks that meet the requirements of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act; and
- Contributing to the promotion, development and maintenance of strong links with wider partners, community organisations, and communities.

## **The Seven Principles of Public Life**

The Seven Principles of Public Life (also known as the Nolan Principles) apply to anyone who works as a public office-holder. This includes all those who are elected or appointed to public office, nationally and locally, and all people appointed to work in the Civil Service, local government, the police, courts and probation services, non-departmental public bodies, and in the health, education, social and care services. All public office-holders are both servants of the public and stewards of public resources. The principles also apply to all those in other sectors delivering public services.

### **Selflessness**

Board members should act solely in terms of the public interest.

### **Integrity**

Board members must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships.

### **Objectivity**

Board members must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias.

### **Accountability**

Board members are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this.

### **Openness**

Board members should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing.

### **Honesty**

Board members should be truthful.

### **Leadership**

Board members should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour and treat others with respect. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs.



## CPP Board Membership Review

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**List of Statutory and Non-Statutory Organisations/Groups  
represented on the Community Planning Partnership Board**

| <b>Organisation/Group</b>  | <b>Statutory/Non-Statutory</b> | <b>Board Member?</b> |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Community Partnerships   | Non-Statutory                  | Yes                  |
| Federation of Small Businesses   | Non-Statutory                  | Yes                  |
| Historic Environment Scotland (now known as Historic Environment Scotland) | Statutory duty to participate  | No                   |
| NHS Lanarkshire  | Statutory duty to facilitate   | Yes                  |
| Police Service of Scotland   | Statutory duty to facilitate   | Yes                  |
| Scottish Enterprise  | Statutory duty to facilitate   | Yes                  |
| Scottish Fire and Rescue Service   | Statutory duty to facilitate   | Yes                  |
| Scottish Natural Heritage (now known as NatureScot)                        | Statutory duty to participate  | No                   |
| Seniors Together   | Non-Statutory                  | Yes                  |
| Skills Development Scotland  | Statutory duty to participate  | Yes                  |
| South Lanarkshire College  | Statutory duty to participate  | Yes                  |
| South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership                       | Statutory duty to participate  | Yes                  |
| South Lanarkshire Council  | Statutory duty to facilitate   | Yes                  |
| South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture                                      | Non-Statutory                  | Yes                  |
| Strathclyde Passenger Transport  | Statutory duty to participate  | Yes                  |
| The Scottish Environmental Protection Agency                               | Statutory duty to participate  | No                   |
| The Scottish Sports Council (now known as SportsScotland)                  | Statutory duty to participate  | No                   |
| University of the West of Scotland   | Non-Statutory                  | Yes                  |
| VASLan (Third Sector Interface)  | Non-Statutory                  | Yes                  |
| VistScotland   | Statutory duty to participate  | No                   |



## Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

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| <b>Date of meeting:</b>   | 18 June 2025   |
| <b>Subject:</b>   | South Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board Strategic Commissioning Plan 2025-2028   |
| <b>Report by:</b>   | Chief Officer, South Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board   |
| <b>Contact for Further Information:</b>                             | Professor Soumen Sengupta, Chief Officer, South Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board<br>Tel: 01698 453700<br>Email: <a href="mailto:soumen.sengupta@southlanarkshire.gov.uk">soumen.sengupta@southlanarkshire.gov.uk</a>  |
| <b>Purpose of the Report:</b>                                       | ♦ update the Partnership Board on the new Integration Joint Board (IJB) Strategic Commissioning Plan 2025–2028.  |
| <b>Community Planning Delivery Partners:</b>                        | All partners   |
| <b>Key Recommendations/Decisions/Action Required from Partners:</b> | The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-<br><b>(1)</b> that the content of the report be noted.   |
| <b>Risks/Challenges:</b>  | IJBs continue to operate in a complex, challenging and changing environment. The budget and service pressures on Local Government, NHS Boards and IJBs across Scotland and locally, are intense, and the scale of the challenge to sustain and transform critical services and statutory provisions for the most vulnerable and at-risk in local communities cannot be under-estimated.  |
| <b>Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:</b>                | ♦ All ambitions/principles   |
| <b>Summary of Report:</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ The report presents the new IJB Strategic Commissioning Plan 2025–2028, prepared as a requirement of and in accordance with the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014; and</li> <li>♦ The report summarises the process undertaken to prepare the new Plan, sets out its five strategic goals and five enabling drivers/catalysts for change; and a longer-term population health and inequality ambition as part of the Community Planning Partnership.</li> </ul> |

# Report

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| Report to:       | <b>Partnership Board</b>  |
| Date of Meeting: | <b>18 June 2025</b>   |
| Report by:       | <b>Chief Officer, South Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board</b> |

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| Subject: | <b>South Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board<br/>Strategic Commissioning Plan 2025-2028</b> |
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ update the Partnership Board on the new Integration Joint Board (IJB) Strategic Commissioning Plan 2025-2028

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the content of the report be noted.

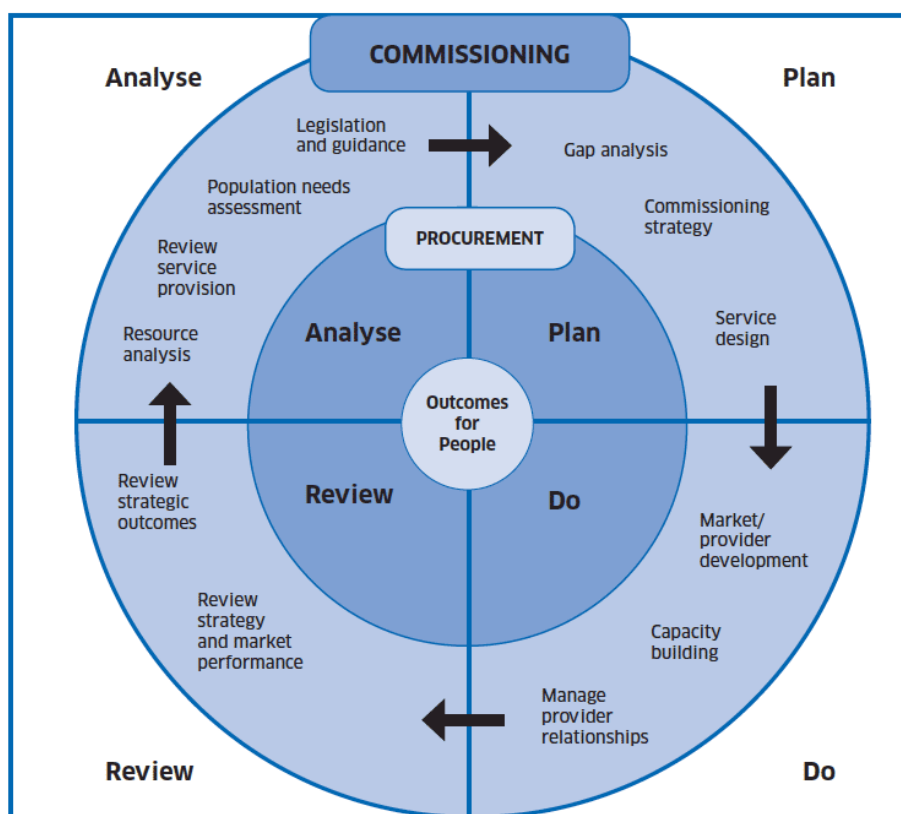
## 3. Background

- 3.1. As per the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014, Integration Joint Boards (IJBs) are required to prepare and agree three-year Strategic Commissioning Plans (SCP) that set out how resources will be directed to secure better health and well-being outcomes. The South Lanarkshire Integration Scheme details the services/functions and arrangements for the IJB (including its four administrative localities), an updated scheme having been approved by Scottish Ministers in March 2024.
- 3.2. At its June 2024 meeting, the IJB received a report titled 'Development of Strategic Commissioning Plan 2025-2028' which sets out in detail the statutory obligations that had to be met in preparing a new Strategic Commissioning Plan (SCP); and presented the programme of work developed within the local Strategic Commissioning Group that would be undertaken to ensure completion within the required timescales. That programme of work was subsequently taken forward under the auspices of the Strategic Commissioning Group (SCG) with the appended SCP finalised in March 2025.
- 3.3. The IJB approved its new Strategic Commissioning Plan 2025-2028 at its March 2025 meeting.



#### 4. Strategic Commissioning Planning

- 4.1. Strategic commissioning is an on-going and iterative process, as illustrated below.



- 4.2. The preparation of the SCP 2025–2028 has been undertaken with due consideration to the Scottish Government’s Health and Social Care - Strategic Plans: Statutory Guidance; and Healthcare Improvement Scotland Strategic Planning: Good Practice Framework.

- 4.3. The process of preparing a medium-term SCP for the IJB has been further shaped by local reflection and learning, with the process characterised by three core components:-

- Data Analysis
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Situational Awareness

#### 4.4. Data Analysis

- 4.4.1. Public Health Scotland’s Local Intelligence Support Team (LIST) have provided support in completing an updated Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. This has been made publicly available online at the [Health and Social Care Partnership website](#).

- 4.4.2. In addition, other published data sets and resources have been utilised, including data published by the Improvement Service, Office for National Statistics and the National Records of Scotland.

- 4.4.3. An updated Housing Contribution Statement has also been prepared, clearly articulating the links between housing, health and social care. This has been made publicly available online at the HSCP website.

#### **4.5. Stakeholder Engagement**

- 4.5.1. Feedback and insights gained through pre-existing and extensive engagement processes (e.g. the preparation of NHS Lanarkshire Our Health Together; and the South Lanarkshire Council Connect Plan) provided a foundation for the development of the SCP.
- 4.5.2. An extensive engagement process was undertaken in accordance with the Scottish Government and COSLA's Planning with People guidance. This has been made publicly available online at the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) website.
- 4.5.3. A hybrid approach was adopted whereby on-line and in-person sessions were held with stakeholders. A communications and engagement toolkit was developed and shared widely with stakeholders and media outlets to help encourage maximum involvement. Engagement sessions were also planned with strategic groups to widen the dissemination of information.

#### **4.6. Situational Awareness**

- 4.6.1. Key local strategies and plans of the Health Board, Council and Community Planning Partnership (CPP) have been reviewed, synergies identified, and complementary areas noted (e.g. Children Services Plan).
- 4.6.2. Cognisance has been taken of other local priorities, programmes and improvement activity, including strategies and programmes of work presented to the IJB that span the previous SCP and this new one (e.g. local Carers' Strategy).
- 4.7. The combined outcome of the processes described has been the identification of five strategic goals for the Strategic Commissioning Plan 2025–2028, namely:-
  - Nurture - to support more children to reach their developmental milestones.
  - Access - to improve the accessibility and range of primary care services.
  - Flow – to shift the balance of care from acute to community services, including reducing delayed discharges.
  - Recovery – to reduce harm from substance misuse and reduce drug related deaths.
  - Protect – to strengthen public protection arrangements to help keep vulnerable children and adults safe from harm.
- 4.8. The strategic goals complement and reinforce the prescribed National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes, and the priorities set within NHS Lanarkshire Our Health Together and South Lanarkshire Council's Connect Plan.
- 4.9. The strategic goals are also underpinned by existing structures and programmes of work through which they can be driven forward, monitored and reported.
- 4.10. Key enabling drivers – catalysts for change – have also been highlighted as being critical to delivery, namely:-

- Financial sustainability.
- Workforce development.
- Carers support.
- Digital development.
- Collaborative innovation.

4.11. IJB members participated in a workshop session on 13 February 2025 at which an earlier iteration of these strategic goals and catalysts for change were presented by officers. Whilst not a decision-making forum, this interactive session provided the opportunity for members to consider, comment, challenge and inform the proposals presented. At that workshop, the onward process for measuring and reporting progress against each area was discussed (see below). At that workshop, the importance of the IJB actively engaging with partners in wider action to improve population health and tackle inequalities was also emphasised. Whilst the the formal timescale for this SCP is three-years, a longer-term collaborative ambition is now explicitly stated, i.e.:-

- To improve life expectancy by 2035 whilst reducing the life expectancy gap between the most deprived local areas and the national average.

4.12. The preparation and design of the SCP as an on-line document itself has then been further informed by feedback from the presentation of publications to-date (e.g. Annual Performance Reports). Fundamental to this has been key insights derived from external auditor observations in relation to the negative impact that excessive detail and extraneous information can have on reader accessibility; and that the reader experience – and by extension transparency – can be enhanced by greater use of infographics as a replacement for block text. The SCP attached in Appendix 1 has been honed then with an emphasis on:-

- Succinctness and clarity.
- Connectivity - to existing analysis, plans and programmes of work.
- Visual accessibility.
- Strategic – i.e. high level – focus.

4.13. In accordance with good practice, hyperlinks have been used throughout the draft to further aid accessibility, so that readers can navigate between content, and access relevant information quickly as required whilst avoiding duplication of content.

4.14. Having been approved at the IJB meeting of March 2025, the appended SCP has already been presented to the NHS Lanarkshire Board and the South Lanarkshire Council Executive Committee. Alongside being presented to the CPP Board it is being shared with other stakeholders and key groups (e.g. the Health and Social Care Forum).

## **5. Employee Implications**

5.1. Workforce profiles and projections from national sources (e.g. the Scottish Social Services Council) have been reviewed alongside the workforce plans of NHS Lanarkshire, South Lanarkshire Council and the local integrated health and social care workforce plan (as previously presented to the IJB).

- 5.2. The SCP highlights continued workforce development as a key catalyst for change/enabling requirement for the delivery of the SCP.

## **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1. The Medium to Long Term Financial Forecast separately presented to the March 2025 meeting of the IJB has informed the development of the SCP, recognising that the IJB must operate within the budget available.
- 6.2. The SCP highlights continued financial sustainability as a key catalyst for change/enabling requirement for the delivery of the SCP.
- 6.3. IJBs continue to operate in a complex, challenging and changing environment, both locally and nationally. The budget and service pressures on Local Government, NHS Boards and IJBs across Scotland and locally, are intense, and the scale of the challenge to sustain and transform critical services and statutory provisions for the most vulnerable and at-risk in local communities cannot be underestimated.

## **7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

- 7.1. In accordance with the requirements of Section 7 (1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act, 2005 a Strategic Environmental Assessment pre-screening exemption on the SCP was submitted to the Scottish Government. The proposed SCP is exempt from Strategic Environmental Assessment as its implementation will have minimal effect in relation to the environment. This is in accordance with Sections 5 (4) and 7 (1) of the 2005 Act.

## **8. Other Implications**

- 8.1. The preparation of a three-year strategic plan is a statutory requirement as per the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

## **9. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirements**

- 9.1. An Integrated Impact Assessment has been undertaken as part of the development of the SCP 2025–2028.
- 9.2. The SCP has been prepared in accordance with the updated Planning with People guidance issued by the Scottish Government and COSLA in May 2024, and as reinforced by the IJB Participation and Engagement Strategy. A full report on the outcome of the engagement process is available on the HSCP website.
- 9.3. Collaborative working across HSCP teams, University Health and Social Care North Lanarkshire, other council services (e.g. Social Work Children and Families; and Housing Services) and Health Board services (e.g. Acute Directorate; and Public Health Directorate), primary care contractors and with Community Planning Partners, including third and independent sector organisations and community groups will continue to be crucial to the delivery of the strategic goals and the SCP as a whole.

**Professor Soumen Sengupta**  
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5 June 2025

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# South Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board Strategic Commissioning Plan | 2025–28



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Working together to improve health and wellbeing **in** the community – **with** the community

# Foreword



**Professor  
Soumen Sengupta**  
Chief Officer

We are pleased to introduce our new Strategic Commissioning Plan 2025 – 2028 (the Plan) which sets out how health and social care services will be delivered to improve the quality of support for people in South Lanarkshire.

The Plan sets out our key strategic goals which will provide a consistent focus for the work that we do and the decisions that we make.

Alongside the five strategic goals we commit to here, we will continue to deliver against the [National Health and Wellbeing Indicators](#); and contribute to the delivery of key local strategies – notably the [NHS Lanarkshire Our Health Together Strategy](#), [South Lanarkshire Connect](#) and the [South Lanarkshire Community Plan](#).

In discharging our responsibilities, we will embrace and promote the principles of [Getting it right for everyone \(GIRFE\)](#), [The Promise](#) and [Realistic Medicine](#) with a shared emphasis on empowerment, efficiency, collaboration and compassion.

Together this reflects our commitment to working with others to improve access; to shifting the balance of care; to digital and technological innovation; and to prevention.



**Margaret Walker**  
Chair



**Lesley McDonald**  
Vice-Chair

The [challenges facing health and social care services](#) are well documented – as are the challenges and inequalities that face many of our communities. Ensuring sustainable and effective services and supports for local people will mean that we will have work as a whole system to address these challenges and confront bold choices where required over the next three years.

We will do this responsibly, prudently and fairly in striving to make the best use of all of our resources for the people we serve and with the staff we have the privilege of leading.

Our mission here goes beyond that though.

Our health and social care teams have a track-record of improvement through teamworking, innovation and learning. We will continue to champion our staff as they lead those improvements.

And whilst this Plan is focused on key areas for delivery over the medium-term, we are steadfast in our commitment to whole system working – locally and nationally - to secure improvements in population health and health equity over the long-term.

Our continued thanks to all of our staff, our partners and the communities that we serve.



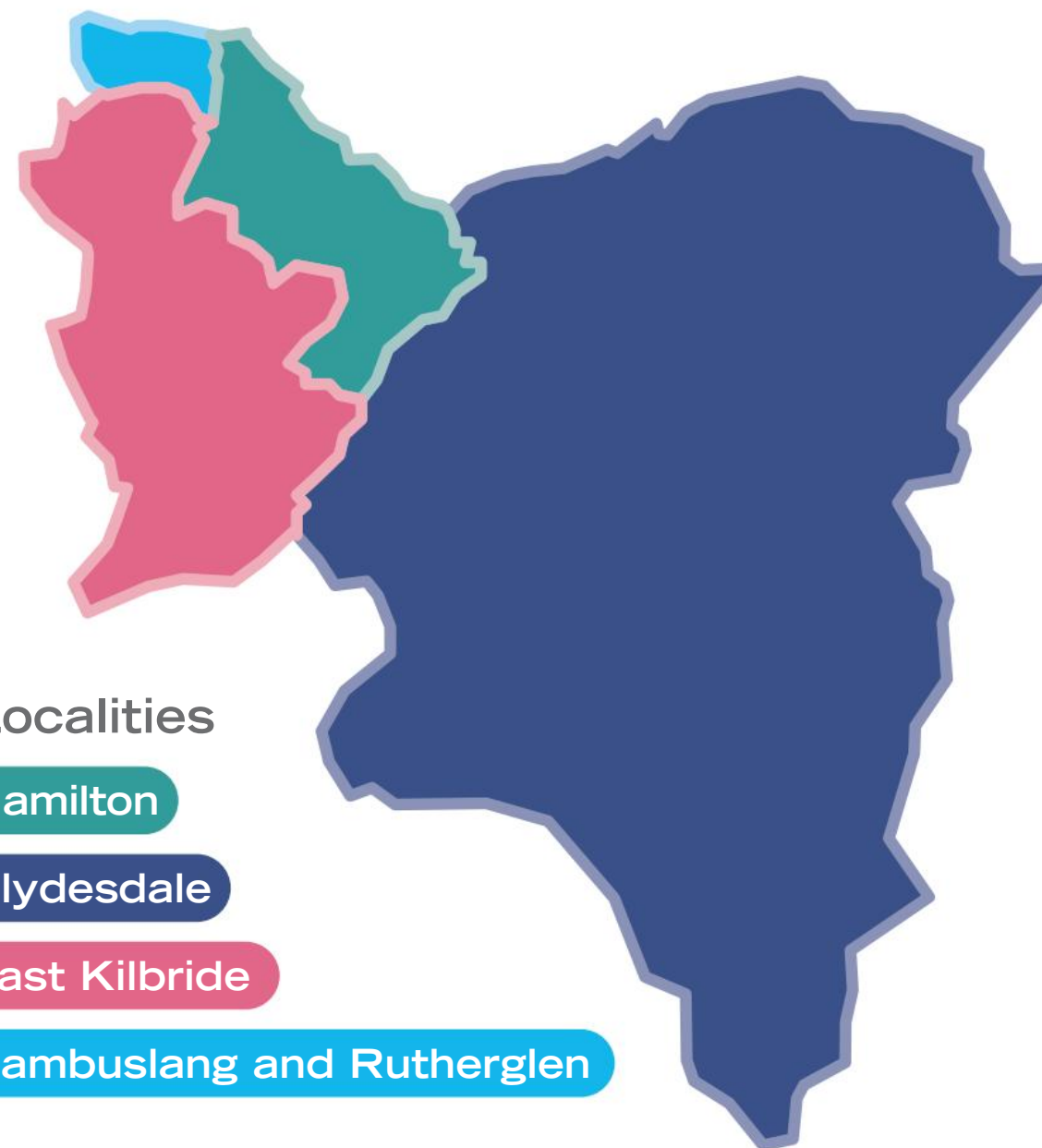
# Our Area

South Lanarkshire has a **population of just over 320,000.**

By 2043 the population is **projected to grow by almost 1.3%**  
*although decreases are expected in most age groups under 64.*

By 2043 the population aged **over 75 is projected to grow by almost 50%.**

**Just over 1 in 5 children aged 0 to 15**  
are in relative low-income households.



## Localities

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Clydesdale

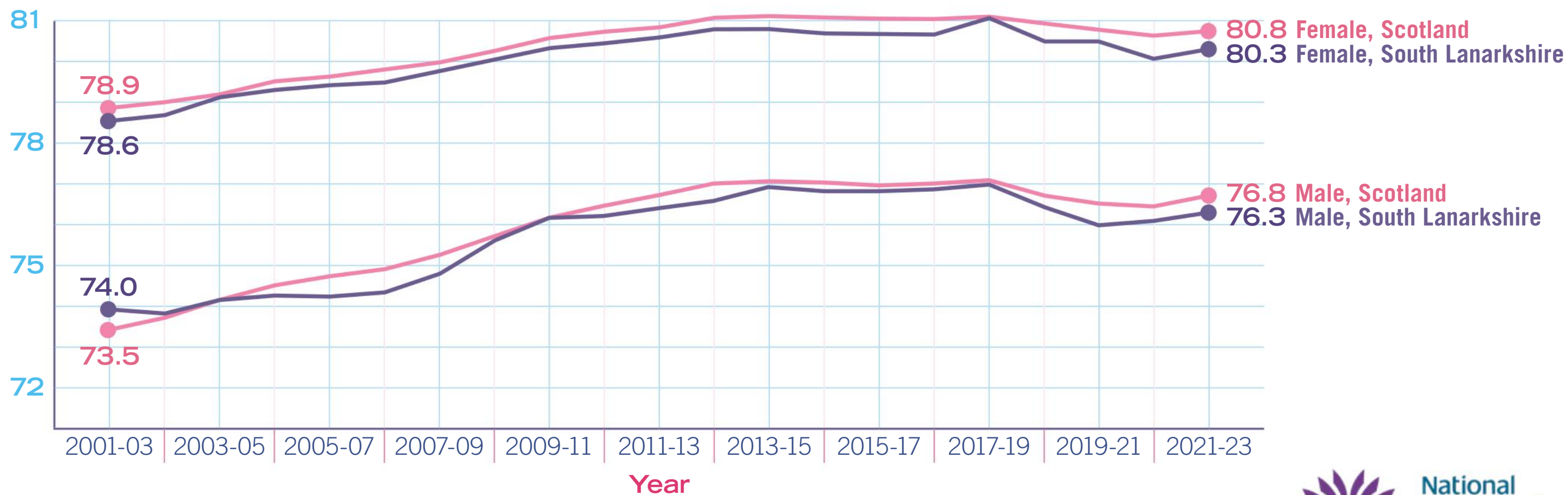
East Kilbride

Cambuslang and Rutherglen

# Our Wellbeing

Life expectancy in South Lanarkshire is lower - for both males and females - compared to Scotland.

Life expectancy at birth, 2001-03 to 2021-23



# Our Role

As defined within the [Public Bodies \(Joint Working\) \(Scotland\) Act 2014](#):

- The IJB is responsible for the [strategic planning](#) of the functions delegated to it and for ensuring the delivery of those functions.
- All IJBs have a duty to deliver the [national Health and Wellbeing Outcomes](#).

## Integration Joint Board (Strategic)

- Formal public body
- Develops and leads the strategy for Health and Social Care through the Strategic Commissioning Plan
- Issues 'Directions' to the Council and the Health Board

## Health and Social Care Partnership (Operational)

- Takes forward the operational implementation of the plan on behalf of the Council and the Health Board
- Provides assurance to the IJB and the parties on progress with the implementation of the plan



## Our Mission

Working together to improve health and wellbeing in the community - with the community

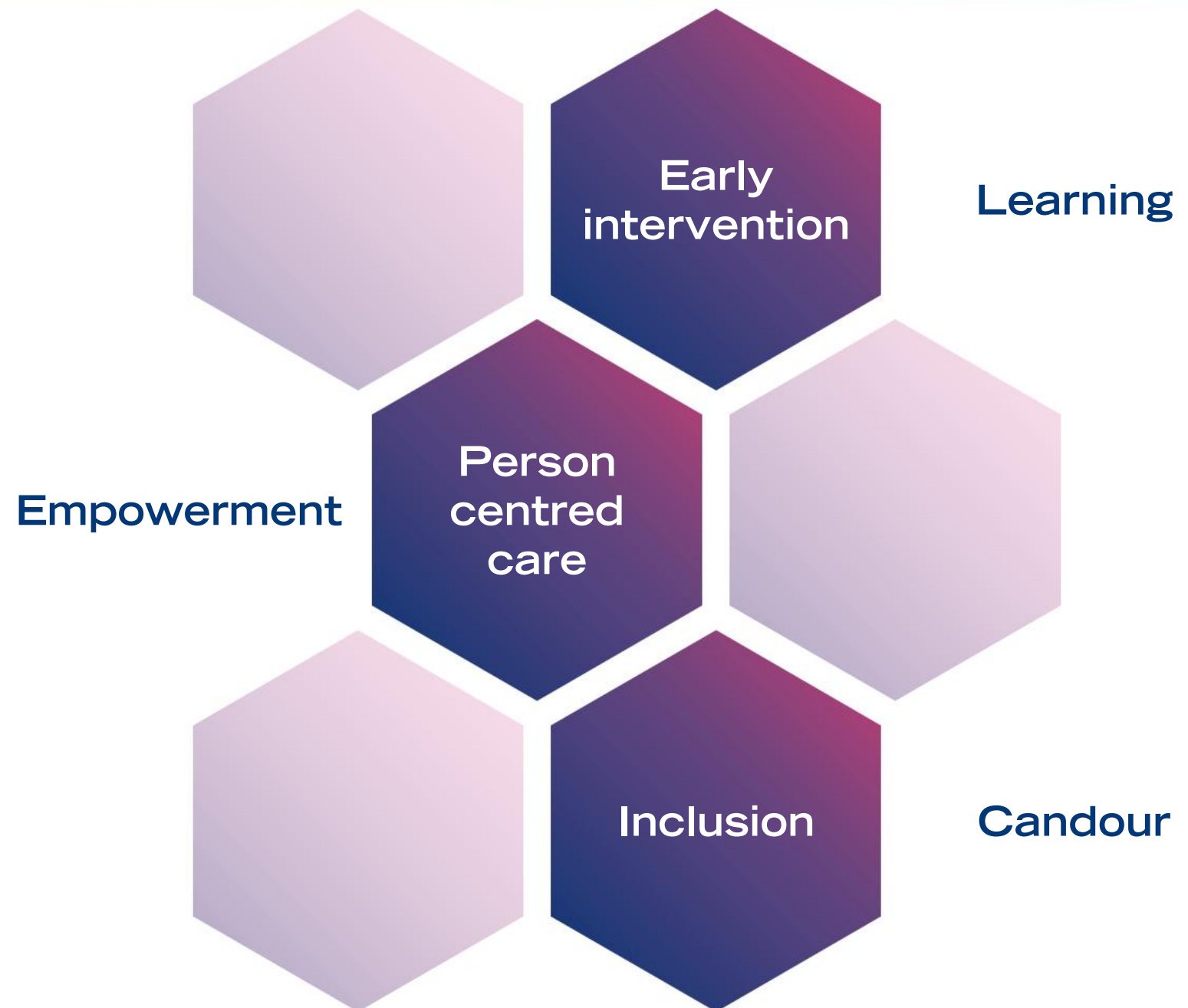


## Our Vision

For all our communities to live longer and healthier lives, supported by the right care, in the right place and at the right time.



# Our Guiding Principles



# Our Strategic Goals



## Nurture

We will support more children to reach their developmental milestones



## Access

We will improve the accessibility and range of primary care services



## Flow

We will shift the balance of care from acute to community services, including reducing delayed discharges



## Protect

We will strengthen our public protection arrangements to help keep vulnerable children and adults safe from harm



## Recovery

We will reduce harm from substance misuse and reduce drug related deaths

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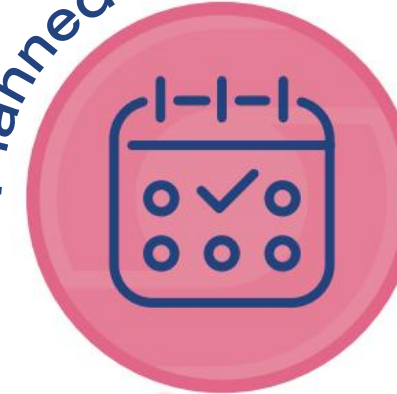
# Our Strategic Partners



Primary Care



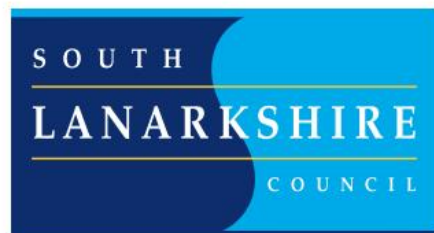
Planned Care



## Our Health Together

# Our Strategic Partners

To improve the lives and prospects of everyone in South Lanarkshire



We need to put people first and reduce inequality



We need to recover, progress and improve



We need to work towards a sustainable future in sustainable places





# Our Outcomes

## National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes



Scottish Government  
Riaghaltas na h-Alba  
gov.scot

People able to look after and improve their own health and wellbeing

People able to live independently in their community

Positive experiences of services, and dignity respected

Services contribute to reducing health inequalities

Support unpaid carers to look after their own health and wellbeing

People who use health and social care services are safe from harm

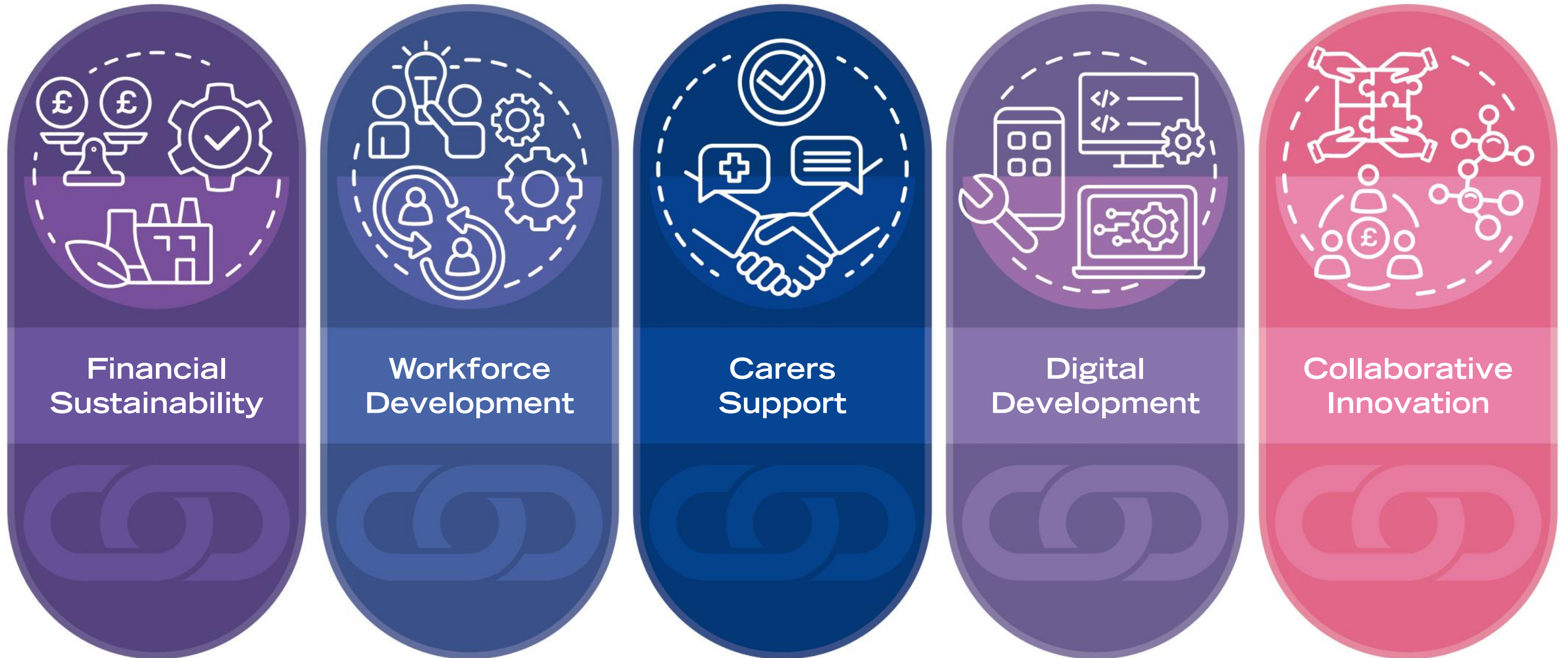
Services help to maintain or improve the quality of life



Staff feel engaged and supported to continuously improve services

Resources used effectively and efficiently

# Our Catalysts for Change



# Our Resources

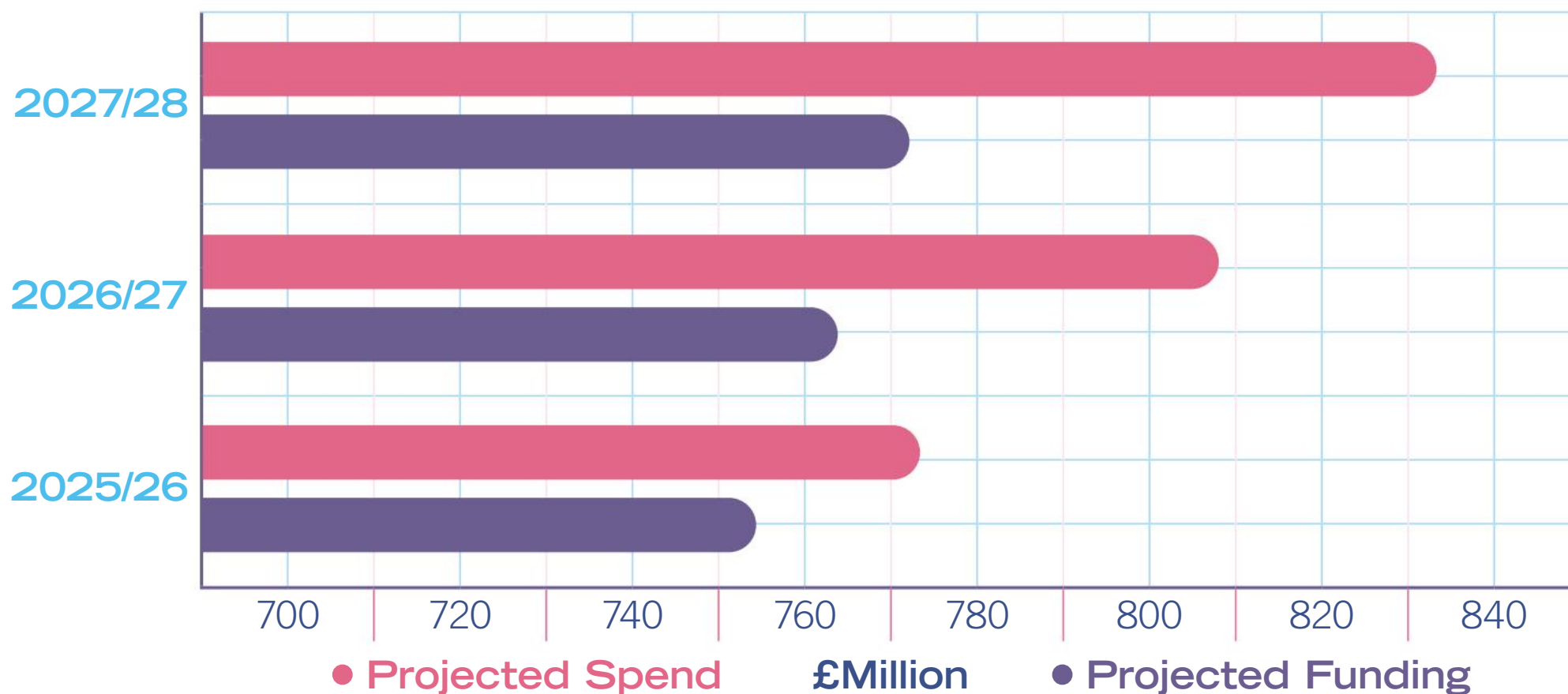
The IJB has a [statutory duty to set a balanced budget](#).

The IJB has [a track-record of achieving financial balance](#).

The IJB recognises that [transformational change and whole system action are required to deliver sustainable health and social care services](#) for local communities.



Financial Forecast 2025/26 – 2027/28





# Our Decisions

Our Sustainability and Value Option Appraisal Screening approach provides a consistent and transparent framework for considering proposals for change, reinforcing the IJB's commitment to prioritising the most vulnerable and at-risk across our communities.

Public Protection  
and  
Clinical Safety

Professional  
Registration  
Requirements

Service Redesign  
or Reduction  
with impact on  
outcomes

Service Redesign  
or Reduction with  
no/limited impact  
on outcomes

Benchmarking  
and Efficiencies



# Our Governance

The IJB has well-established [governance and decision-making arrangements](#) in place.



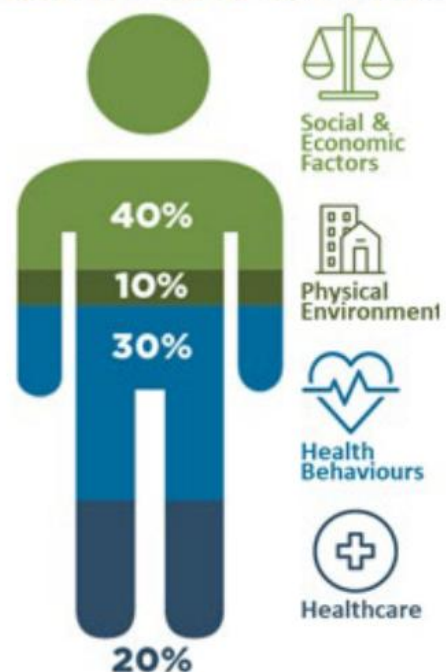


# Our Ambition

To improve life expectancy by 2035 whilst reducing the life expectancy gap between the most deprived local areas and the national average.

The IJB understands that the [primary determinants](#) of health and inequalities are economic, environmental and social.

## Four Pillars of Health



The IJB is committed to working through and with local Community Planning Partners in order to secure long term improvements for local people and future generations.







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## Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

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| <b>Date of Meeting:</b>   | 18 June 2025   |
| <b>Subject:</b>   | South Lanarkshire's Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) Update Report  |
| <b>Report by:</b>   | Interim Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources), South Lanarkshire Council  |
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| <b>Purpose of the Report:</b>                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ provide the Partnership Board with an update on key actions progressed since the approval of the Local Heat and Energy Efficiency in June 2024; and</li> <li>♦ provide the Partnership Board with key considerations on actions proposed for delivery as part of the Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy in 2025-26.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Community Planning Delivery Partners:</b>                        | All partners   |
| <b>Key Recommendations/Decisions/Action Required from Partners:</b> | <p>The Board is asked to approve the following recommendations:-</p> <p><b>(1)</b> that the update on actions progressed since the approval of the strategy, be noted; and</p> <p><b>(2)</b> that the considerations relating to actions to be progressed during 2025/26, be noted.</p>  |
| <b>Risks/Challenges:</b>  | <p>As identified in the LHEES Strategy, there are a number of challenges which need to be overcome to decarbonise South Lanarkshire's buildings. These include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Market disincentives, such as the current unit price differential between gas and electricity;</li> <li>♦ Consumer uncertainty about new technologies;</li> <li>♦ Challenging property types, such as those that require significant fabric upgrades; and</li> <li>♦ An underdeveloped supply chain for energy efficiency and heating upgrades.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:</b>                | The LHEES will support the Council and its Community Planning Partners to scale up and align existing programmes, and to increase the scale and pace of retrofit and heat network development that is needed to meet the national target of Net Zero by 2045. LHEES links to the key priorities in the Community Plan 2022-2032 to improve the lives and prospects for everyone in South Lanarkshire in the priority areas focused on improving housing quality and energy efficiency.   |

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| <b>Summary of Report:</b> | <p>The report provides a background to the development of South Lanarkshire's first Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy and the accompanying Delivery Plan. It describes the progress to date since the Strategy and Action Plan were approved by the Council's Executive Committee in June 2024. The report also provides a focus on the proposed Delivery Plan actions for 2025/26 and a summary of the next steps for the LHEES.</p> |
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# Report

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| Report to:       | <b>Partnership Board</b>   |
| Date of Meeting: | <b>18 June 2025</b>  |
| Report by:       | <b>Interim Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources), South Lanarkshire Council</b> |

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| Subject: | <b>South Lanarkshire's Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) Update Report</b> |
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ provide the Partnership Board with an update on key actions progressed since the approval of the Local Heat and Energy Efficiency in June 2024
- ♦ provide the Partnership Board with key considerations on actions proposed for delivery as part of the Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy in 2025/26

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendations:-

- (1) that the update on actions progressed since the approval of the Strategy, be noted.
- (2) that the considerations relating to actions to be progressed in 2025/26, be noted.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. A Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) brings together key priorities around the reduction of carbon emissions, improvement of domestic and non-domestic building stock and securing a reduction in fuel poverty.
- 3.2. The Scottish Parliament passed the Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategies (Scotland) Order in May 2022. This order places a statutory duty on local authorities to prepare, publish and update a LHEES Strategy and Delivery Plan.
- 3.3. The South Lanarkshire LHEES Strategy and Delivery Plan was approved by the Council's Executive Committee on 26 June 2024 and was developed in such a way to ensure that it complements and supports the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2022 to 2027.
- 3.4. The priorities set out in the LHEES are as follows:-
  - **Priority 1:** Reduce heat demand using a fabric first approach to improve the condition and energy efficiency of housing across all tenures to ensure that poor energy performance is removed as a driver of fuel poverty.
  - **Priority 2:** Transition to zero direct emissions heating systems in buildings across South Lanarkshire to tackle climate change.
  - **Priority 3:** Make greater use of heat networks as part of the wider just transition to net zero.

- 3.5. The LHEES provides the framework through which the Council and its Community Planning Partners can outline how they will scale up and align existing programmes, to increase the scale and pace of retrofit and heat network development that is needed to meet the national target of net-zero by 2045. It also highlights the scale and nature of any barriers to delivery, including the availability of resources, required to secure the outcomes sought.
- 3.6. The Strategy is supported by a Delivery Plan that outlines key actions that are currently being progressed or planned for future years.

#### **4. Progress to Date**

- 4.1. Over the eleven-month period since the Strategy and Action Plan were approved, a number of significant actions have been progressed. At this stage these are developmental and aim to inform future capital programmes or policy positions to be progressed at a later stage of the Strategy.
- 4.2. Following the approval of the Strategy, the Council's Housing and Technical Resources appointed a dedicated Strategy Co-ordinator for Energy and Decarbonisation to co-ordinate delivery of the Strategy and support council services and partners to progress actions.
- 4.3. Initial progress within the Delivery Plan has been made around the social rented housing sector and council owned public buildings, including:-
- Specialist consultants have been procured to complete detailed analysis on the Council's non-domestic estate of the requirements and implications of options to achieve net-zero across its public sector buildings. This aims to update and refine the previous non-domestic feasibility study, whilst also providing categorisation of buildings to help inform future discussions regarding their use or retention.
  - Mirroring the above, we have procured consultants utilising the Climate Emergency Fund to complete a detailed analysis of the Council's domestic estate to outline key actions it can take to achieve the new Social Housing Net-Zero Standard. In addition to informing future investment works to meet the new standards, it will provide evidence-based data to support further analysis to develop wider estate management decisions.
  - Established a joint group with Registered Social Landlord partners to explore energy efficiency and decarbonisation actions within the social rented sector.
  - Discussions with Police Scotland to explore opportunities to jointly progress decarbonisation or energy efficiency improvements within their assets and estate.
  - Two feasibility studies have been raised to investigate the potential for heat networks in Carluke and East Kilbride funded through the Net Zero Innovation Fund.
- 4.4. The Council's Housing and Technical Resources have also led on the development and submission of two significant funding bids to progress heat network opportunities in East Kilbride and Hamilton.
- The East Kilbride project, covering domestic buildings in the Calderwood area, would connect 522 domestic properties spread across six multi-storey buildings, providing anticipated reduced heating costs to tenants and owner occupiers. The bid has received initial endorsement for £5.49m from the Scotland's Heat Network Fund and awaits a final decision from Scottish Ministers before the grant is awarded. Match funding is proposed from the Council and subject to internal approval and planning permission being obtained, work could commence later in 2025/26.

- The Hamilton project, covering the Bothwell Road and Almada Street area, would connect a range of public and private sector non-domestic buildings, as well as new and existing domestic properties in the area. Positive discussions have been held between the Council and Scottish Water Horizons in 2025, with the waste-water treatment facility on Bothwell Road identified as a potential heat source for the project. Funding is now to be secured to progress a new feasibility study, with Community Planning Partners who have premises in the area to be included in discussions.

4.5. Progress for the first year of the Strategy will be reported to the Council's Climate Change and Sustainability Committee in September 2025. The approach to reporting on the LHEES will ensure coherence and consistency in relation to the progress being achieved between the actions which are shared with the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2022/27.

## **5. Focus for 2025/26**

5.1. As detailed at Section 4, it is recognised that the majority of progress to date has been focused within the social housing sector and public sector buildings. As such, actions for 2025/26 aim to broaden this to ensure by the end of year two, work has commenced across all three priorities set out in the Strategy. This includes:-

- Further discussions with Community Planning Partners to understand opportunities for joint working or inclusion of decarbonisation or energy efficiency projects they may be progressing or considering.
- Consideration by the Council on potential heat network opportunities within town centre regeneration capital projects at East Kilbride and Hamilton.
- Consideration on the decarbonisation opportunities within the Council's Public Private Partnership secondary school estate, ensuring heating upgrades and replacements etc during the contract period take cognisance of opportunities to meet future Net Zero requirements once partnerships come to an end.
- Working in partnership with Energy Savings Trust, the Council will aim to firm up understanding of fuel poverty across all housing tenures which can assist in informing directing investment works through grant funding mechanisms.
- Consideration by the Council on heat network zoning as part of the Local Development Plan process, including the requirement to nominate a 'heat network lead', as set out in the Heat Networks Act (2021).
- Consideration by the Council on engaging with private commercial and industrial sectors to understand opportunities for partnerships or where existing decarbonisation, energy generation or energy efficiency works are already taking place or are planned.

5.2. To ensure effective monitoring of progress in relation to these actions and the wider Delivery Plan, a Council Officer Working Group has been established. Opportunities for representatives for Community Planning Partners to join and discuss key areas of work relating to LHEES will also be taken forward in 2025/26.

## **6. Next Steps**

6.1. An annual report on progress achieved within the first year of LHEES will be presented to the Council's Climate Change and Sustainability Committee in September 2025. A report will also be shared with the Scottish Government.

## **7. Employee Implications**

- 7.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

## **8. Financial Implications**

- 8.1. The LHEES Strategy itself does not commit any expenditure.

## **9. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

- 9.1. It is anticipated that there should be no new significant environmental implications that have not already been identified in either the national Heat in Buildings Strategy or Council-led plans, for example, the Local Housing Strategy, Council Plan, Community Plan, Local Development Plan 2, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy. Any new effects should be minor and positive in nature. Where identified, appropriate enhancement or mitigation measures will be considered within the LHEES.
- 9.2. In formally determining whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is required, the Council has considered the views of the Consultation Authorities who agree that the LHEES is unlikely to have significant environmental effects and therefore a SEA has not been undertaken.

## **10. Other Implications**

- 10.1. 'Failure to meet sustainable development and climate change objectives' is one of the top risks for the council. Without a plan in place and a financial plan to support it then this risk will continue to be one of the Council's top risks.

## **11. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirements**

- 11.1. An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) was undertaken as part of the development of the Strategy. This identified that there would be no negative impact on the following categories: age, disability, gender, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion and belief, sex, and sexual orientation, whilst also highlighted that a key consideration of LHEES is to ensure a just transition in relation to tackling climate change, contributing to a quality of life which is fair, inclusive, and does not disadvantage anyone.
- 11.2. A Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment was also undertaken as part of the development, concluding that South Lanarkshire's LHEES will effectively support the delivery of the council's wider goals of supporting those who are most vulnerable, reducing poverty, and decreasing carbon emissions. The assessment identified that those who are most vulnerable or faced socio-economic challenges would be the most adversely impacted by climate change, with the LHEES Strategy acting as an engagement vehicle to ensure effective actions to tackle climate change are taken forward.
- 11.3. The Strategy was implemented prior to the introduction of the Integrated Impact Assessment.
- 11.4. A public and stakeholder consultation for the draft LHEES Strategy and Delivery Plan was carried out over an eight-week period, closing on 12 April 2024. During the consultation period, an online survey, which was widely publicised internally and externally was also conducted. The Council also engaged directly with a wide range of partners and stakeholders who provided constructive and positive feedback. A special elected members awareness session was held on 10 May 2024, providing elected members with the opportunity to review the draft in detail and speak with officers from across the Council's Resources involved prior to submission for Committee approval.

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5 June 2025

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## Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

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| <b>Date of Meeting:</b>  | 18 June 2025   |
| <b>Subject:</b>  | Director of Public Health Annual Report  |
| <b>Report by:</b>  | Director of Public Health and Health Policy, NHS Lanarkshire   |
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| <b>Purpose of the Report:</b>  | ♦ provide the Partnership Board with an update on Director of Public Health Annual Report 2024.  |
| <b>Community Planning Delivery Partners:</b>                         | All partners   |
| <b>Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:</b> | The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-<br>(1) that the content of the report be noted, in particular, the key priorities that need actioned to improve children's and the wider population health.  |
| <b>Risks/Challenges:</b>   | Collaborative, whole-system approaches are essential to tackle inequalities and improve health outcomes.   |
| <b>Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:</b>                 | Improving Population Health and addressing Inequalities  |
| <b>Summary of Report:</b>  | <p>This year the main focus of the Director of Public Health Annual Report (DPHAR) is the health of Infants, Children and Young People. It will explore some of the usual public health themes, through a child health lens.</p> <p>2024 was a landmark year for our children, with The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024 coming into effect and ensuring all those under 18 have their rights protected by law. It recognises that childhood is a special time in people's lives.</p> <p>An update on the actions identified as priorities in last year's report which focussed on the theme of NHS as an anchor organisation is also included. We are making good progress across many areas on the Anchor Action Plan, however, there is a lot more work to do to improve population health and address inequalities.</p> <p>♦ Child Health Priorities: Mental health, child poverty, and inequalities remain significant challenges. Initiatives like Kooth, school counselling, and targeted weight management programmes aim to address these issues.</p> |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vaccination Decline: Vaccine uptake has steadily fallen, requiring targeted efforts to improve immunization rates.</li> <li>◆ Child Poverty: 23.6% of children in South Lanarkshire and 26.9% in North Lanarkshire live in relative poverty, necessitating collaborative efforts to mitigate impacts.</li> <li>◆ Oral Health: Significant improvements in oral health among children, with Lanarkshire exceeding national targets for dental decay prevention.</li> <li>◆ Breastfeeding: Cultural barriers persist, but initiatives like the Breastfeeding Friendly Scotland scheme show positive impacts.</li> <li>◆ Screening Programmes: Uptake rates vary across programmes, with inequalities in participation among deprived populations.</li> <li>◆ Vaping Among Youth: High prevalence of vaping among young people, with limited awareness of cessation support.</li> <li>◆ Children's Voices: Engagement with children revealed their understanding of health and wellbeing, emphasizing mental health, physical activity, and healthy diets.</li> <li>• The National Population Health Framework will be published shortly and will influence our strategic priorities.</li> </ul> <p> <a href="#">Director of Public Health Annual Report 2024</a><br/> <a href="#">DPHAR 2024 appendices</a><br/> <a href="#">Director of Public Health Annual Report 2024 on Vimeo</a> </p> |
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# Report

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| Report to:       | <b>Partnership Board</b>  |
| Date of Meeting: | <b>18 June 2025</b>   |
| Report by:       | <b>Director of Public Health and Health Policy, NHS Lanarkshire</b> |

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| Subject: | <b>Director of Public Health Annual Report 2024</b> |
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ provide the Partnership Board with an update on Director of Public Health Annual Report 2024

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the content of the report be noted, in particular, the key priorities that need actioned to improve children's and the wider population health.

## 3. Background

3.1. This year's Director of Public Health Annual Report, attached as an Appendix, focuses on the health of infants, children, and young people, addressing public health priorities such as child poverty, mental health, vaccination, oral health, breastfeeding, and screening programmes. It highlights the challenges and progress in improving population health and reducing inequalities, with a strong emphasis on children's rights under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

### 3.2. Key highlights from the Health of the Population:

- The National Population Health Framework will be published shortly, the Directorate has been involved in preparatory work for the arrival of this document, including responding to the consultation, and presenting information at an NHS Board Vision Session. Going forwards the Population Health Framework will influence our strategic priorities.
- Life expectancy is lower in Lanarkshire than in Scotland overall and life expectancy is lower in North Lanarkshire than South Lanarkshire.
- Overall standardised mortality ratios (SMRs) in Lanarkshire remain above the Scottish average and there is a wide variation in SMRs between the different localities in Lanarkshire.
- In 2023, the following accounted for a large proportion of deaths in Lanarkshire: cancer (25.9% of all deaths), respiratory diseases (11.4%), coronary heart disease (10.6%), stroke (5.4%), dementia (5.4%), and Alzheimer's (4.3%).
- The Scottish Health Survey Lanarkshire data describes over 1 in 3 people experience a limiting long-term illness and nearly 1 in 4 people experience mental health symptoms, and 1 in 6 reporting they were worried about running out of food – so experiencing money worries. Therefore, it is essential that we

have system wide evidence-based approaches to tackle the wider determinants of health.

### 3.3. **Key points from Child Health:**

- There are many examples of excellent practice across all our partners that demonstrate an ongoing commitment to child health and whole systems working. However, we know that there are some challenges facing us, addressing mental health, child poverty and inequalities are particular areas of focus.
- The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024 came into effect on 16 July 2024. This landmark legislation ensures that all children and young people in Scotland, under the age of 18, have their rights protected. UNCRC outlines 42 rights, known as articles, that all children and young people in Scotland are entitled to. NHS Lanarkshire is taking active steps to ensure that we are complying with this legislation and that children's rights are advanced across our system.
- Official Scottish Government statistics, published in March 2024 show that 24.2% of all children in Scotland are living in poverty (from the period 2020-2023). The most recent Lanarkshire figures for 2022-2023 of children living in households in relative poverty, after housing costs, are 23.6% in South Lanarkshire and 26.9% in North Lanarkshire. NHS Lanarkshire will work alongside local partners to deliver actions and help mitigate the impacts of child poverty.
- Exclusive breastfeeding goes a long way toward cancelling out the health difference between being born into poverty and being born into affluence. It is a natural "safety net" against the worst effects of poverty almost as if breastfeeding takes the infant out of poverty for those first few months in order to give the child a fairer start in life and compensate for the injustice of the world into which it was born. However, NHS Lanarkshire breastfeeding rates are among the lowest in the UK. There has been some improvement over time, but there are still barriers. Living in a predominantly bottle-feeding culture makes breastfeeding more difficult. Looking critically at how we supported infant feeding as an organisation, we recognised that to really change culture requires a whole system approach to creating an environment that is supportive and enabling of normalising breastfeeding.
- In Lanarkshire, many children are overweight or obese with rates above the Scottish average which shows that there is a need to help them manage their weight. The Lanarkshire Healthy Lifestyle and Weight Management Service (LWMS) offers different programmes and services for people of all ages. This includes special programmes to help children, young people, and their families. This includes the Healthy Schools framework that helps teachers plan and track health and wellbeing in schools, the Full of Beans programme which is a fun activity for families of children aged 18 months to 5 years, families can join in activities while learning helpful tips on things like healthy eating, exercise, play, screen time and sleep. GOALS (Getting Our Active Lifestyle Started) is a family-based healthy lifestyle programme that helps school-aged children, young people and their families in Lanarkshire.
- During 2024, Lanarkshire like the rest of Scotland experienced an increase in cases of pertussis, an infection which can be particularly serious in young infants. A safe and highly effective maternal pertussis vaccination programme was first introduced in October 2012, with the aim of providing passive immunity from a pregnant woman to her unborn baby to afford protection in the first few weeks of life before the infant becomes eligible to begin their immunisation course. Ongoing work to promote uptake of maternal vaccinations.

- Vaccination is a key public health activity to prevent a number of infectious diseases in children. Despite the decline of uptake rates for all immunisations over the past 10 years, Lanarkshire remains high in comparison to the Scottish average. Reversing the decline in vaccine uptake is essential. Targeting areas of low uptake and identifying barriers will improve health outcomes for the population of Lanarkshire.
- Pregnancy and newborn screening (PNBS) programmes aim to identify a range of conditions that may affect the health and wellbeing of the mother and newborn. This allows for early detection and timely management. Overall, the PNBS is performing well. Availability of high-quality data locally and nationally is a challenge and we will work to improve quality of recording in local digital clinical systems. Through the Screening Inequalities Action Plan, we will further engage with staff to provide comprehensive and accessible information, enabling all women, regardless of background or circumstances to make informed choices about screening and engage with maternity services as early as possible.
- NHS Lanarkshire has a role as a 'corporate parent' to care experienced children and young people. In some cases, the health of care experienced children and young people can be poorer than the general population. The Independent Care Review was published in February 2020. It produced 'The Promise' Plan 2021-24 which is built on five foundations of voice, family, care, people and scaffolding. Since then, Plan 2024-39 has been published. It offers NHS Lanarkshire an opportunity to refresh their commitment to care experienced children and young people to ensure they feel adequately supported as is the role of all good parents.
- On the whole children and young people's mental health and wellbeing has seen a decline in recent years, with an increase in referrals to the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS). In NHS Lanarkshire, Children and Young People come into CAMHS in one of two ways: during times of crisis or routine referrals. Referrals to CAMHS have increased post the COVID-19 pandemic and show no signs of slowing (10-11). This is true for presentations of depression, anxiety, eating disorders, suicidality and deliberate self-harm. It is essential that services and partners work together to meet the needs of our most vulnerable Children and Young People.
- NHS Lanarkshire, along with partnerships across both North and South Lanarkshire local authorities set out priorities within both Children's Services Plans and the Infant, Children and Young People's Health Plan to combat this and nurture positive changes for the children and young people of Lanarkshire. Across both North (in March 2023), and South (in June 2022) Lanarkshire, there has been the introduction of Kooth. This is an online service and has provided a number of supports for the children and young people of Lanarkshire including self-help resources, community supports, and 1-1 support. Kooth offers 24/7 support.
- Young people aged under 18 are able to obtain vapes easily, despite being below the legal age for purchase. They are susceptible to the advertising of both flavours and devices. The NHS Lanarkshire Health Improvement Alcohol and Other Substances Team commissioned LANDED Peer Education Service to conduct a Lanarkshire wide consultation into Youth Vaping. This identified a number of areas for action including work with partners in education, the third sector and parents to ensure 'trusted adults' have appropriate training to discuss vaping with young people and deliver a package of parental education.
- The National Dental Inspection Programme (NDIP) is carried out annually in Scotland. The NDIP report of detailed inspection of P1 children in school year 2023-24 showed significant improvements in oral health of children in Lanarkshire and for the first time Lanarkshire is above the Scotland average for

children with no obvious dental decay experience in primary (baby) teeth (75.9% vs 73.2%). This is due to the hard work and dedication of all branches of the dental profession, coupled with excellent integrated working with our social care and education partners.

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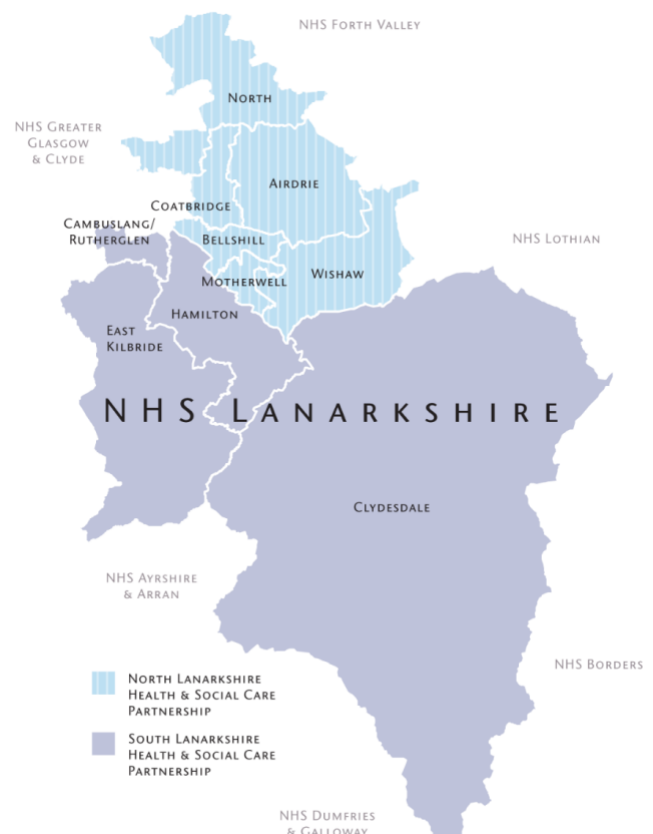
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## List of Abbreviations

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| BBV      | Blood-borne viruses                                      |
| BFF      | Becoming Breastfeeding Friendly Scotland                 |
| BFS      | Breastfeeding Friendly Scotland                          |
| BMI      | Body Mass Index  |
| CAMHS    | Child and Adolescent mental health Services              |
| CBRs     | Community Benefit Requirements                           |
| CHD      | Coronary Heart Disease                                   |
| CHP      | Child Health Programme                                   |
| COVID-19 | Corona Virus 2019  |
| CWB      | Community Wealth Building                                |
| DWP      | Department for Work and Pensions                         |
| ECOSS    | Electronic Communication of Surveillance Scotland        |
| EQIA     | Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment                 |
| ESRA     | Employment Related Services Association                  |
| FAS      | Foetal Anomaly Scan                                      |
| FASP     | Foetal Anomaly Screening Programme                       |
| FOQ      | Family Origin Questionnaire                              |
| GIRFEC   | Getting it Right For Every Child                         |
| GOALS    | Getting Our Active Lifestyle Started                     |
| GP       | General Practitioner                                     |
| HEYS     | Health in Early Years                                    |
| Hib      | Haemophilus type b                                       |
| HIV      | Human Immunodeficiency Virus                             |
| HPT      | Health Protection Team                                   |
| HPV      | Human Papilloma Virus                                    |
| HPZone   | Records management system used by Health Protection Team |
| HSCP     | Health and Social Care Partnerships                      |
| ID       | Identification Document                                  |
| KPI      | Key Performance Indicators                               |

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|--------|---|
| LANDED | <b>Lanarkshire Drug Education</b>                         |
| LCPAR  | Local Child Poverty Action Report                         |
| LGHP   | Lanarkshire Green Health Partnerships                     |
| LWMS   | Lanarkshire Healthy Lifestyle & Weight Management Service |
| MMR    | Measles, Mumps and Rubella                                |
| MRP    | Monklands Replacement Project                             |
| NDIP   | National Dental Inspection Programme                      |
| NHS    | National Health Service                                   |
| NHSL   | National Health Service Lanarkshire                       |
| NIPT   | Non Invasive Prenatal Testing                             |
| NLC    | North Lanarkshire Council                                 |
| NRS    | National Records of Scotland                              |
| P1     | Primary 1   |
| P7     | Primary 7   |
| PCV    | Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine                            |
| PCVb   | Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine booster                    |
| PHAcT  | Public Health Action Teams                                |
| PHIL   | Public Health Information Lanarkshire                     |
| PHS    | Public Health Scotland                                    |
| PNBS   | Pregnancy and New Born Screening                          |
| S2     | Secondary 2   |
| SAPE   | Small area population estimates                           |
| SIMD   | Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation                    |
| SLC    | South Lanarkshire Council                                 |
| SMR    | Standardised mortality ratios                             |
| UNCRC  | The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child  |
| UNHS   | Universal Newborn Hearing Screening                       |
| WHO    | The World Health Organization                             |

## Foreword

Welcome to the 2024 Director of Public Health Annual Report. It is an honour and privilege once again, to have served the population of Lanarkshire alongside my colleagues within NHS Lanarkshire, the Health and Social Care Partnerships, Community Planning Partnerships and wider stakeholders.



This year the main focus of the report is the health of Infants, Children and Young People. It will explore some of the usual public health themes, through a child health lens. I have also included an update on the actions identified as priorities in last year's report, which focussed on the theme of NHS as an anchor organisation. I am pleased to report that we are making good progress across many areas on the Anchor Action Plan, however, there is lot more work to do to improve population health and address inequalities.

*"History will judge us by the difference we make in the everyday lives of children."*  
– Nelson Mandela

2024 was a landmark year for our children, with The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024 coming into effect and ensuring all those under 18 have their rights protected by law. It recognises that childhood is a special time in people's lives.

Child health has always been, and will remain, a key priority for public health within Lanarkshire. We want to build a good foundation for future generations, by ensuring that every child has an opportunity to be healthy and flourish into adulthood.

There are many examples of excellent practice across all our partners that demonstrate an ongoing commitment to child health and whole systems working. However, we know that there are some challenges facing us, addressing mental health, child poverty and inequalities are particular areas of focus.

Whilst the population of Lanarkshire is aging, we still have 19.5% of the population aged 0–17 years in 2022, and 6,121 live births registered among NHS Lanarkshire residents in 2023.

Our children of today are our adults of the future and it's vitally important to ensure a focus on prevention in this important stage of the life course.

Investing in children's health is extremely important to improve the health of our population both for current and future generations. We are delighted that South Lanarkshire Council is successful as one of the areas for Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland. This initiative which focuses on actions against child poverty is very welcome and will strengthen our plans and efforts to work towards reaching our targets. It should also help us to amplify and accelerate our efforts to improve population health not just in South Lanarkshire but across Lanarkshire as a whole.

Our Child Health Commissioner has an important role across Lanarkshire advocating for and progressing children's rights and working with all our partners and key stakeholders to improve child health as we move forward over the coming years.

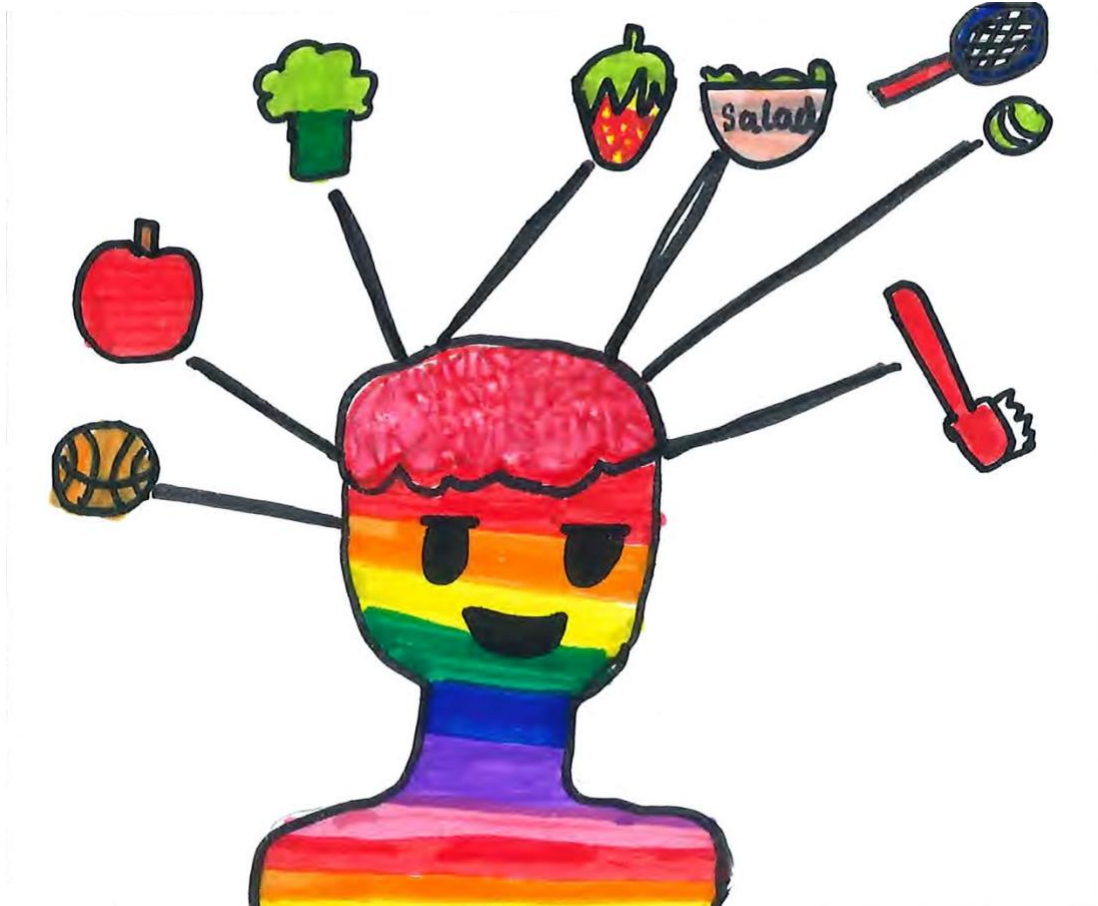
The artwork included in this report was created by Lanarkshire children and you will also see some of their views presented. This year, for the first time, we have a child friendly version of the report available in a video format. I would like to sincerely thank all the children and young people who

contributed. I would also like to thank the editorial team for their brilliant efforts in the production of this year's report.

I hope you find the report informative and helpful. I would welcome any feedback you have including any ideas for future reports.

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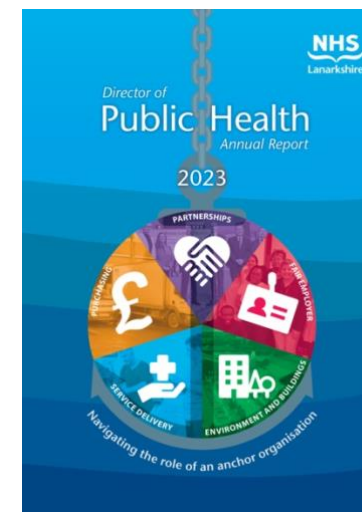
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## Reflection on the last 12 months (We said, We did)

### Key population health priorities highlighted in the 2022/23 Annual Report

We continue to report on the progress made on the key priorities highlighted in last year's report and the table below summarises all the work taken forward to establish NHS Lanarkshire as an Anchor organisation. We have also provided key updates on the work we undertake with our strategic partners to strengthen our collective role as anchor organisations through the community wealth building commission. Chapters within this year's report also cover updates on key priorities including health of the population, cervical audit and vaccination work in care homes. The Lanarkshire BBV Prevention and Care Network continues to lead and coordinate efforts to deliver Hepatitis C Elimination. This includes the dissemination of the findings from the Lanarkshire Love Your Liver events; continued improvements and expansion of BBV testing to new groups and new settings and the delivery of phase 2 of the Hepatitis C RECAST Project.



| Topic: NHS Lanarkshire as an Anchor Organisation       | We Said  | We Did   |
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| <b>Being an Exemplar Anchor</b>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leadership, ownership and support from across all services within NHS Lanarkshire.</li> <li>Communications to raise awareness</li> <li>Investing time to build on the local partnerships already in place</li> <li>Scottish Government metrics incorporated into programme governance for 2024/25.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awareness raising presentations and communications plan developed and delivered.</li> <li>Partnership working with both local authorities and Glasgow City Region, including around community wealth building and Living wage.</li> <li>Steering group and governance routes in place. Performance against the Scottish Government metrics for 2023/24 demonstrates improvement across many measures with increased employability and apprenticeship placements and increased spend on local businesses and with small and medium sized enterprises.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Widening Access and Employability Opportunities</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide paid placements and work experience for individuals facing barriers to employment or those facing poverty.</li> <li>Provide outreach activities to our local community to promote NHS Lanarkshire as an exemplar employer</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A 5% increase in paid work placements has been realised from last year and new paid work placements for school pupils was piloted in Summer 2024.</li> <li>36 participants started on the NHS Demonstrator 3 programme October 2024</li> <li>NHSL reached the National final for ESRA (Employability) awards in the category for Collaboration and Partnership with Routes to Work North Lanarkshire</li> </ul>   |

| Topic: NHS Lanarkshire as an Anchor Organisation                  | We Said   | We Did  |
|---|---|---|
| <b>Community Wealth Building (South Lanarkshire)</b>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work together to strengthen the collective role of key anchor organisations who deliver services across the area, in order to bring wealth into the area and generate real change across South Lanarkshire.</li> <li>• Develop opportunities to share expertise and learning between local anchor organisations.</li> <li>• Develop joint CWB indicators of progress and monitor these over time.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Community Wealth Building Commission brings together key anchor organisations 4 times a year.</li> <li>• Briefings, presentations and reports have been provided by a range of anchor organisations, including VASLan, Business Gateway, NHS Lanarkshire, and community representatives.</li> <li>• Noting NHS Scotland's anchor metrics approach, work on a potential suite of joint indicators will be undertaken in 2025.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Community Wealth Building (North Lanarkshire)</b>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued consultation and engagement on the approach, with adoption by the North Lanarkshire Strategic Leadership Board and partners by late summer 2024.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Lanarkshire Partnership endorsed a multi-agency Community Wealth Building statement in December 2024. Work is now underway to develop a Partnership Implementation Plan.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Monklands Replacement Project (MRP) and Community Benefits</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop the delivery plan.</li> <li>• Develop the supporting communication plan.</li> <li>• Establish the progress monitoring tool and reporting arrangements.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specific Community Benefit Requirements (CBRs) have been developed, included under contract and will be implemented during the project.</li> <li>• Regular communications are in place with the growing network of stakeholders, forming part of the projects overall Communications and Engagement Strategy.</li> <li>• Delivery on a number of CBR's has commenced and in addition, NHS Lanarkshire has commenced delivery of Community Benefits beyond the scope of the contract, monitored through the MRP Governance routes.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Service Design and Delivery</b>                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting patients and staff with cost of living issues through a variety of actions, including addressing child poverty, is a key component of our anchor plan.</li> <li>• Continue to ensure that integrated EQIA's are carried out and our services are designed to reach and support our most disadvantaged communities.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have communicated with staff and patients on support for the cost of living, via a range of mediums including training, awareness raising and social media.</li> <li>• We continue to prioritise actions to tackle child poverty locally, by contributing to both the North and South Lanarkshire Local Child Poverty Action Reports.</li> <li>• All Committee papers have a section where leads must note if integrated EQIAs have been completed.</li> </ul>  |



| Topic: NHS Lanarkshire as an Anchor Organisation   | We Said   | We Did  |
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| <b>Lanarkshire Green Health Partnership (LGHP)</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raise awareness and share the benefits of engaging with green health and promote engagement with activity.</li> <li>• Support and build partnerships to inspire projects that help people connect to nature and be active outdoors.</li> <li>• Empower health &amp; social care and third sector staff to be confident to connect people to green health opportunities as appropriate.</li> <li>• Seek and secure funding to enable contribution and continuation of evidence based practice.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LGHP communication plan continues to promote local green health activities and events, as well as national campaigns, via a range of mediums.</li> <li>• Contribution to third sector interfaces continues to increase reach and build a network of stakeholders and green health opportunities.</li> <li>• Referral tools are promoted, these include The Nature Prescription, The Physical Activity Prescription and Active Health. Relevant training modules have been shared to encourage learning on green health topics.</li> <li>• New funding has been secured to continue the ongoing delivery of the NHS estate Therapeutic Garden Project.</li> </ul> |



# 1. Health of the People of Lanarkshire

## 1.1 Population Profile

### Background

This year has been an exciting year for population health intelligence.

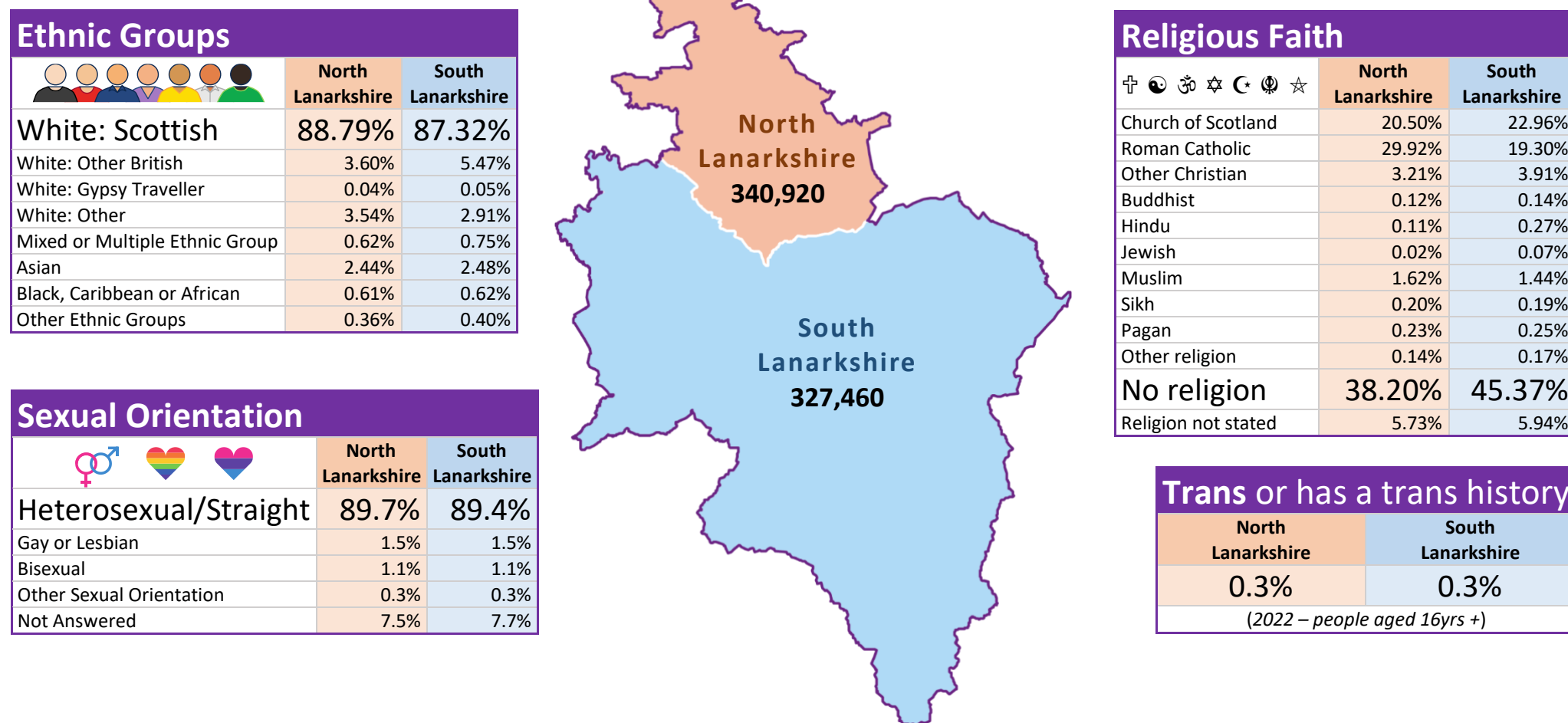
- Further 2022 Census findings were published, a snapshot of them is included below.
- The National Population Health Framework will be published shortly, the Directorate has been involved in preparatory work for the arrival of this document, including responding to the consultation, and presenting information at an NHS Board Vision Session. Going forwards the Population Health Framework will influence our strategic priorities.
- South Lanarkshire was successful in becoming one of three Marmot places in Scotland. The directorate is working with council, Public Health Scotland, and the Institute of Health (part of University College London) colleagues, on this work.
- 'PHIL: Public Health Information Lanarkshire', a pan-Lanarkshire resource providing health intelligence and signposting to data, organised by public health themes, is under development. This site is aimed at decision-makers: the Board, Service Managers, etc., in NHS Lanarkshire, North and South HSCPs, North and South Councils, and the Third sector. The aim is to make it easier for them to find Lanarkshire specific data or intelligence, to aid their decision making.

This chapter describes the population of NHS Lanarkshire, and how it is projected to change over the next 20 years. The number of births and deaths registered in 2023, and data on life expectancy are reported. Mortality information for specific diseases is presented. Detailed information on each area is included in the relevant section of the Statistical Appendix which readers are referred to; the appendices also include data on health protection, dental health and cancer registration.

### Snapshot of the population of Lanarkshire

The Lanarkshire population is diverse (figure 1.1.1), but the majority of the population report themselves as White Scottish (North Lanarkshire 88.79%, South Lanarkshire 87.32%); heterosexual/straight (North Lanarkshire 89.7%, South Lanarkshire 89.4%). There are a range of faiths and religions reported, but the most frequently reported single group (if keeping different Christian faith categories separate) was no religion: North Lanarkshire 38.2%, South Lanarkshire 45.37%.



**Figure 1.1.1:** Snapshot of the Lanarkshire population

Sources: Population (2022) Mid-Year Population Estimates, National Records of Scotland. <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/publications/mid-2022-population-estimates/>  
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## Population and projected population<sup>(1-3)</sup>

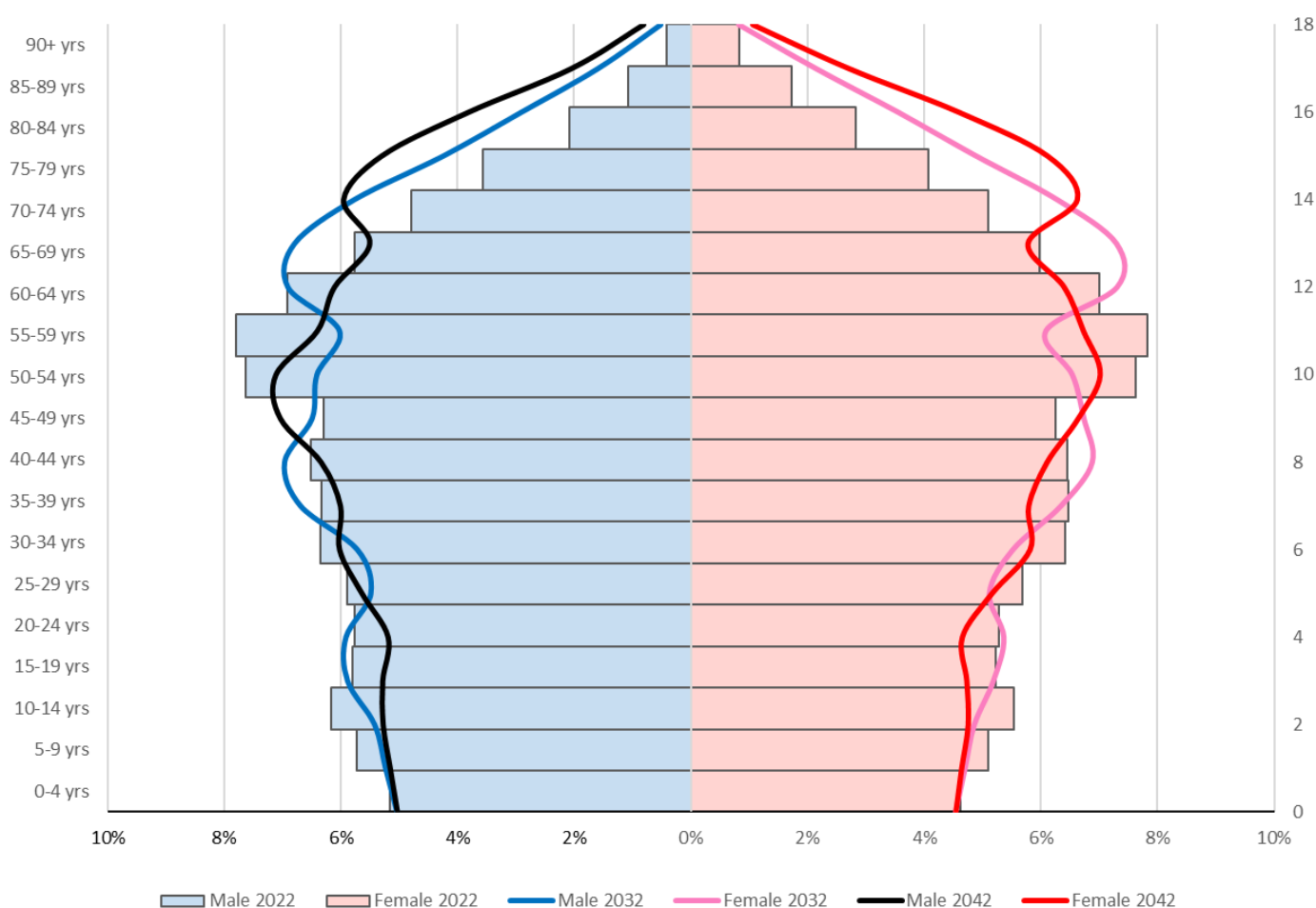
The estimated population of the NHS Lanarkshire area on 30 June 2022 was 668,380. This is a 0.3% increase from 2021 (which had a population of 666,670), and a 2.4% increase from 2012 estimate of 652,760.

The median age of the population was 43, the same for Scotland as a whole. Seventeen percent of Lanarkshire residents were aged less than 16, 65% were of working age (aged 16 to 65 years), and 18% were of pensionable age (aged 66 years and over). This was similar to Scotland. There were 20,252 (6.2%) more women than men.

**North Lanarkshire Council Area:** estimated population of 340,920, a 0.1% decrease since 2021.  
**South Lanarkshire Council Area:** estimated population of 327,460, a 0.6% increase since 2021.

Figure 1.1.2 shows the population pyramid of the Lanarkshire population by age and sex for 2022, and the population projections for 2032 and 2042. Lanarkshire's population is projected to decrease slightly by 0.1% by 2032, with a further 0.3% decrease by 2042. The biggest increase is predicted to be in those aged 75 and over, with 25.6% increase in the ten years from 2022 to 2032, and overall increase of 58.4% from 2022 to 2042 (Figure 1.1.2).

**Figure 1.1.2:** Population pyramid: population of NHS Lanarkshire by 5-year age bands and sex, based on Small Area Population Estimates 2022 (SAPE); Population Projections for 2032 & 2042



Source: The statistics in this section were obtained from local analysis of data supplied by NRS or directly from NRS published online at <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk> [Accessed 10 February 2025].

## Life expectancy<sup>(4-6)</sup>

There is a decrease in life expectancy at birth for both males and females in Lanarkshire from 2011–2013 to 2021–2023. This decrease is 1.0 year for males (from 76.6 to 75.6 years) and 1.3 years for females (from 80.8 to 79.5 years). Over the same time period, Scotland life expectancy has stabilised. Life expectancy in the UK had been increasing, but started to decrease (there is currently no data at UK level for 2021–2023 to compare).

**Females in Lanarkshire live on average 3.9 years longer than males.** This gap between male and female life expectancy is similar to that for Scotland (4.0 years).

**Life expectancy is below national levels;** people in Lanarkshire live on average 1.3 years less than others in Scotland (males 1.2 years and females 1.4 years less). **Within Lanarkshire, life expectancy in South Lanarkshire is higher than in North Lanarkshire;** in the South males live 1.4 years longer and females 1.6 years longer on average than those in the North.

## Life expectancy by SIMD

**Males living in the most deprived areas of Lanarkshire live on average 11.3 years less than males living in the least deprived areas. For females, life expectancy is 8.5 years less in the most deprived areas** compared to the least deprived areas.

## Births<sup>(7)</sup>

There were **6,121 live births** registered among NHS Lanarkshire residents in 2023, a decrease from 2022 of 3.0%. The number of stillbirths decreased from 28 in 2022 to 22 in 2023. The overall live birth rate per 1,000 women aged 15–44 was 50.0 for Lanarkshire, higher than the Scottish rate of 44.8.

## Deaths<sup>(7)</sup>

There were **8,086 deaths registered in Lanarkshire in 2023, an increase of 392 (5.1%)** from 2022.

Standardised mortality ratios (SMRs) were calculated for deaths in Lanarkshire, using Scotland as the standard population. SMRs show whether the number of deaths are higher or lower in Lanarkshire than would be expected based on Scotland's mortality rates. Overall SMRs in Lanarkshire remain above the Scottish average for both sexes, both for mortality in those aged under 75 years and mortality in those aged 75 years and over.

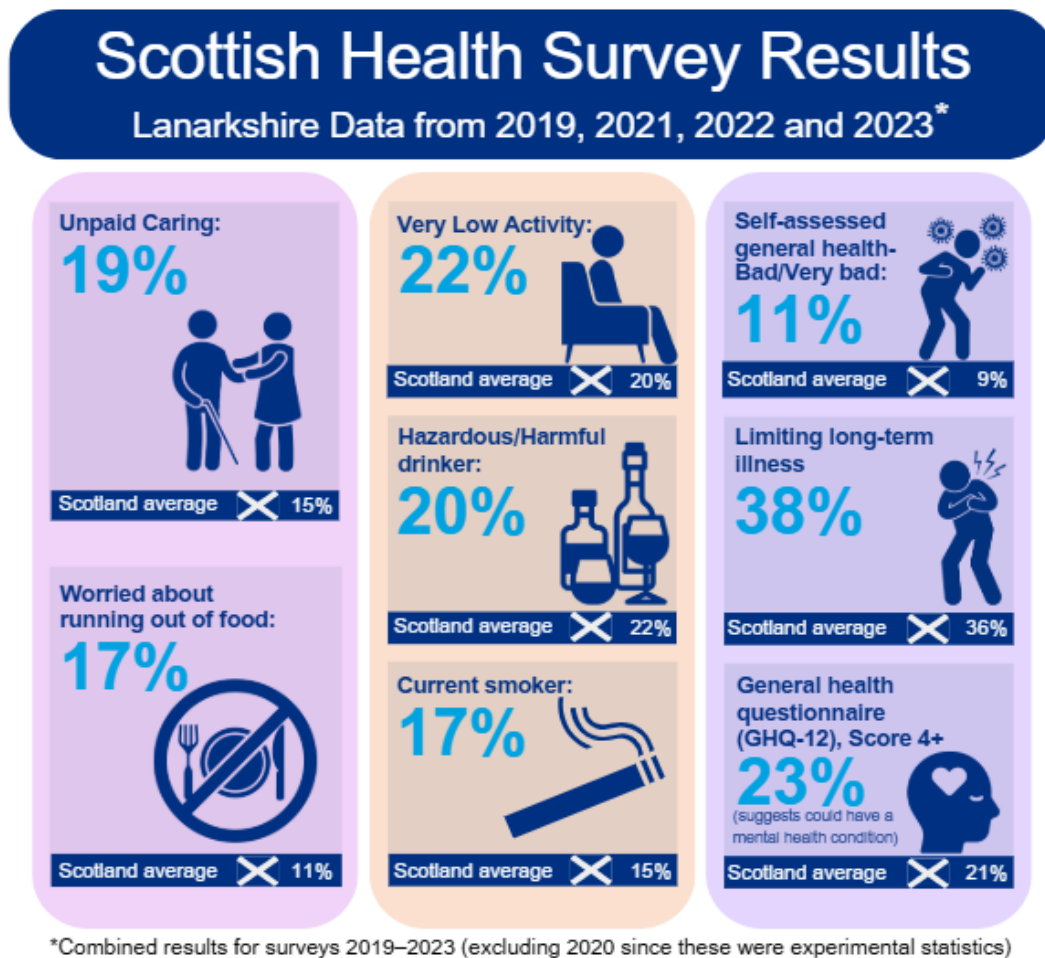
**There is wide variation in SMRs between the different localities in Lanarkshire.** From one locality with an SMR 20.2% below the Scottish rate for females aged less than 75 years, to another locality with an SMR 71.8% above the Scottish rate for females aged less than 75 years. **There is a continuing reduction in the combined proportion of all deaths due to cancer, coronary heart disease (CHD) and stroke.** Since 2012, they have accounted for less than 50% of all deaths and, in 2023, the proportion was 41.9%. Deaths from cancer increased slightly this year, whilst for CHD and stroke they remained relatively stable compared to previous years. In 2023, the 'big killer' diseases accounted for 3,386 deaths: individually cancer, CHD and stroke were responsible for 25.9%, 10.6% and 5.4% of all deaths in Lanarkshire, respectively. Respiratory disease had been decreasing, but increased in 2023. This was a significant cause of mortality in 2023, accounting for 11.4% of all deaths in Lanarkshire. Another major cause of death in 2023 was dementia and Alzheimer's disease, accounting for 9.7% of deaths.

More detailed information on mortality is provided in the tables and charts in A6–A11 of the Statistical Appendix.

## Scottish health survey<sup>(8,9)</sup>

A sample of households across Scotland are invited to participate in the Scottish Health Survey each year<sup>(8)</sup>. Figure 1.1.3 shows key results comparing Lanarkshire to Scotland, where we have worse results for each measure, except hazardous/harmful drinking. The data included here comes from surveys from 2019- 2023 (excluding 2020), compared with the 2018-2022 (excluding 2020) data, there has been an increase in number of people worried about running out of food, from 11% to 17% in Lanarkshire, but lower reporting of hazardous/harmful drinking from 23% to 20%<sup>(9)</sup>.

**Figure 1.1.3:** Scottish Health Survey Infographic <sup>(9)</sup>



Source: Created from data on the Scottish Health Survey dashboard. Scottish Government.  
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## Key Points

- The estimated population of Lanarkshire mid-year 2022 was 668,380, a 2.4% increase since 2012.
- Population projections continue to show an aging population.
- Life expectancy is lower in Lanarkshire than in Scotland overall and life expectancy is lower in North Lanarkshire than South Lanarkshire.
- There were 8,086 deaths registered in Lanarkshire in 2023, an increase of 5.1% from 2022.
- Overall standardised mortality ratios (SMRs) in Lanarkshire remain above the Scottish average and there is a wide variation in SMRs between the different localities in Lanarkshire.

- In 2023, the following accounted for a large proportion of deaths in Lanarkshire: cancer (25.9% of all deaths), respiratory diseases (11.4%), coronary heart disease (10.6%), stroke (5.4%), dementia (5.4%), and Alzheimer's (4.3%).
- The Scottish Health Survey Lanarkshire data describe that over 1 in 3 people experience a limiting long-term illness and nearly 1 in 4 people experience mental health symptoms, and 1 in 6 reporting they were worried about running out of food – so experiencing money worries. Therefore, it is essential that we have system wide evidence-based approaches to tackle the wider determinants of health.

## Priorities for Action

- Creation and launch of 'PHIL' – Public Health Information Lanarkshire
- Work with partners to make the most of the 2-year Marmot place opportunity.
- The Scottish Health Survey highlights there are areas for health improvement in the Lanarkshire population, and the increase in money worries is particularly stark. Tackling these require a multidisciplinary, whole system working, with initiatives such as the Anchor Plan, Obesity PHAcT being examples of taking action.

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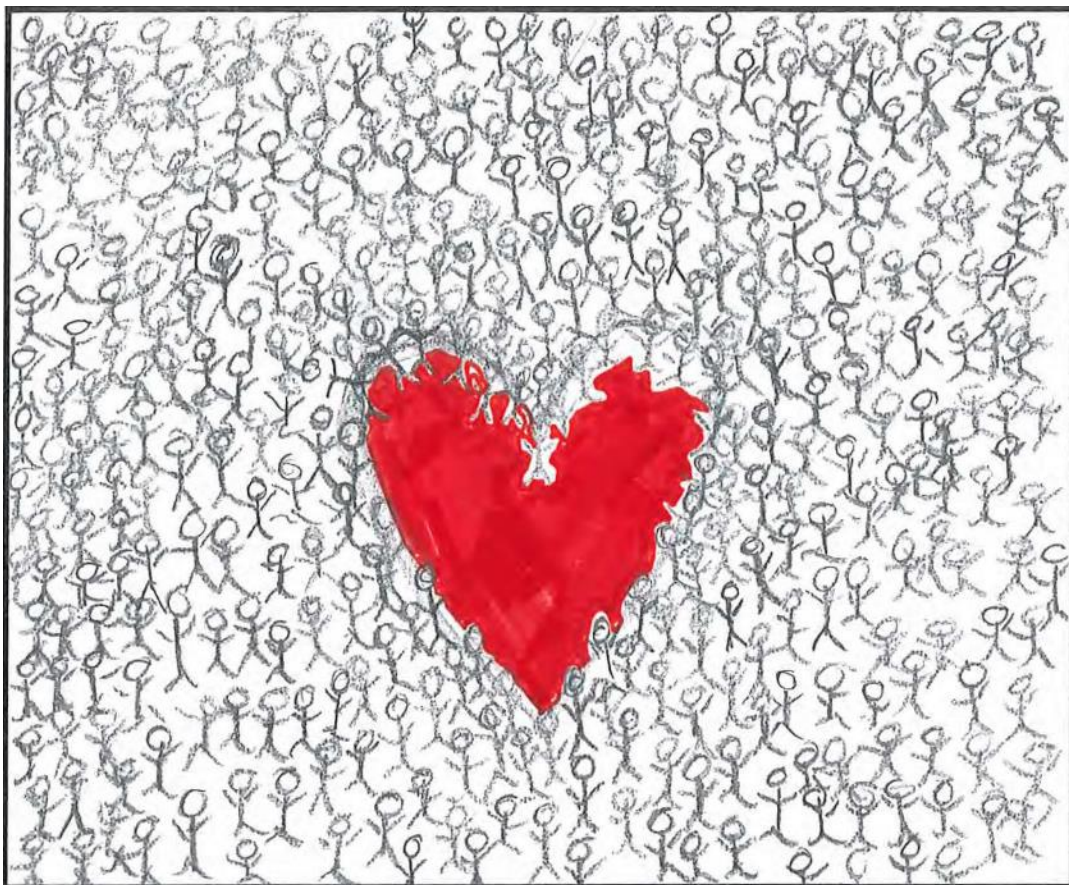
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### Spotlight on Children's Rights

By monitoring data, we can work with children, families and professionals in a timely manner, protecting and progressing UNCRC article 24 (right to the best possible health).



## 1.2 Key Child Health Measures

### Population



**130,220**

Children and young people aged 0–17 years<sup>1</sup>

**6,121**

Live Births: Lanarkshire<sup>2</sup>

### Ethnicity

(Lanarkshire schools)<sup>3</sup>

White Scottish: **86.2%**

White, Other British: **4.6%**

Minority Ethnic group: **7.4%**

Not known/disclosed: **1.8%**

### Child Weight



#### Overweight:

Lanarkshire: **9.3%**,

Scotland: **8.5%**;

#### Obese:

Lanarkshire: **3.9%**,

Scotland: **3.7%**;

#### Severely obese:

Lanarkshire: **3.5%**,

Scotland: **3.2%** (Primary 1)<sup>4</sup>

### Oral Health



#### No obvious decay

Lanarkshire: **75.9%**

Scotland: **73.2%** (P1 children)<sup>5</sup>

### Tobacco/Vaping

#### 2nd hand smoke

North: **7%**, South: **5.7%**

Exposure at first health visit

#### Pregnant smokers

North: **13.4%**, South: **9.9%**

Scotland: **12%** (all ages)

"Yes, I vape"



**12.9%** of 11–15 year olds:

North: **16.3%**

South: **10.0%**<sup>6</sup>

### Health service use

#### Under 15 years:

Lanarkshire: **666.5**

Scotland: **689.9**

#### 15–24s:

Lanarkshire: **469.7**

Scotland: **483.7**

Emergency Hospital admissions rate for unintended injuries<sup>7</sup>



### Immunisation

North: **96.1%**,

South: **95.8%**

Scotland: **94.8%**

6-in-1 immunisation<sup>8</sup>



### Breastfeeding

North: **30.4%**,

South: **38.2%**

Babies breastfed at 6–8 weeks



### Developmental Concerns

**19.3%**

of children at 27–30 months<sup>9</sup>



### Child Poverty



North: **26.9%**,

South: **23.6%**

Children in households in relative poverty<sup>10</sup>

### Teenage Pregnancy rate

North: **31.0**,

South: **25.8**

Scotland: **27.1**<sup>11</sup>



### Positive Destinations/Attainment

North: **94.7%**,

South: **96.9%**



<sup>1</sup> 2022, National Records of Scotland

<sup>2</sup> 2023, National Records of Scotland

<sup>3</sup> 2023, Summary statistics for schools in Scotland.

www.gov.scot

<sup>4</sup> Percentage of Primary 1 children measured, 2022/23 [Primary 1 Body Mass Index \(BMI\) statistics Scotland - School year 2022 to 2023 - Public Health Scotland](#)

<sup>5</sup> 2023/24, National Dental Inspection Programme

<sup>6</sup> [Vaping Survey Report 2024 \(landed.info\)](#)

<sup>7</sup> 2023/24, rate per 100,000 population [Overview - Accident and emergency - Urgent and unscheduled care - Public Health Scotland](#)

<sup>8</sup> Uptake by 12 months.

Scottish Immunisation and Recall System (SIRS), PHS

<sup>9</sup> At least one delay identified in 27–30-month review. [Early](#)

[child development statistics - Scotland 2022 to 2023 - Public Health Scotland](#)

<sup>10</sup> 2022/23, [End Child Poverty Coalition, Local Child Poverty Statistics 21/22](#)

<sup>11</sup> Rate per 1,000 women, 2022. NRS birth registrations & Termination of Pregnancy Submissions Scotland, PHS

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## 2. Health Protection

### 2.1 Pertussis (Whooping Cough): Maternal and Childhood Vaccinations

#### Public Health and Pertussis

NHS board health protection teams provide support and advice on:

- infectious diseases
- infection control
- environmental health hazards

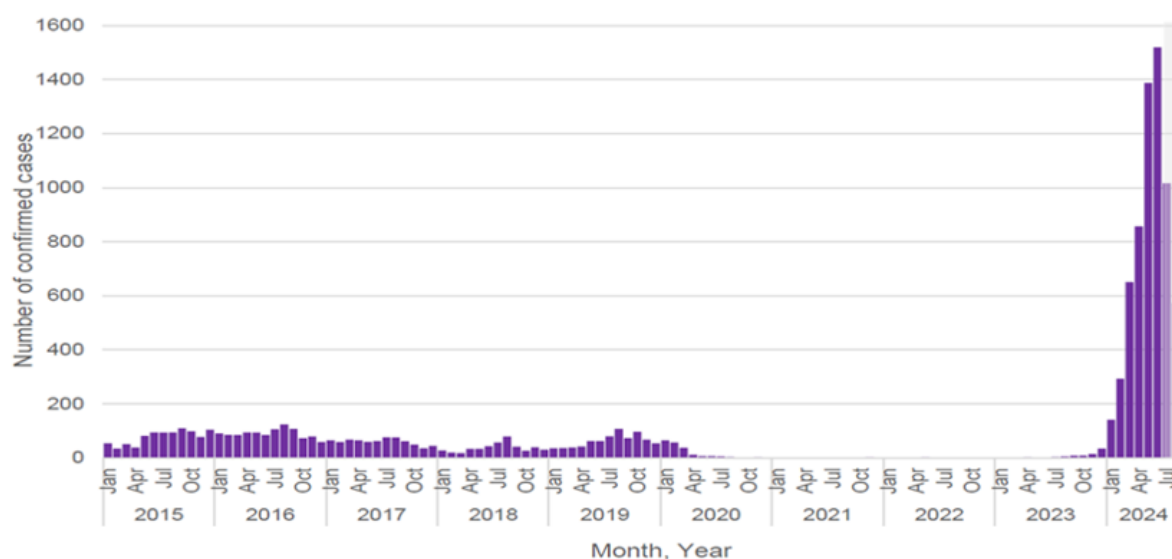
Under the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008<sup>(1)</sup> NHS Lanarkshire are made aware of Laboratory confirmed cases of notifiable infectious diseases. The Health Protection Team follow these up in several ways including offering; advice to cases, contacts or health care professionals, guidance on isolation, advice on vaccinations or contact tracing as required on case by case and situation management.

Pertussis is one of these notifiable infectious diseases. Pertussis (or whooping cough) is an acute bacterial disease of the respiratory tract, resulting from infection with *Bordetella pertussis*. Pertussis is a highly contagious infectious disease that can spread rapidly from person-to-person through contact with airborne droplets. Severity of disease is closely associated to age. Infants under one year have the highest mortality rate and are most likely to be hospitalised. Infection is generally milder in adults and teenagers<sup>(2-6)</sup>.

#### Background

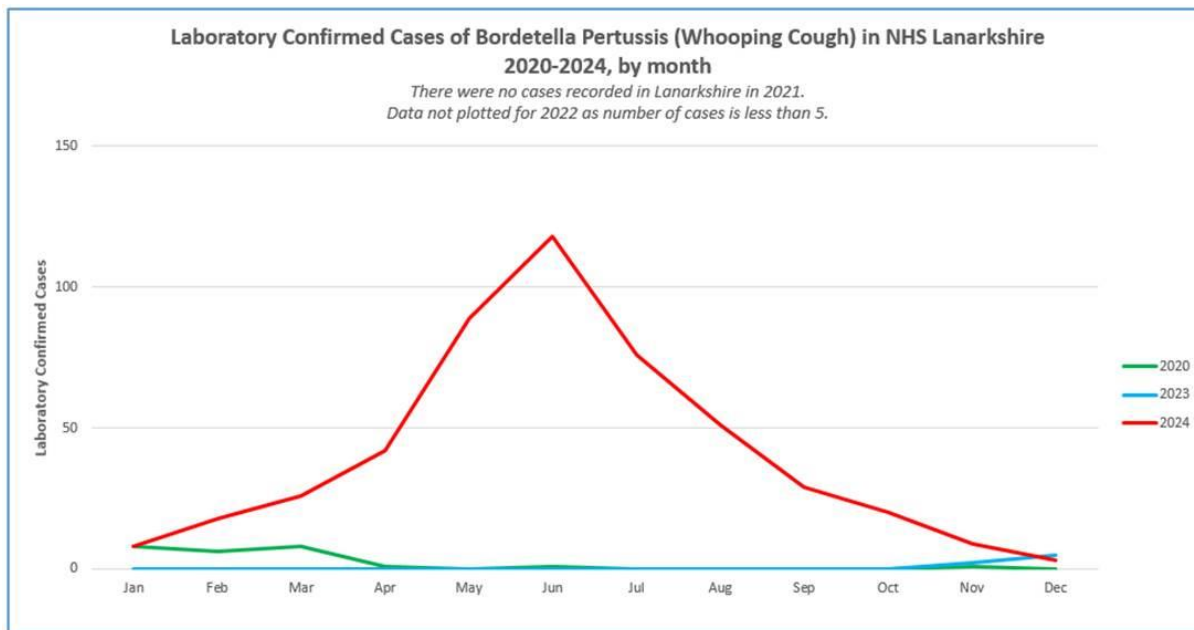
In early 2024, an increasing number of laboratory-confirmed cases of pertussis were being reported in Scotland (figure 2.1.1). There would be a significant volume of cases self-managed by patients therefore the true number will not be known. Increased numbers of pertussis cases generally occur in 3 to 4-year cycles, however, before 2024, the last significant outbreak in Scotland was in 2012 and 2013. At the last quarter of 2023, laboratory confirmed pertussis case numbers in Scotland were more than 10 fold higher than in the preceding 3 years<sup>(4)</sup>.

**Figure 2.1.1:** Number of laboratory reports of *Bordetella pertussis* in Scotland by month, January 2015 to 31 August 2024



Source: PHS



**Figure 2.1.2: Lanarkshire Laboratory Case Data**

Source: ECOSS data

Pertussis cases in infants under the age of 3 months is of particular concern as these infants are at greatest risk of severe disease and are too young to benefit from the complete vaccination programme.

### Vaccination Programmes

A safe and highly effective maternal pertussis vaccination programme was first introduced in October 2012, with the aim of providing passive immunity from a pregnant woman to her unborn baby to afford protection in the first few weeks of life before the infant becomes eligible to begin their immunisation course. UK studies demonstrated maternal pertussis vaccination offers around 90% vaccine effectiveness against confirmed disease and 97% protection against death from pertussis in infants under 3 months of age. Vaccination in pregnancy is highly effective. Estimated maternal uptake in Scotland (April 23-March 24) is 82.3%. Every effort should be made by midwives and other health professionals to signpost and encourage pregnant women to take up the offer of pertussis vaccination. This early protection further progresses the child's right to the best possible health (in line with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child)<sup>(1, 2, 4, 7)</sup>.

Pertussis vaccine is included in the routine national childhood immunisation schedule, with three doses administered at 8, 12 and 16 weeks of age, and one dose as a pre-school booster.<sup>(8)</sup>

In 2023 in Lanarkshire uptake of the primary course of pertussis containing vaccine was 95.0% by 12 months of age, and 89.6% for the pre-school booster by 5 years of age. These figures represent a gradual decline in uptake, in keeping with other vaccination programmes. Over the past decade this has reduced from 97.4% by 12 months of age, and 94.2% for the pre-school booster by age 5 years in 2014<sup>(1, 2, 4)</sup>.

### Key Points

- After a significant rise in early 2024, laboratory confirmed cases of Pertussis within Scotland and Lanarkshire are now falling. Increased rates of pertussis placed additional burden on the NHS within acute services and primary care.

- Vaccine uptake levels across the UK including Lanarkshire have steadily fallen in pregnant women, babies and young children.
- Pertussis can affect people of all ages and while it can be a very unpleasant illness for older vaccinated adolescents and adults, infants who are too young to be fully protected through vaccination are at greatest risk of serious complications or, rarely, death. A large proportion of infants who develop symptoms of pertussis will require hospitalisation.

## Priorities for Action

- Midwives, Obstetricians, other Clinicians and Health Care Professionals are strongly encouraged to promote uptake of maternal vaccinations, including pertussis. Women in pregnancy will typically be offered a pertussis-containing vaccination between 20 and 32 weeks gestation but can receive it as early as week 16. Women should be vaccinated in each pregnancy.
- Clinicians should encourage and bolster vaccination uptake through routine Health Visitor childhood vaccination programmes.
- Every effort should be made to identify and offer vaccination to un-immunised and under-immunised individuals in NHS Lanarkshire.
- NHS Lanarkshire will continue to adopt a proactive assessment approach to our vaccination programmes and uptake levels to encourage all those eligible to be fully protected and vaccinated.

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### Further useful links:

NHS Inform information on pertussis vaccination in pregnancy:

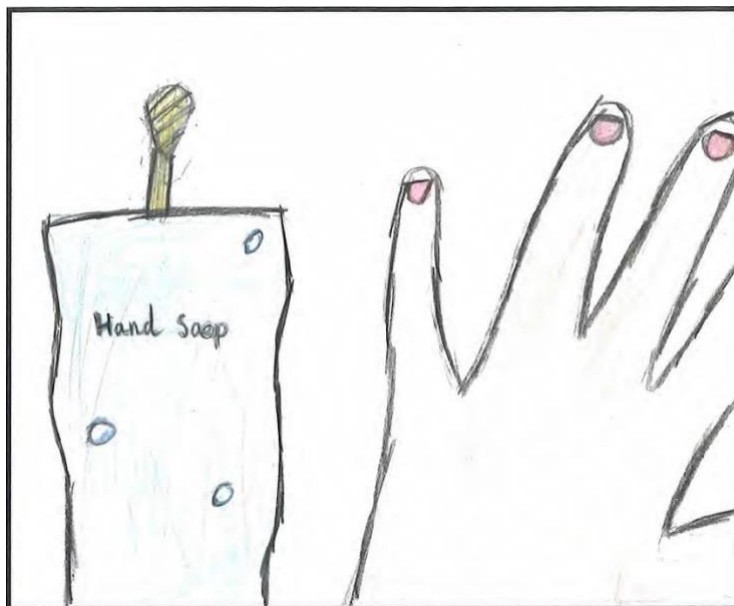
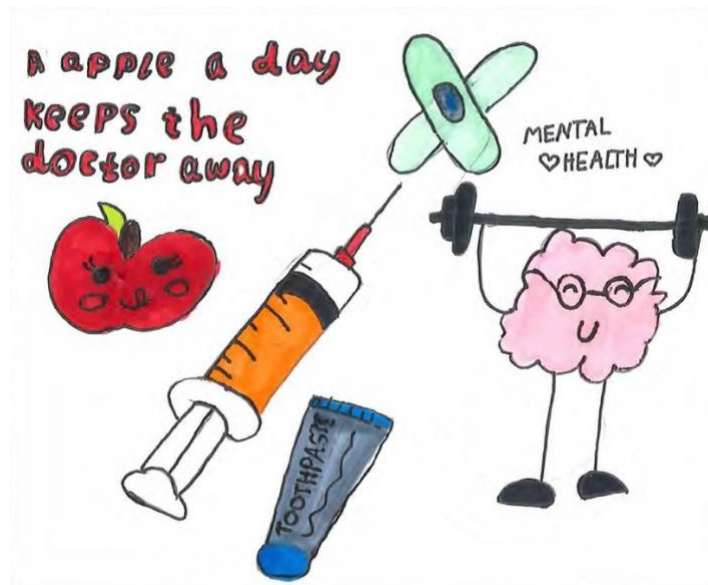
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### Spotlight on Children's Rights

Promotion of the vaccine in pregnant women ensures early protection for babies, further progressing article 24 (right to the best possible health).

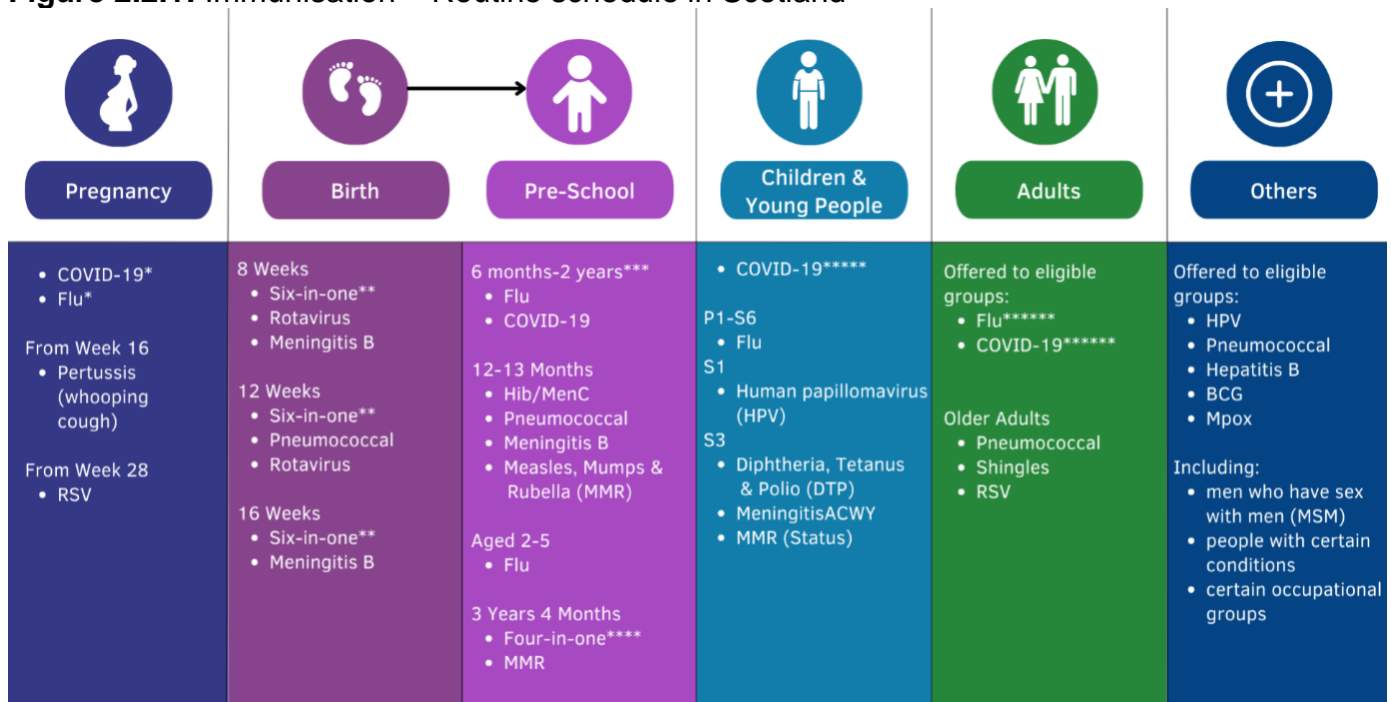


## 2.2 Childhood Vaccination

### Background

NHS Lanarkshire is responsible for the delivery of all childhood vaccination programmes. The primary vaccination service is delivered by the health visitor and school nursing teams split between North and South. Figure 2.2.1 shows the routine schedule for childhood vaccinations in Scotland.

**Figure 2.2.1:** Immunisation – Routine schedule in Scotland



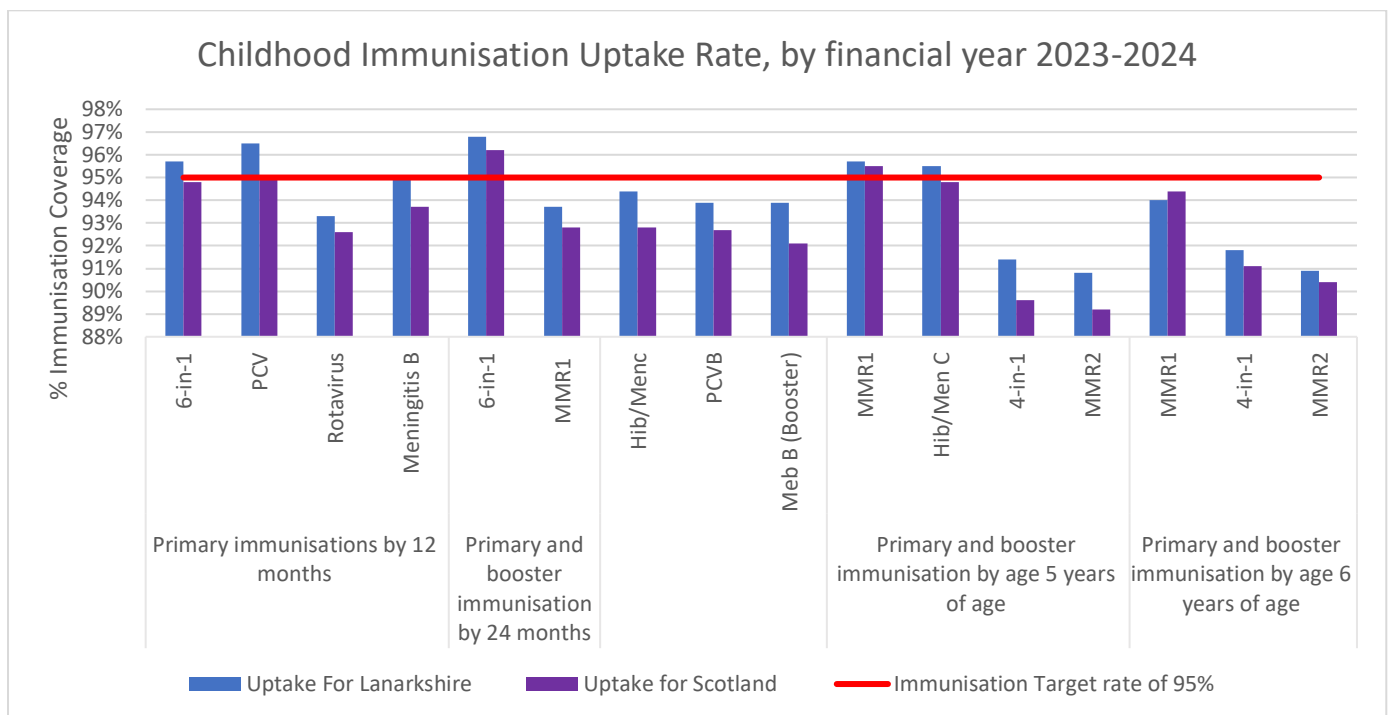
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Data Source: NHS Inform, illustrated by Claire Cameron Public Health Scotland

### Uptake

Public health Scotland (PHS) <sup>(1)</sup> reports the success of the immunisation programme with high uptake rates; however, emphasis has been made on the need to halt the current decline. Despite the decline of uptake rates for all immunisations over the past 10 years, Lanarkshire remains high in comparison to the Scottish average. In the year ending 2024, Lanarkshire uptake for many of the immunisations remain above The World Health Organization (WHO) <sup>(2)</sup> recommended coverage rate of 95% for the prevention of outbreaks (see Figure 2.2.2), with the exception of Rotavirus, which PHS <sup>(3)</sup> reports to be under the recommended threshold by 1.7%, and the 4-in-1 immunisation that is also under by 2.5%. The Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) uptake rates for the first and second dose are also under the advised threshold, except for the MMR1 immunisation at age 5, which is 95.3%. Uptake remains better in South Lanarkshire in comparison to North Lanarkshire with the exception of the age 5 immunisation uptake <sup>(4)</sup> (See Appendix 18).

**Figure 2.2.2:** Summary of immunisation uptake rate in Lanarkshire in comparison to Scotland end of financial year 2024

Data source: Public Health Scotland (PHS).

The WHO<sup>(2)</sup> highlights that low vaccination coverage for MMR vaccinations and measles outbreaks across 103 countries are being reported, however, encouragingly Scotland is amongst the 91 countries with good uptake rates.

Vaccine apathy is defined by Wood et al<sup>(5)</sup> as a general disinterest in vaccination and highlights the little time people spend considering vaccination. Kamloops<sup>(6)</sup> states this is due to the success of past immunisation campaigns in eradicating or greatly reducing diseases such as Smallpox and Polio, and with lower occurrence of these and other diseases, parents see less need for vaccination. The WHO<sup>(7)</sup> highlights vaccine apathy as a main contributor of low vaccine uptake, inconvenience in accessing vaccines, complacency, and lack of confidence are all noted as some of the key reasons for hesitancy.

NHS Lanarkshire Public Health Directorate work closely with the vaccination service to provide guidance and support to staff and service leads. Higher vaccination uptake in Lanarkshire can be accredited to the vaccination teams' sound knowledge base and close working partnerships with children and families. Assessing maturity and understanding, listening to the voices of children and providing them with the correct information in a format they can understand, allows children under 16 to make an informed choice in line with Gillick competence and Fraser guidelines<sup>(8)</sup>. This provides an accessible service that children and parents can be confident in and use in the future and also supports the progression of children's rights.

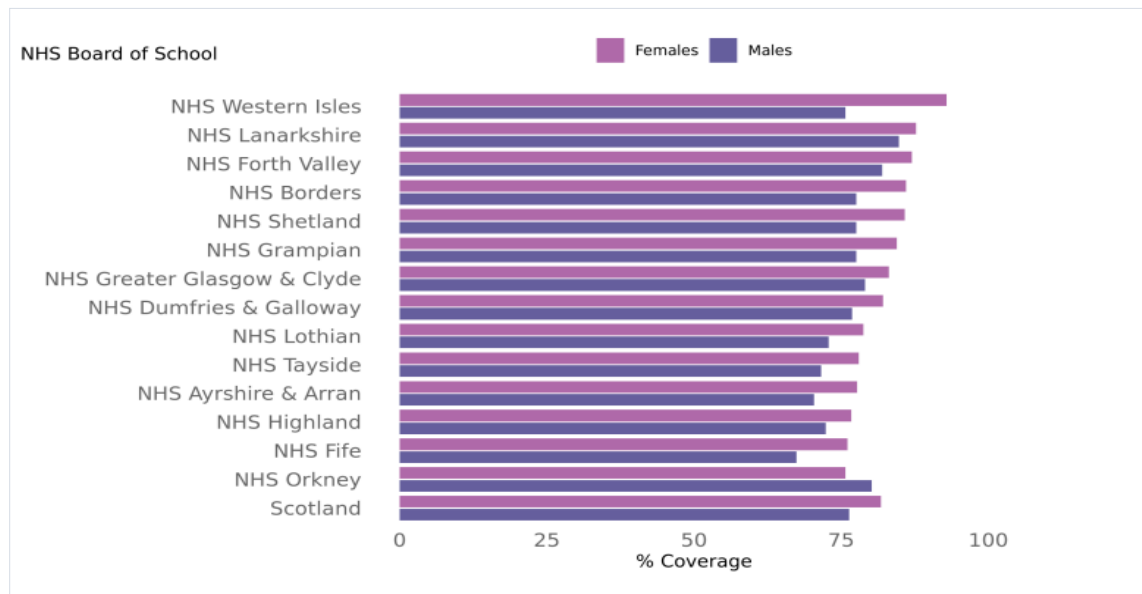
NHS Lanarkshire Public Health has put in place key measures within the service to develop strategies for pre-school children, school age children and targeted groups (including groups within the population that may have lower vaccination uptake than the general population for various reasons). Low uptake has been identified by the Scottish Public Health Observatory<sup>(9)</sup> to be linked with factors such as in single parenthood, area deprivation, high birth order and family size. The Identification of geographical areas in Lanarkshire with disproportionately low uptake of vaccination will be key to reducing disparities and meeting the needs of Lanarkshire's population,

increasing uptake of vaccination and working towards a preventative approach to enhance health outcomes.

## Annual Flu and HPV vaccination to Children and Young People

Flu vaccinations are offered to all primary and secondary children from September to December. NHS Lanarkshire work closely in collaboration with schools to provide updated guidance and resources to ensure high uptake rates.

**Figure 2.2.3:** Coverage of Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Immunisation (single dose) by the end of the school year 2023/24, by Board of school; Pupils in S2



Data Source: Public Health Scotland (PHS)

HPV vaccines were previously offered to school children as a three-dose schedule. As of the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2023, children aged 15 will be offered one dose. Disparity in figure 2.2.3 has been reported by PHS<sup>(10)</sup>, noting a higher uptake rate in females than in males. However, male uptake rates in Lanarkshire for 2023/2024 in S2 pupils is the highest in Scotland with the least difference in rates between male and female groups. The graph also shows Lanarkshire to have the second highest uptake rates in Scotland overall for this cohort.

## Key Points

- Vaccination uptake above 95% is essential to prevent infectious diseases across the population. Targeting areas of low uptake and identifying barriers will improve health outcomes for the population of Lanarkshire and at national level.
- Investment is vital to ensure immunisation teams have the resources and staffing to continue to maintain and improve vaccination rates across the population.
- Focused work to remove barriers and factors contributing vaccine apathy and hesitancy is vital.

## Priorities for Action

- A comprehensive ongoing analysis of all available vaccination related data will be required.
- A joined-up review of all relevant aspects of vaccination services to identify what systemic changes are required to turn around the decline and maintain uptake levels above 95%.
- We will continue working closely with children and young people, ensuring their voice is heard and information is given to them in a way they can understand, in line with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).



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### Spotlight on Children's Rights

Listening to the voices of children and young people and providing them with information in a format they understand, allows them to make an informed choice and put them at ease. This supports the progression of children's rights, in particular UNCRC article 12 (voice of the child) and UNCRC article 24 (right to the best possible health).

## 3. Children & Young People

### 3.1 Children's Voices

#### Introduction

Children have a right to have their voices heard, and this is now protected by the law. We asked children and young people within our schools to get involved in this year's Director of Public Health Annual Report. They were invited to draw a picture and tell us what they believe they need to be healthy. You will see some of the amazing designs within the report. We had 433 entries from Primary, Secondary and Additional Support Needs schools. Choosing which pictures to include was a very difficult task.

Within NHS Lanarkshire, we want to ensure that children's voices are heard and that we engage with them.

#### Findings

The majority of younger children highlighted one or two of the key themes below, the most frequently cited themes in this age group were eating a healthy diet and being active, both in sports or being outside in nature. As the children got older, they tended to report a more holistic understanding of health and highlighted a broader range of themes, including a focus on mental health.

- Having a healthy diet, drinking water and getting enough sleep.
- Less screen time (phones and TV), no junk food, sweets, fizzy drinks, alcohol or smoking.
- Being active, playing, getting fresh air and sunshine in nature and participating in sports.
- Reading, listening to music and going to school.
- Vaccinations, medicine, hand washing and brushing your teeth.
- Looking after your mental health.

Mental health was interpreted in several ways:

- friendship
- happiness
- not listening to negative comments
- having a positive mindset
- positive self-talk
- sense of community
- being okay with your feelings and body
- opening up to people if you're having a difficult time.

The healthy foods mentioned were strawberry, banana, blueberry, watermelon, apple, tomato, onion, carrot and broccoli. It was great to note that many of the young people also mentioned that protein was an important factor in a healthy diet.

The activities that were mentioned were playing, walking, running, scootering, trampolining, cycling, dancing, gymnastics, netball, basketball, football, yoga, meditation, horse riding, swimming, Tae-kwon-do and going to the gym.



## Key Points

- Article 12 within the 'The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child' (UNCRC) Act outlines the importance of children being able to have a say in all matters that affect them.
- The response and quality of entries from children across all ages and schools was heartening and a great start in improving health for our children and young people
- We wanted to find out what children in Lanarkshire felt they need to be healthy. It showed us that there is a really good understanding of health and wellbeing across children of various age groups in Lanarkshire.

## Priorities for Action

- Continue to increase understanding of and capacity for participation and engagement of children and young people within NHS Lanarkshire.
- Review how we incorporate findings / themes in our plans and policies to improve services and opportunities for children and young people to lead a healthy life.
- Work with partners where possible to reduce duplication and focus efforts around children's voice.

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## 3.2 The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

### Background

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024<sup>(1)</sup> came into effect on 16 July 2024. This landmark legislation ensures that all children and young people in Scotland, under the age of 18, have their rights protected.

Under this new law, NHS Lanarkshire and all other public bodies are required to take proactive steps to ensure the protection of children's rights in their decision-making and service delivery. This responsibility extends to our commissioned services and independent contractors.

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) outlines 42 rights, known as articles. The new legislation impacts all NHS Lanarkshire services and decisions affecting children and young people, whether directly or indirectly. It builds upon the excellent work of Getting It Right for every Child (GIRFEC).

### Implementation

NHS Lanarkshire's Implementation Plan for UNCRC (January-December 2024) is focused around 8 themes, with an overarching focus on children and young people who are more likely to have their rights breached.



Theme 1: Leadership, Corporate Commitment and Planning

Theme 2: Accountability, Reporting and Measuring Progress on Children's Rights

Theme 3: Participation and Empowerment of Children and Young People

Theme 4: Child Friendly Complaints Procedure

Theme 5: Training, Awareness Raising and Improving Practice – Tools and Resources to support you work

Theme 6: Publishing Child Friendly Information

Theme 7: Children's Rights Budgeting

Theme 8: Non-discrimination/Rights at Risk

We are required to report to Scottish Government every 3 years, however a yearly internal monitoring exercise will take place to track progress.

Examples of work taken place includes:

- Development of "How to Guides" to support our staff, around topics such as participation and engagement, best interests, compatibility assessments and developing child friendly information.
- Awareness raising sessions, communications and specialist workshops, including senior leaders within the organisation.
- Integration within Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment.
- Increased promotion of Care Opinion Bear and other ways of gathering feedback, particularly within adult services who also treat children, for example the Emergency Department, outpatients and day surgery.

**Figure 3.2.1:** Care Opinion Bear Poster



### Key Points

- The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024 came into effect on 16 July 2024. This landmark legislation ensures that all children and young people in Scotland, under the age of 18, have their rights protected.
- UNCRC outlines 42 rights, known as articles, that all children and young people in Scotland are entitled to.
- NHS Lanarkshire is taking active steps to ensure that we are complying with this legislation and that children's rights are advanced across our system.

### Priorities for Action

- Continue to work with directorates across the system to increase awareness and ensure compatibility with the UNCRC legislation.
- Progress with local NHS Lanarkshire implementation plan for UNCRC.
- Increase understanding of and capacity for participation and engagement of children and young people across NHS Lanarkshire decision making and service delivery.
- Incorporate introduction of a new child friendly complaints process.

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### 3.3 Child Poverty

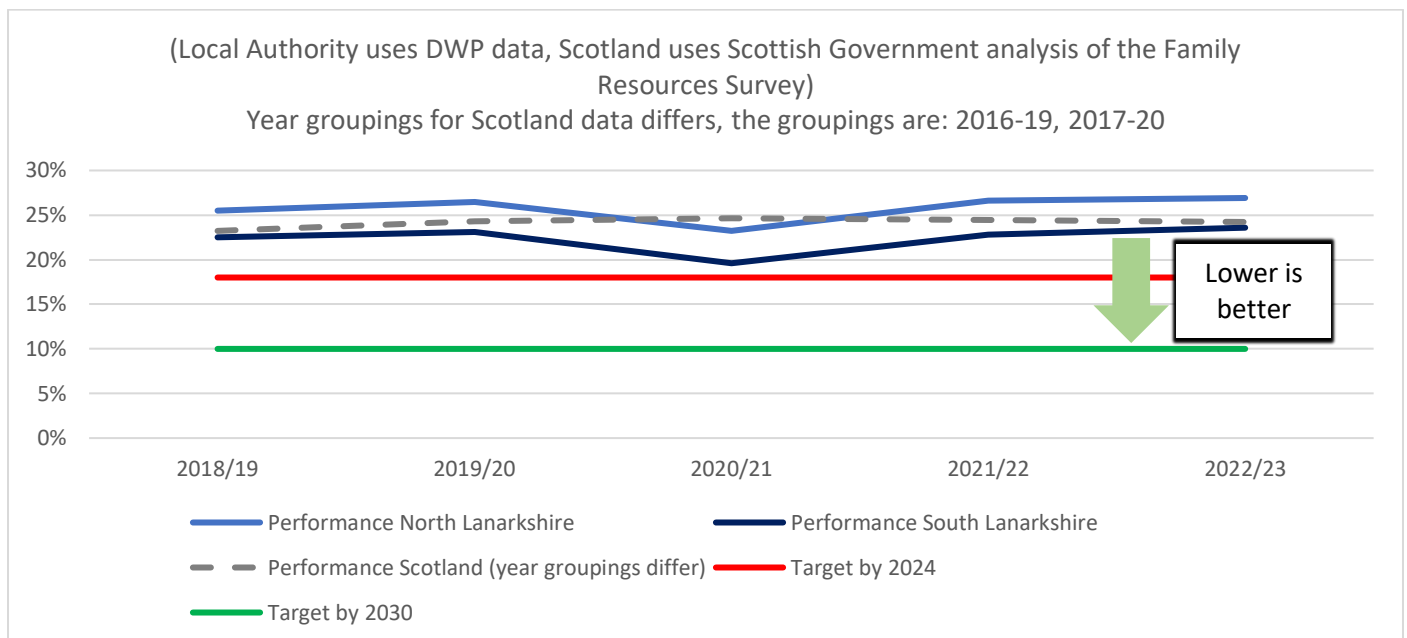
#### Background

The Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017<sup>(1)</sup> places a duty on local authorities and health boards to co-produce a Local Child Poverty Action Report (LCPAR) each year. These can be found on the Improvement Service website.<sup>(2)</sup> These reports describe work that has been done, and actions that are planned to tackle child poverty at a local level. NHS Lanarkshire contributes to both the North and South Lanarkshire reports.

Official Scottish Government statistics, published in March 2024<sup>(3)</sup> show that 24.2% of all children in Scotland are living in poverty (from the period 2020-2023). The most recent Lanarkshire figures for 2022-2023<sup>(4)</sup> of children living in households in relative poverty, after housing costs, are 23.6% in South Lanarkshire and 26.9% in North Lanarkshire.

This data, and trends across previous years, are presented in the graph in Figure 3.3.1.

**Figure 3.3.1:** Proportion of children who are living in relative poverty, after housing costs



Please note that the overall Scotland figure is taken from three-year averaged estimates, based on data from the Family Resources Survey and published by Scottish Government<sup>(3)</sup>. Latest estimates are however only for a two-year period, with data from April 2020-March 2021 removed due to quality issues related to the pandemic. The local authority figures are calculated from DWP data, published annually by the End Child Poverty Coalition and the Centre for Research in Social Policy at Loughborough University<sup>(4)</sup>.

In 2023, Public Health Scotland identified four key areas where NHS boards across Scotland could maximise their contribution to reducing child poverty. Table 3.3.1 details examples over the 2023-2024 financial year of NHS Lanarkshire contributions to tackling child poverty, against each of these key areas.



**Table 3.3.1:** NHS Lanarkshire activities to reduce child poverty against 4 key areas

| Key Area  | Example of Activity   |
|---|---|
| 1. Ensure tackling child poverty is prioritised at a senior level   | The Director of Public Health presented at the joint North Lanarkshire Tackling Poverty conference in April 2024, alongside key local and national speakers, to around 150 delegates.   |
| 2. Implement an Anchor Organisation approach, ensuring that reducing child poverty and the priority families are a priority outcome | NHS Lanarkshire supported 38 unemployed or low earning parents to enter placements within our organisation as part of the demonstrator 2 programme <sup>(5)</sup> . 71% have gone onto positive destinations, securing employment or joining the Staff Bank.  |
| 3. Supporting and sustaining income maximisation services/pathways  | <p>NHS Lanarkshire are one of 4 Boards chosen to be part of a Public Health Scotland led project “Deep Dive into Income Maximisation in Health” into the barriers and enablers of this work, to help inform future development.</p> <p>NHS Lanarkshire were also successful in a partnership bid to the Scottish Government Child Poverty Accelerator fund which will support 10 local families with disabled children access more intensive support to help them to improve their financial situation.</p> |
| 4. Increasing awareness and understanding across frontline NHS Staff.   | Key awareness raising periods in the year, including Challenge Poverty Week and Talk Money Week are promoted widely across the organisation via various platforms.  |

## Key Points

- Child poverty remains high in Scotland and in Lanarkshire.
- NHS Lanarkshire work alongside local partners to deliver actions and help mitigate the impacts of child poverty. This is recorded via the Local Child Poverty Action Reports.
- We ensured the rights of the child were respected throughout this work, in line with UNCRC.

## Priorities for Action

- Continue to utilise national NHS and Local Authority networks, where best practice in tackling child poverty is shared.
- Engage with new and existing services across the organisation to implement routine enquiry of finances and staff training.
- Engage in the Public Health Scotland Deep Dive into Income Maximisation in Health Project to help inform future developments.

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### Spotlight on Children’s Rights

This work progresses several children’s rights, including article 26 (if my family need it, they should get money to help bring me up) and article 27 (I have the right to have a proper home, food and clothing). Listening to lived experience is also key for service design and delivery (article 12, voice of the child).



### 3.4 Breastfeeding

#### Background

Exclusive breastfeeding goes a long way toward cancelling out the health difference between being born into poverty and being born into affluence. It is a natural “safety net” against the worst effects of poverty almost as if breastfeeding takes the infant out of poverty for those first few months in order to give the child a fairer start in life and compensate for the injustice of the world into which it was born.<sup>(1)</sup>

**Figure 3.4.1:** Illustration demonstrating the need for culture change



Created at NHS Lanarkshire Breastfeeding Conference, Credit: Graham Ogilvie Design

NHS Lanarkshire breastfeeding rates are among the lowest in the UK. There has been some improvement over time, but there are still barriers. Living in a predominantly bottle-feeding culture makes breastfeeding more difficult. Often the support network around new parents lacks knowledge and confidence in breastfeeding and normal infant behaviour.<sup>(2)</sup>

Looking critically at how we supported infant feeding as an organisation, we recognised that to really change culture requires a whole system approach to creating an environment that is supportive and enabling of normalising breastfeeding.

NHS Lanarkshire has had Baby Friendly Accreditation for many years, we successfully achieved our “Achieving Sustainability Gold Award” (Figure 3.4.2) in this year, recognising the whole systems approach to supporting parents in our communities and putting the wellbeing of babies at the heart of everything we do. Baby Friendly Standards<sup>(3)</sup> complement the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child<sup>(4)</sup>, e.g. Article 9 - children should not be separated from their parents unless it is in their best interests and Article 3 - the best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children, including continued breastfeeding wherever possible.

**Figure 3.4.2: Achieving Sustainability Gold Award**



## Changing a Culture

The Becoming Breastfeeding Friendly Scotland (BFF) report<sup>(5)</sup> makes recommendations for change and whole systems working.

**Figure 3.4.3: BBF Scotland Recommendations**



In partnership with Scottish Government, Maternal and Infant Nutrition colleagues and North Lanarkshire Council (NLC), developed and piloted the Breastfeeding Friendly Scotland (BFS) Local Authority Scheme and in February 2024, NLC were awarded Gold (Figure 3.4.4). A first for Scotland!

### **Specifically, the council has implemented a number of changes including:**

- Significantly improved employer support through the introduction of a corporate breastfeeding policy with workplaces facilitating continued breastfeeding/expressing when returning to work.
- Established nine community breastfeeding champions of mixed gender, working with health colleagues in communities to promote and support breastfeeding.
- All Early Learning establishments achieved BFS Early Learning award and 80% of all school establishments achieved the BFS Schools award. This includes NHS breastfeeding awareness training, embedding breastfeeding in the curriculum. Play environments in nurseries and early years have been redesigned promoting an environment where breastfeeding is seen as the biological normal way to feed infant.
- All new-build facilities including community hubs have breastfeeding facilities designed in at the planning stage.
- Foster carers completed NHS training on responsive feeding and social work staff trained on infant nutrition and benefits of breastfeeding.
- Libraries, leisure and sport facilities providing warm welcome spaces and facilities for breastfeeding on site (Figure 3.4.5).
- Road signage, public buildings and fleet vehicles having BFS signage in place.



**Figure 3.4.4:** NLC BFS award presentation

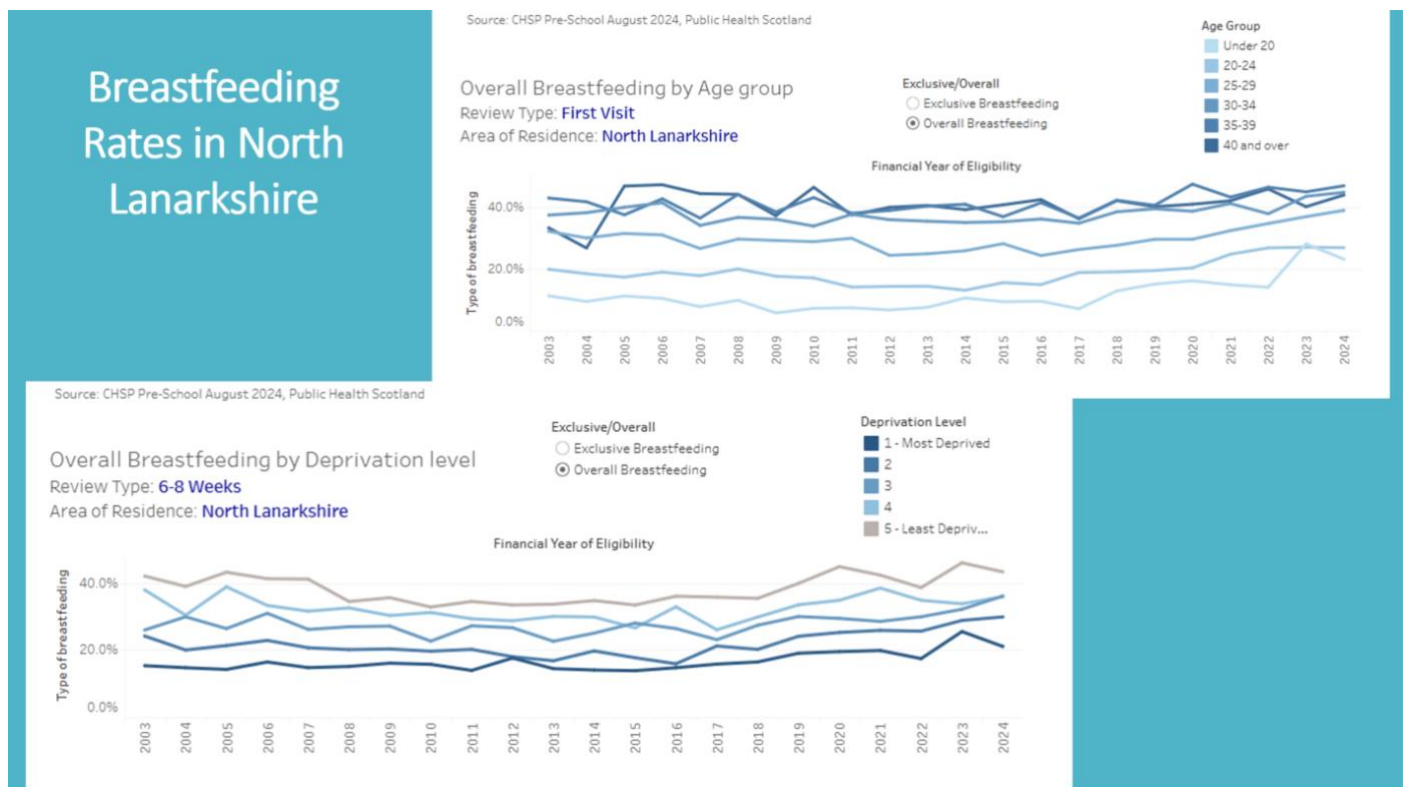


**Figure 3.4.5:** NLC BFS Gold award in place at a community venue in North Lanarkshire



Impact is demonstrated in our local data (Figure 3.4.6), particularly in SIMD 1 and 2 and in mothers under 20<sup>(6)</sup>. South Lanarkshire are working to embed this approach.

**Figure 3.4.6:** Data charts for overall breastfeeding at first visit by age group and at 6-8 weeks by deprivation table



Source: Public Health Scotland, Infant feeding statistics 2024

## The Voice of the Babies

We also consulted with breastfeeding mothers and families at two successful events in this year, our 5<sup>th</sup> Breastfeeding Conference in September 2024 and our Community Mothers 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday celebration event .

## Key Points

- NHS Lanarkshire recognises the rights of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children, including continued breastfeeding wherever possible
- All maternity and children's services are accredited as a Gold Baby Friendly service by Unicef UK
- Taking a whole systems approach in North Lanarkshire has impacted positively on breastfeeding rates and created a supportive, enabling environment for breastfeeding.

## Priorities for Action

- Implement the whole system approach and embed throughout NHS Lanarkshire acute services and South Lanarkshire Council
- Collaborative working with local communities and working with partners to change the culture around breastfeeding
- Continue to develop innovation to maintain Baby Friendly Standards and Gold Accreditation.

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## Spotlight on Children's Rights

The range of breastfeeding work undertaken is a great example of how we are progressing many children's rights. UNCRC article 12 (voice of the child) is progressed through engagement with mums and families, utilising UNCRC article 5 (my family should help me use my rights). Supporting mums to continue breastfeeding in various settings supports UNCRC Article 9 (children should not be separated from their parents unless it is in their best interests) and UNCRC Article 3 (best interests of the child).



## 3.5 Child Healthy Weight – Child Weight Management

### Background

In Lanarkshire, many children are overweight or obese (Table 3.5.1), which shows that there is a need to help them manage their weight. The Lanarkshire Healthy Lifestyle & Weight Management Service (LWMS) offers different programmes and services for people of all ages. This includes special programmes to help children, young people, and their families.

**Table 3.5.1:** Primary 1, 2022–23; clinical categories

|             | Overweight | Obese | Severely Obese |
|-------------|------------|-------|----------------|
| Lanarkshire | 9.5%       | 4.3%  | 3.2%           |
| Scotland    | 8.8%       | 3.8%  | 3.1%           |

Source: Primary 1 Body Mass Index (BMI) statistics Scotland. Public Health Scotland (published 10/12/24)

Child Weight Management has a tiered model, (Figure 3.5.1). Within these tiers, these are the main programmes; Healthy Schools, Getting Our Active Lifestyle Started (GOALS) Groups & Full of Beans, and GOALS 1-1.

**Figure 3.5.1:** Tiered Model of Child Weight Management Support



### Healthy Schools

The Healthy Schools framework helps teachers plan and track health and wellbeing in schools. It uses the Curriculum for Excellence's Health & Wellbeing Experiences & Outcomes and connects them to the Wellbeing Indicators. This helps pupils move smoothly from Nursery through to Secondary School. The framework also gives teachers ideas for activities, extra resources, websites with more information, and useful physical materials. Healthy Schools is flexible and works well with other resources, helping teachers build on what pupils already know to teach health and wellbeing.

82.9% of all North Lanarkshire Schools and 67.9% of all South Lanarkshire Schools are using the Healthy Schools website (Table 3.5.2.).

**Table 3.5.2:** Healthy Schools usage figures

|     | Primary School usage | High School usage | Additional Support Needs School usage | Registered teachers |
|-----|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| NLC | 118 of 119 (99.2%)   | 18 of 23 (78.3%)  | 10 of 14 (71.4%)                      | 1119                |
| SLC | 107 of 125 (85.6%)   | 17 of 20 (85%)    | 3 of 9 (33.3%)                        | 882                 |

Source: Healthy Schools website analytics 2024

## Full of Beans

The Full of Beans programme is a fun activity for families with children aged 18 months to 5 years old. It is run by healthy lifestyle coaches in partnership with North Lanarkshire Council and South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture. Families can join in activities while learning helpful tips on things like healthy eating, exercise, play, screen time, and sleep.

Families can sign up for Full of Beans on their own, or they may be referred by Health Visitors, School Nurses, or GPs for extra support with weight management. Before joining, a Paediatric Dietitian checks each child. There are 8 Full of Beans groups that meet every week in different places across Lanarkshire all year long.



## GOALS (Getting Our Active Lifestyle Started)

GOALS is a family-based healthy lifestyle programme that helps school-aged children, young people, and their families in Lanarkshire. It is run by specialist dietitians and physical activity experts. The goal of the programme is to help families reach a healthy weight and live a more active and healthy life. To join, families need a referral from a doctor.

GOALS groups are part of a community programme that helps families make healthy changes, like improving their diet, being more active, and reducing screen time. For families with more complex needs, GOALS 1-1 offers extra support, with more help from staff and regular check-ins by a medical team.

## Key Points

- Lanarkshire P1 data shows Child Overweight, Obese, and Severely Obese as above the national average.
- Child Weight Management has a tiered model providing several key targeted programmes to support children and their families.
- 82.9% of all North Lanarkshire Schools and 67.9% of all South Lanarkshire Schools are using Healthy Schools website.

## Priorities for Action

- Utilise universal Child Health Surveillance at the 27-30 months and P1 review points to identify severely clinically obese children.

- A Short Life Working Group has been set up to coordinate improvement actions around identification and referral during the 27-30 month child health review.
- Raise the issue with families and encourage them to accept referrals into the LWMS.

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## Spotlight on Children's Rights

Leading on efforts to support a healthy weight in children progresses and protects UNCRC article 24 (right to the best possible health).



## 3.6 The Child Health Programme

### Background

The Child Health Programme (CHP) is an evidence-based intervention which is delivered in Scotland by Health Visiting staff. During a universally offered schedule of home visits, Health Visitors engage with parents/carers and babies/children to ensure they have the best start in life through the provision of health promotion and parenting support, early identification of physical and developmental issues, delivery of early and effective interventions and provision of support to children and families that need it most.

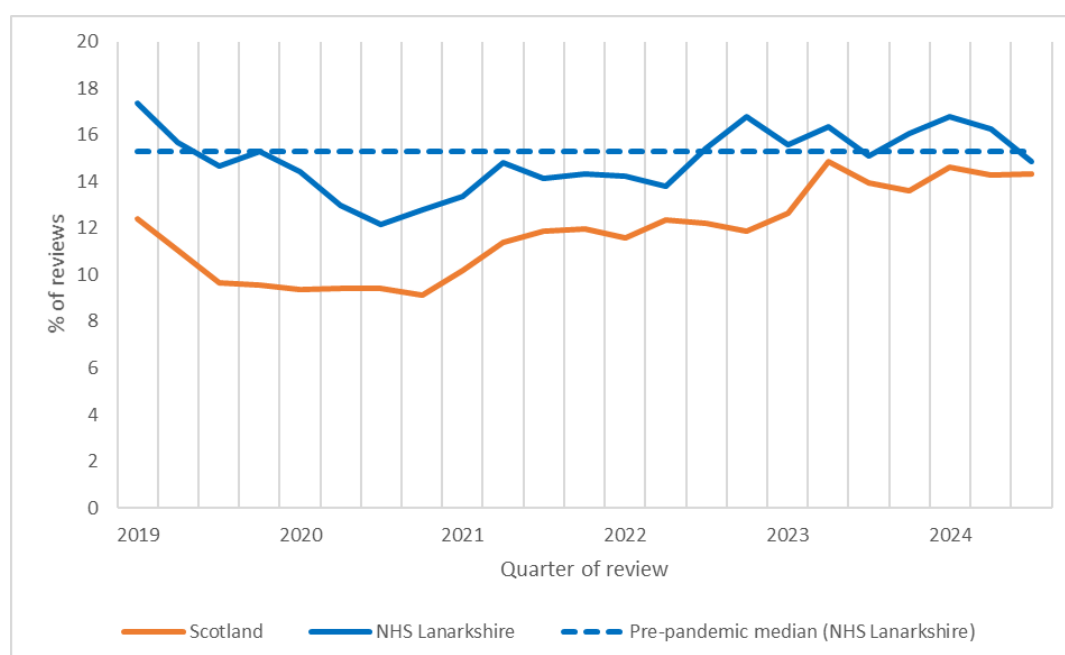
Outputs from the CHP are reported on through the Health in the Early Years in Scotland (HEYS) Dashboard. This Public Health Scotland platform is updated on a quarterly basis and covers child development among other outcomes. The information is drawn from routine child health review appointments. Outcomes of the 13–15 month, 27–30 month or 4–5 years review are displayed as below for NHS Lanarkshire.

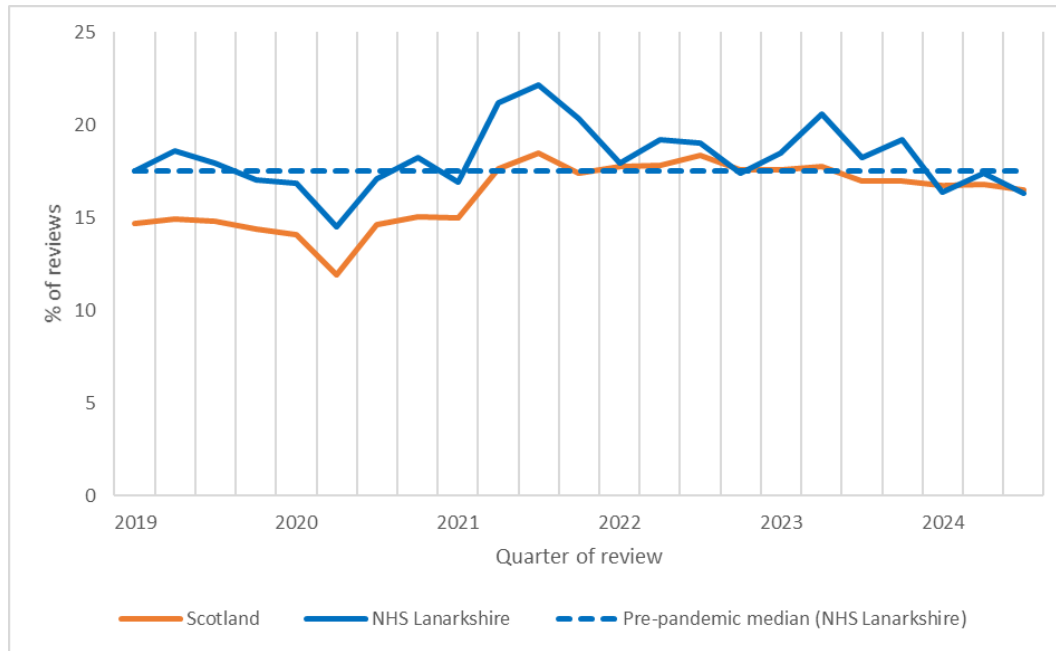
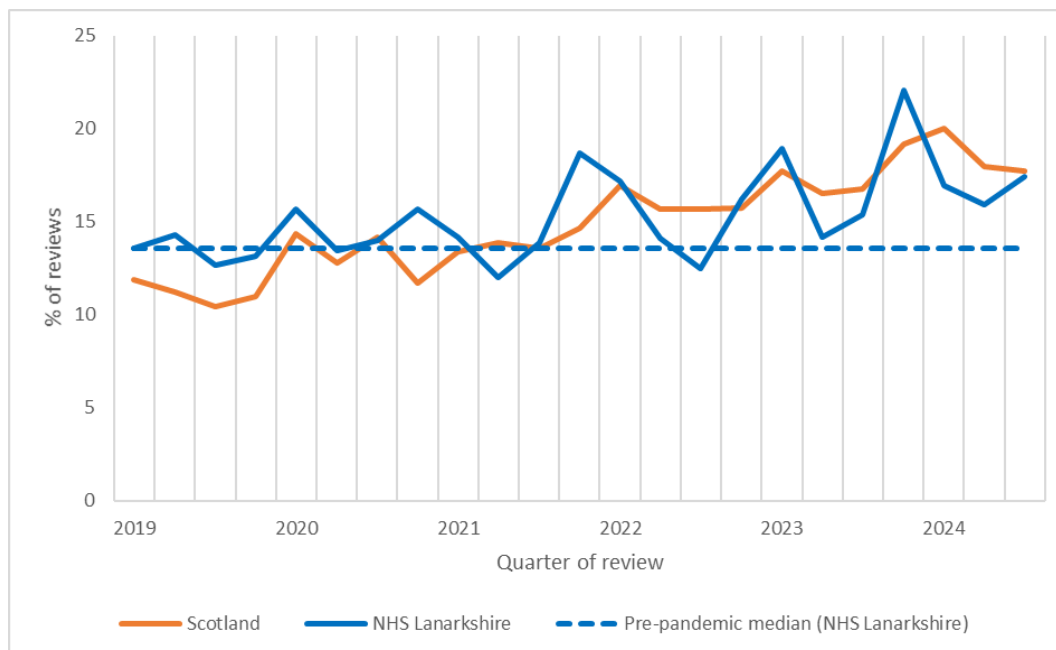
### Child Health Surveillance Data

The graphs below show data extracted from the Health in the Early Years dashboard <sup>(1)</sup> in January 2025 showing the July – September 2024. The use of a pre - pandemic median allows us to compare usual levels of concerns, as during and after the COVID-19 pandemic we saw some fluctuation in recording and reporting of developmental concerns.

In Lanarkshire at the 13–15 month review the percentage of children with one or more developmental concerns saw a recent decrease to 14.85% since January from March 2024 (16.77%) (figure 3.6.1). During the same time period, at the 27–30 month review, the percentage of children with one or more developmental concerns recorded has been below the pre-pandemic median to 16.33% (figure 3.6.2). For the 4–5 year age group, the percentage of children with one or more developmental concerns recorded has shown an uptick to 17.4% and remains above the pre-pandemic median (figure 3.6.3).

**Figure 3.6.1:** Percentage of children with one or more developmental concerns recorded at the 13–15 month review



**Figure 3.6.2:** Percentage of children with one or more developmental concerns recorded at the 27–30 month review**Figure 3.6.3:** Percentage of children with one or more developmental concerns recorded at the 4–5 year review

Source: <https://scotland.shinyapps.io/phs-health-in-the-early-years-in-scotland/>

### Support for children and families

Close monitoring of the above trends has led to senior staff and their wider teams recognising the need to understand these data further and ensure that affected children and their families are receiving adequate support. An example of this work is within the neurodevelopmental pathway, where work with Health Visiting staff is helping to support them to recognise and respond to neurodevelopmental concerns that may be identified at child health reviews. Awareness raising via social media channels is also taking place which signposts to sources of support including neurodevelopmental workshops for both professionals and families.



## Key Points

- The Child Health Programme is a universally accepted tool that helps to identify developmental concerns early and offer support to families.
- Those children with one or more developmental concerns have been showing a recent decrease at 13-15 and 27-30 month reviews and increasing at 4-5 year old reviews in Lanarkshire.
- Work continues to identify children with developmental concerns and to offer support to them and their families.

## Priorities for Action

- Continue to robustly complete the Child Health Programme within appropriate timeframes.
- Continue to work with families on appropriate, timely supports.
- Monitor developmental concerns in the pre-5 population with an aim to reducing them to appropriate levels as indicated by the Scottish Government.

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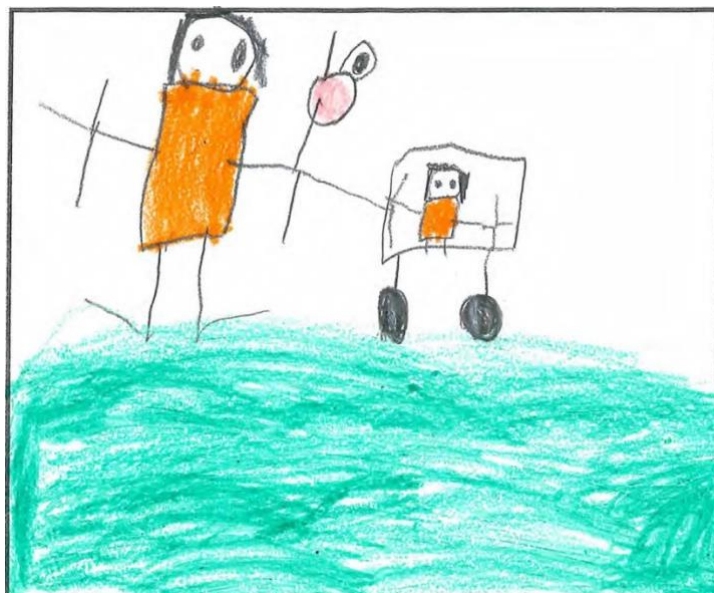
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## Spotlight on Children's Rights

By monitoring data, we can work with children, families and professionals in a timely manner, protecting and progressing UNCRC article 24 (right to the best possible health).





### 3.7 Keeping 'The Promise' for Care Experienced Children and Young People

#### Background

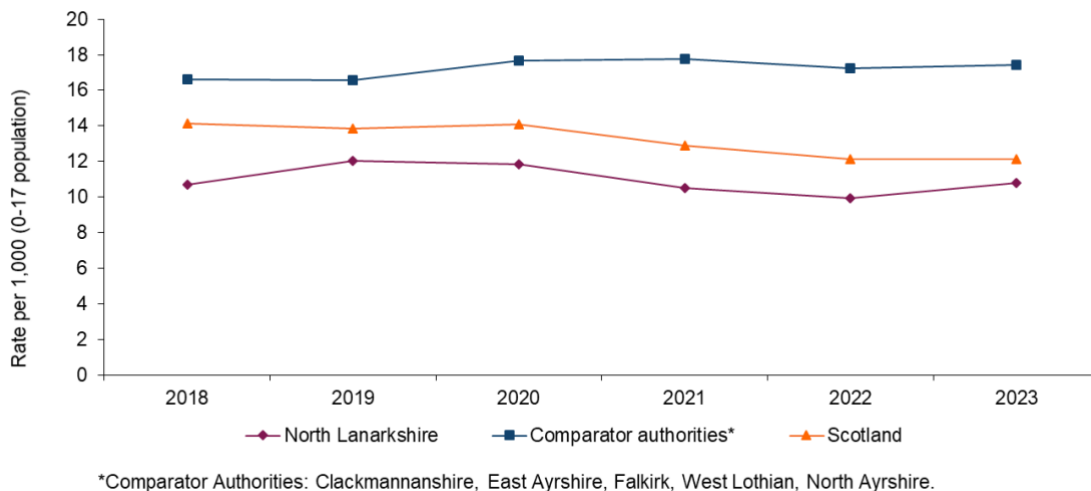
Scotland's vision for our children is that they grow up loved, safe, respected and realise their full potential. The Independent Care Review was published in February 2020<sup>(1)</sup>. It produced 'The Promise' Plan 21–24<sup>(2)</sup> which is built on five foundations of voice, family, care, people and scaffolding. Since then, Plan 24–30<sup>(3)</sup> has been published. Both of these are transformational plans which must be delivered over ten years in order to 'Keep the Promise' to care experienced children and young people.

We recognise that for many care experienced children and young people, being in care has a protective effect, but for others this is not the case. Recently published data noted that children in the care system are more likely to have concerns about their development from an early age; nearly 40% of looked after children had concerns noted at 27–30 month health reviews, which was more than twice the rate for non-looked after children (18%)<sup>(4)</sup>.

#### Local data and Our Responsibilities

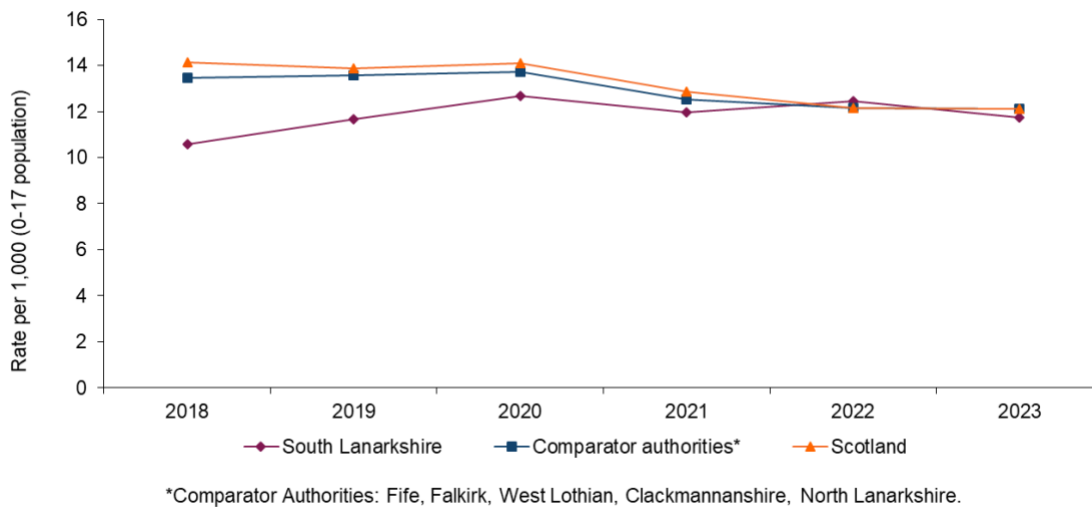
The number of care experienced children and young people in Lanarkshire varies from year to year. The data below is from 2023<sup>(5)</sup>

**Figure 3.7.1:** North Lanarkshire looked after children on 31 July, 2018 to 2023, rate per 1,000 (0–17 population)



Source: Scottish Government's Children's Social Work Statistics - [www.gov.scot/collections/childrens-social-work/](https://www.gov.scot/collections/childrens-social-work/)

**Figure 3.7.2:** South Lanarkshire looked after children on 31 July, 2018 to 2023, rate per 1,000 (0–17 population)



Source: Scottish Government's Children's Social Work Statistics - [www.gov.scot/collections/childrens-social-work/](http://www.gov.scot/collections/childrens-social-work/)

NHS Lanarkshire, like our local authority partners, has responsibilities as 'corporate parents'. It is important that children and young people feel the benefit of Scotland's good parenting, including those who are care experienced.

NHS Lanarkshire is committed to supporting care experienced children and young people who come in contact with our services. When children and young people become care experienced, the NHS has a responsibility to complete a health needs assessment with them. This is an opportunity to identify any areas that these individuals need support with. They also provide an opportunity for a yearly catch up with NHS services to monitor on-going health needs.

A Throughcare and Aftercare Nursing service has been established within NHS Lanarkshire in recognition of a gap in service provision for young care leavers transitioning into adulthood. The foundations of The Promise facilitate the role of the Nurses to provide a caring and compassionate scaffold of support, advice and guidance to young people, aged 16-26 years. Support is provided to empower the young person to access universal, preventative and early intervention services relating to their health and wellbeing.

The nationally produced Plan 24–30 offers NHS Lanarkshire an opportunity to refresh their commitment to care experienced children and young people to ensure they feel adequately supported as is the role of all good parents.

## Key Points

- NHS Lanarkshire has a role as a 'corporate parent' to care experienced children and young people.
- In some cases, the health of care experienced children and young people can be poorer than the general population.
- We must offer support to our care experienced children and young people to achieve their full potential.

## Priorities for Action

- Raise awareness of roles and responsibilities around being a corporate parent within NHS Lanarkshire.
- Examine locally available health data for care experienced children and young people.
- Engage with care experienced children and young people to ensure their voice is heard in NHS Lanarkshire.

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## Spotlight on Children's Rights

Ensuring that dedicated health support is given to care experienced children and young people is an example of UNCRC article 2 (all children have these rights no matter what their differences are) in practice. Ultimately progressing article 24 (right to the best possible health). Listening to their voices to improve service delivery is also very important for us, progressing article 12 (voice of the child).

### 3.8 Pregnancy and Newborn Screening Programme

Pregnancy and newborn screening (PNBS) programmes aim to identify a range of conditions that may affect the health and wellbeing of the mother and newborn. This allows for early detection and timely management. The majority of those screened will not have these conditions. For the small number who do, early detection can make a significant difference in health outcomes.

#### Background and Importance of PNBS Programmes

NHS Lanarkshire provides all the national PNBS programmes available in Scotland. All pregnant women between 8 and 12 weeks of pregnancy are offered screening for infectious diseases and haemoglobinopathies. Infectious diseases screening involves testing for HIV, Hepatitis, and Syphilis. Haemoglobinopathies are genetic conditions that affect red blood cells e.g. Sickle Cell Disease.

Trisomy (when baby has an extra chromosome) screening can be offered in both the first and second trimester. Informed patient choice is important. The conditions screened for are Down's, Edwards', and Patau's Syndrome. First trimester screening is the preferred option and is a combination of an ultrasound measurement and blood testing.

Women receiving a high-chance trisomy screening result are offered the non-invasive prenatal testing (NIPT), which can reduce the need for invasive procedures. The Foetal Anomaly Screening Programme (FASP) involves a detailed ultrasound scan between 18 and 20 weeks of pregnancy.

Following birth, babies are offered hearing and bloodspot screening. The Universal Newborn Hearing Screening (UNHS) aims to detect significant permanent hearing loss in babies. It is offered within the first 4 weeks of life. The Newborn Bloodspot (using a heel prick blood test) Screening aims to assess babies for nine rare metabolic and genetic conditions. It is usually undertaken between four and five days after birth. Testing for all 9 conditions can still be done up until 8 weeks, and 8 of the 9 can be offered until 1 year of age.

**Figure 3.8.1:** Pregnancy (antenatal) and Newborn Screening Timeline

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| <p><b>Before 10 weeks: Haemoglobinopathies - Sickle cell and Thalassaemia*</b></p> <p><b>Screening test: Family origin questionnaire and blood tests for higher risk</b></p> |
| <p><b>8 and 12 weeks: Infectious Diseases- Hepatitis B, HIV and Syphilis*</b></p> <p><b>Blood test</b></p>   |
| <p><b>11 and 14 weeks: First Trimester screening for Trisomy (Down's syndrome, Edwards' syndrome and Patau's syndrome)</b></p> <p><b>Ultrasound and blood tests</b></p>      |
| <p><b>14 and 20 weeks: First Trimester Screening for Trisomy if missed during the first trimester.</b></p> <p><b>Blood test only</b></p>                                     |
| <p><b>18 and 21 weeks: Mid-pregnancy screening ultrasound scan</b></p> <p><b>Foetal Anomaly Scan (FAS)</b></p>   |
| <p><b>Birth</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Birth to 4 weeks: Universal Newborn Hearing Screening (UNHS)</b></p> <p><b>Tests baby's response to sounds</b></p>   |
| <p><b>Four to five completed days of birth: Newborn Bloodspot Screening</b></p> <p><b>Heel prick blood test</b></p>  |

**Table 3.8.1:** Summary of PNBS Screening Programmes and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

| Screening Test  | Target Population   | Denominator / Time Frame                  | Standard/KPI  | Uptake                                    | Outcomes   |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| <b>Haemoglobinopathies</b>                              |   |   |   |   |  |
| <b>Family Origin Questionnaire (FOQ) and blood test</b> | Pregnant women at antenatal booking   | 5946 (January – December 2023)            | No standard for uptake<br>≥95% completion of FOQ forms        | 99.5%<br>77.7% of FOQ forms were complete | 974 (97.2%) blood tests requested following questionnaire.<br>Blood testing: 12 required further investigation.<br>198 carrier/found to have trait<br>13 with Sickle Cell Disease or other haemoglobinopathy |
| <b>Infectious Diseases Screening</b>                    |   |   |   |   |  |
| <b>Blood test for Hepatitis B, HIV and Syphilis</b>     | Pregnant women offered testing (takes into account miscarriage and transfers) | 5669 women (Year ending 31 December 2023) | ≥ 95.0% coverage for Hepatitis B, HIV, and Syphilis testing.  | 99.5%                                     | Almost all women tested; <5 declined testing for each infection. Most women test negative  |
| <b>Trisomy Screening</b>                                |   |   |   |   |  |
| <b>First and Second Trimester Trisomy Screening</b>     | Pregnant women undergoing trisomy screening                                   | 5,946 (Year ending 31 December 2023)      | No standard because acceptance is a matter of personal choice | 86.9%                                     | 13.7% of screenings occurred in the second trimester (versus 15.3% for Scotland), showing improvement from 21.1% previous years<br>115 NIPT screens were carried out   |
| <b>Mid-trimester/Detailed Ultrasound scan</b>           |   |   |   |   |  |
| <b>Foetal Anomaly Scan (FAS)</b>                        | All eligible pregnant women   | 5790 (April 2022 – March 2023)            | 90% of eligible pregnant women should have a FAS              | 87.1%                                     | 70 abnormal scans, of these 43 (61.4%) were live births  |

| Screening Test                                    | Target Population   | Denominator / Time Frame       | Standard/KPI  | Uptake   | Outcomes  |
|---|---|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| <b>Newborn screening</b>                          |   |                                |   |  |   |
| <b>Universal Newborn Hearing Screening (UNHS)</b> | All newborn babies born to Lanarkshire residents or moving into Lanarkshire under the age of 12 weeks                             | 6024 (April 2022 – March 2023) | 98% of babies should have completed the hearing screen by 10 weeks. | 99.7%  | 5 babies detected with moderate to severe permanent hearing loss. All babies were referred on to audiology for further assessment.  |
| <b>Newborn Bloodspot Screening</b>                | All newborn babies born to Lanarkshire residents and babies with no bloodspot result moving into Lanarkshire before age 12 months | 6438 (April 2023 – March 2024) | 99.5% of infants should have a screening result or repeat test      | 6065 (94.2%) and Movers-in and declines accounted for 5.8% | Avoidable repeat rate - 4.09%<br>5 suspected conditions referred for follow-up<br>41 carriers (found to have a genetic trait) of various childhood conditions screened for were identified. |



## Key Points

- Overall, the PNBS is performing well. Availability of high-quality data locally and nationally is a challenge. There is a need for consistency of recording of screening offers, completion of family origin questionnaires, and outcomes on the digital clinical system.
- In NHS Lanarkshire, 92.5% are booked into maternity services by 12 weeks (standard is 90%). However, earlier booking allows for timely offer of screening tests. Quality improvement work over the next year will focus on further reducing the proportion of second trimester screening.
- Bloodspot screening should be offered to all Movers-in to Lanarkshire. To improve uptake, an updated protocol is in place and additional awareness raising will be undertaken with health visitors.

## Priorities for Action

- Improve the quality of recording in local digital clinical systems. Ensure staff consistently record pregnancy outcomes clearly and complete key forms e.g. family origin questionnaire.
- Continue to engage nationally to increase use of linked data. This would support a national approach to reporting against standards and reduce issues with manual data entry.
- Through the Screening Inequalities Action Plan, further engage with staff to provide comprehensive and accessible information, enabling all women, regardless of background or circumstances to make informed choices about screening and engage with maternity services as early as possible.

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## Spotlight on Children's Rights

This work ensures that UNCRC article 3 (best interests of the child) and article 24 (right to the best possible health) are protected and progressed.

### 3.9 Children and Young People's Mental Health and Resilience

#### Background

In Scotland it has been suggested that children and young people have seen an increase in the incidence of mental health and wellbeing stressors. In addition to this many have experienced mental health stigma and discrimination<sup>(1)</sup>. On the whole children and young people's mental health and wellbeing has seen a decline in recent years<sup>(2)</sup>. NHS Lanarkshire, along with partnerships across both North and South Lanarkshire local authorities set out priorities within both Children's Services Plans<sup>(3, 4)</sup> and the Infant, Children and Young People's Health Plan<sup>(5)</sup> to combat this and nurture positive changes for the children and young people of Lanarkshire. The following reports on a range of these developments and areas that have ensued to address this.

#### Lanarkshire Wide

Across both North (in March 2023), and South (in June 2022) Lanarkshire, there has been the introduction of Kooth. This is an online service and has provided a number of supports for the children and young people of Lanarkshire including self-help resources, community supports, and 1-1 support. Kooth offers 24/7 support with 71% of logins in North Lanarkshire, during the 12 months of June 2023–24 being outwith the standard hours of 9–5<sup>(6)</sup>. In South Lanarkshire, Kooth had been accessed by 579 children and young people during the period of July 2023 – March 2024 further evidencing its success<sup>(7)</sup>.

**Figure 3.9.1:** Kooth image showing a brief overview of the service.



Source: Kooth Website

#### South Lanarkshire

School Counselling in South Lanarkshire has seen 1411 children accessing the service in the period from July 2023 – March 2024<sup>(7)</sup>. Of this 909 identified as female and 482 as male, (remaining children opting to not identify). Onward referrals made to a number of agencies including Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), child protection, and third sector, totalling 91. A range of reasons for presenting came through; of these the highest were: Anxiety – 605, family issues – 385, relationship/ friendship – 223, and emotional/ behavioural difficulties – 203.

In addition to this, Community mental health and wellbeing supports and services showed a total of 5007 children and young people accessing services and supports.

#### North Lanarkshire

The Scottish Government provides local authorities with funding each year to offer support for children and young people that is focused on improving mental health and wellbeing<sup>(8)</sup>. In an 8-month period, support has been given to: 2602 children and young people, 1163 boys, 1384 girls and 55 people who selected another gender, 1189 primary aged pupils, 1223 secondary aged pupils and 190 care leavers, and 241 'whole' families received support. Using mental health and family wellbeing funding, 22 out of 2602 (less than 1%) of young people supported were referred onto crisis level supports (social work or CAMHS)<sup>(9)</sup>.

## CAMHS in NHS Lanarkshire

NHS Lanarkshire offer support for children and young people from 0-18 years old with moderate to severe mental health difficulties, by offering both interventions to reduce risk while also building upon resilience. In NHS Lanarkshire, Children and Young People come into CAMHS in one of two ways: during times of crisis or routine referrals. Referrals to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) have increased post the COVID-19 pandemic and show no signs of slowing <sup>(10-11)</sup>. This is true for presentations of depression, anxiety, eating disorders, suicidality and deliberate self-harm.

it is essential that services and partners work together to meet the needs of our most vulnerable Children and Young People. Research has shown that identifying and intervening early with risk factors, while developing and building resilience is essential to making and maintaining change<sup>(12)</sup>.

During times of crisis, it is also essential that the development of coping strategies at this time are built upon to enhance the repertoire of skills available the next time the Child or Young Person feels distress, thus ensuring resilience is being developed.



## Key Points

- Children and Young People's Mental Health has seen a decline in recent years and referrals to CAMHS are increasing.
- Across Lanarkshire, the provision of Kooth, the online platform that is accessible 24/7 has seen a large number of children and young people access this to address a number of concerns with the highest being around anxiety.
- Decreasing risk, as well as building resilience is key. Early interventions through community support may be alleviating onward referral to more intensive level/crisis level supports such as CAMHS.

## Priorities for Action

- Increase access to and utilisation of early intervention.
- Working together to offer full supports to children and families.
- Increasing access to 24/7 supports and improving resources is essential to support both early intervention and our most distressed Children and Young People who use 'unscheduled' services.

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### Spotlight on Children's Rights

The CAMHS Service have a dedicated engagement officer within the service. This allows the children and young people to participate in making decisions about their care and actively influence the services they receive care from. It also gathers insights into barriers. This is an excellent example of UNCRC article 12 (voice of the child) in practice.

*'CAMHS saved my life. If I can help make the service better for other young people like me, I am hopeful for the future. Thank you for being there'*





## 3.10 Young People and Vaping in Lanarkshire

### Background

The NHS Lanarkshire Health Improvement Alcohol and Other Substances Team commissioned LANDED Peer Education Service to conduct a Lanarkshire wide consultation into Youth Vaping. The consultation took place in 2023<sup>(1)</sup>.

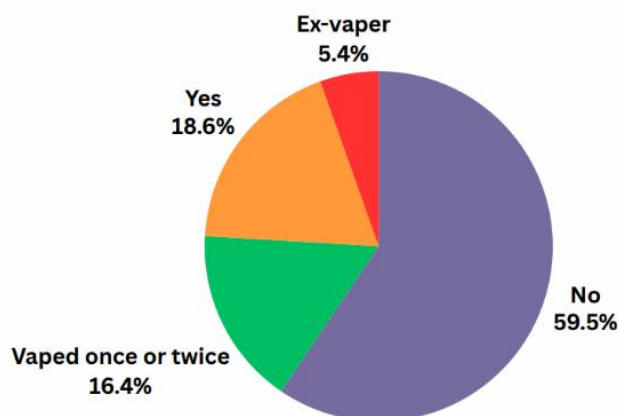
The consultation aimed to gather local data on vaping prevalence, trends and attitudes. A range of methods were used to collect survey data. There were 6910 responses from young people in Lanarkshire, aged between 11 and 25. The majority of responses came from the 12 to 17 age group, because surveys were completed during vaping awareness assemblies in high schools.

This chapter focusses on the results of the survey and the insight it gives into vape related habits and attitudes of young people in Lanarkshire.



### Background

**Figure 3.10.1:** Answers to the question ‘Do you vape?’



While we understand the potential impact of nicotine, any negative long-term impacts of vaping are not yet clear. The best evidence available shows e-cigarettes are far less harmful than smoking. But because e-cigarettes are a relatively new product, there isn't enough research yet into long-term use, or into their effects in people who have never smoked, including children and young people. <sup>(2)</sup> People who use electronic cigarettes have been shown to have unique microbial communities in their mouths, these communities may signal an increased risk of gum

disease. <sup>(3)</sup> It appears that users of flavoured vapes could experience a 27% decrease in enamel hardness compared to unflavoured vape users. <sup>(4)</sup> Evidence also points to impaired blood vessel function, which may put vape users at increased risk for heart disease. <sup>(5)</sup>

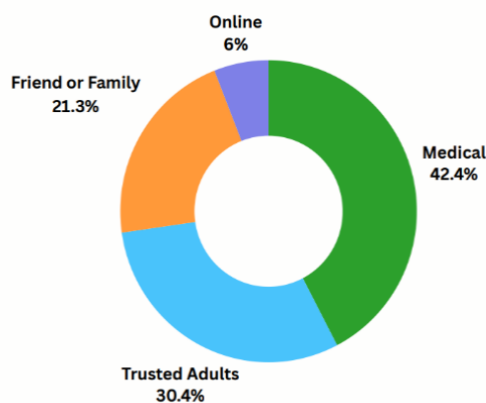
18.6% of respondents said they vaped (figure 10.1.1). Of those 83% said they vape using a device that contains nicotine. Worryingly 88% of our young vape users had never smoked tobacco before they started vaping, and the average age at which they first tried a vape was 13.

Around one-third (31.9%) of vape users said they were sold vapes without being asked for ID. Proxy purchasing was also identified as problematic, with 36% saying that they were given vapes by people they knew or had asked someone to buy them for them.

When asked why they vape, the most popular response was that it was relaxing, followed by addiction then the flavour/taste. Other responses suggest that young people vape to suppress their appetite and manage stress. Some young people cited their mental health as a reason for vaping.

When asked what influenced them to vape the most popular answers included flavours and/or new types of device.

**Figure 3.10.2: 'Where would you go for help?'**



Young people who said they used a vape were asked if they wanted to quit, 30% said 'no'. Of the 43% who said they did want to quit, 14% said they didn't know how to. We then asked the young people who said they wanted to quit if they knew where to get help, worryingly, 72% stated 'no'. Those who answered 'yes' were asked where they would go for help. Figure 10.1.2. shows that more than half would ask a 'trusted adult' friend or family member.

Young people told us that they are more regularly exposed to 2<sup>nd</sup> hand vape aerosol than second hand smoke in their home or family car, but more than double the number said

that no one smoked or vaped around them.

### Key Points

- Young people aged under 18 are able to obtain vapes easily, despite being below the legal age for purchase. They are susceptible to the advertising of both flavours and devices.
- The majority of our young people did not know where to get cessation support and would rely on a "trusted adult" i.e. teacher or youth worker or a friend or family member for help to quit vaping.
- Half of young vape users said vaping 'helped them relax'.

### Priorities for Action

- Work with partners in education, the third sector and parents to ensure 'trusted adults' have appropriate training to discuss vaping with young people.
- Develop a plan to deliver a package of parental education.
- Share findings from survey with partners to help develop bespoke information to raise awareness on the adverse impact of vaping in young people
- Contribute to the Tobacco and Vaping programme plan.

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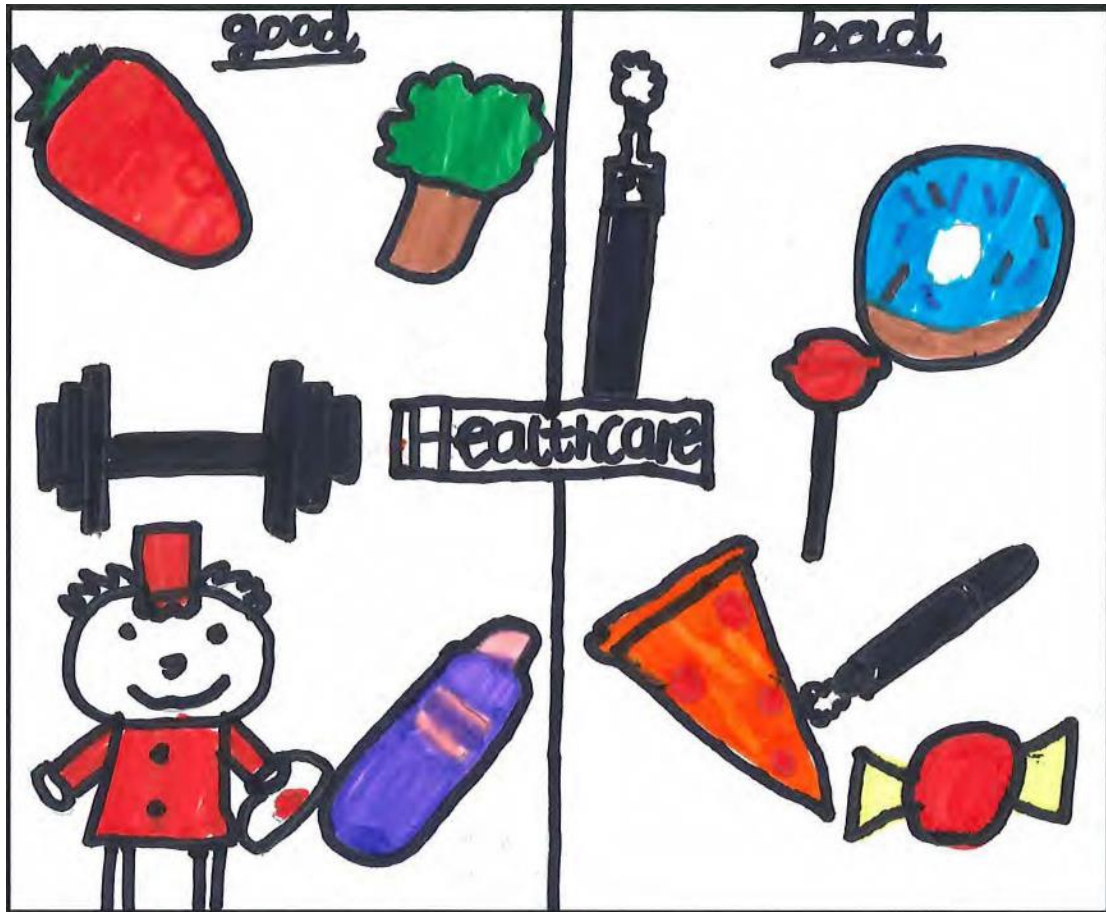
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### Spotlight on Children's Rights

This is an excellent example of UNCRC article 12 (voice of the child) in practice, asking and listening to the voices of children and young people, to improve service design and delivery.

Ultimately progressing article 24 (right to the best possible health).



### 3.11 Oral Health Status of Children

The National Dental Inspection Programme (NDIP) is carried out annually in Scotland and has two levels:

- A basic inspection for all Primary 1 (P1) and Primary 7 (P7) children.
- A detailed inspection of a representative sample, alternating between P1 and P7.

#### Oral health of P1 children

The NDIP report of detailed inspection of P1 children in school year 2023/24 showed significant improvements in oral health of children in Lanarkshire<sup>(1)</sup>. This is due to the hard work and dedication of all branches of the dental profession, coupled with excellent integrated working with our social care and education partners.

The main findings for Lanarkshire were as follows<sup>(1)</sup>:

- Percentage of children with no obvious dental decay experience in primary (baby) teeth in Lanarkshire was 75.9%. This represents a 3.9 percentage point increase from the last survey in 2020<sup>(2)</sup> and an impressive improvement from the first NDIP in 2003 (40.7%)<sup>(3)</sup>.
- For the first time, Lanarkshire is above the Scotland average (73.2%).
- Percentage of children with no obvious dental decay experience in primary teeth in North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire was 73.8% and 78.1% respectively.



#### Oral health of P7 children

The main findings for Lanarkshire were as follows<sup>(4)</sup>:

- Percentage of children with no obvious dental decay experience in permanent teeth in Lanarkshire in 2023 was 77.6%. This represents a 0.8 percentage point decrease from the last survey in 2019. The decrease is likely due to the disruption of Childsmile programme during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Percentage of children with no obvious dental decay experience in permanent teeth in North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire was 77.3% and 78.1% respectively.

#### Targets for oral health of children in Scotland and Lanarkshire

National targets of oral health of Scotland's children are<sup>(5)</sup>:

- 75% of P1 children with no signs of dental disease by 2024
- 80% of P7 children with no signs of dental disease by 2024.

Targets for NHS Lanarkshire are<sup>(5)</sup>:

- 10% increase on 2014 (P1) NDIP result (67.8%) by 2024; i.e. 74.6%
- 10% increase on 2015 (P7) NDIP result (68.1%) by 2024; i.e. 74.9%.

NHS Lanarkshire has exceeded the targets for both P1 and P7. Further information on the trend of oral health of children is shown in Table A17 of the Statistical Appendix.

## Key Points

- Oral health of children has improved steadily since 2003 and has exceeded the 2024 targets set by the Scottish Government.
- For the first time, the Lanarkshire figure (75.9%) is above the Scotland average (73.2%) in P1 children in 2024.
- The significant improvements in oral health of children in Lanarkshire are due to the hard work and dedication of all branches of the dental profession coupled with excellent integrated working with our social care and education partners.

## Priorities for Action

- Identify the vulnerable families within our deprived communities who are at high risk of developing dental disease.
- Re-focus our existing successful prevention programmes in a more targeted way to address the health inequalities gap.
- Strengthen our existing links with our social care and education partners to provide an integrated approach to reducing the levels of dental disease in our child population.

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## Spotlight on Children's Rights

Focussing on addressing the health inequalities gap and those in more deprived areas ensures that children's rights are progressed for all, an example of UNCRC article 2 (all children have these rights no matter what their differences are) in practice. Ultimately progressing article 24 (right to the best possible health).

### 3.12 Raising Mouth Cancer Awareness Among Young People

Mouth cancer can affect the gums, floor of mouth, palate, or inside the cheeks. In Scotland, 256 cases of mouth cancer were reported in 2022 of which 16% were diagnosed in Lanarkshire. In 2022, less than five cases were reported in young adults (25-29 years) in Scotland <sup>(1)</sup>.

In 2021, mouth cancer accounted for 62 deaths in Scotland of which 13% were in Lanarkshire <sup>(2)</sup>. While all the deaths were in adults, mouth cancer can develop in younger adults. Around 90% of mouth cancer cases are linked to preventable causes such as smoking, alcohol and contracting the human papilloma virus (HPV)<sup>(3)</sup>. HPV infection is thought to be linked with most cases of mouth cancer that happen in young people.

A scoping exercise of mouth cancer prevention materials and outreach aimed at young people was conducted in NHS Lanarkshire in August 2018 and demonstrated a gap in resources. Subsequently, funding was obtained from the Ben Walton Scholarship and Development Grant to develop a short animation to raise awareness of mouth cancer among young people <sup>(4)</sup>.

Young people from North Lanarkshire worked together with professionals from a media company to write a script and develop graphics for the short animation. The sessions were facilitated by staff from North Lanarkshire Council's Community Learning and Development Department. Educational input was provided by two dental trainees and health improvement staff from NHS Lanarkshire.

The aims of the short animation were to:

- Raise awareness of mouth cancer, including: signs, symptoms, associated risk factors and where to seek advice.
- Target young people (13-19 years) using social media. It has been used by staff in education and health settings.
- Promote responsible drinking, smoking cessation and a healthy lifestyle.
- Raise awareness of the link between HPV and the increased risk of mouth cancer and the importance of HPV vaccination
- Promote mouth self-examination to equip young people with the knowledge to carry out self-examination and to encourage early presentation to a healthcare professional.

The young peer educators were instrumental in the development of the resource. They created the draft script, based on their own research and attendance at the educational sessions. They chose the colours and the characters and decided on the final music and graphics. The infomercial was kept short, under 60 seconds, to enable it to be shown on social media sites (Facebook, X, Instagram and YouTube) popular with young people. These ensured that the infomercial was relevant and appealing to young people and increase the reach with the target audience. Over 3000 people have viewed the infomercial.



The infomercial can be viewed at [www.nhslanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk/mouth-cancer-awareness](http://www.nhslanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk/mouth-cancer-awareness).

#### Key Points

- Mouth cancer can occur in younger adults, but it's thought that HPV infection may be responsible for the majority of cases that occur in young people.



- A project involving young people was conducted to develop an animation on mouth cancer awareness.
- An infomercial was created to raise awareness and launched on social media.

### Priorities for Action

- Continue to refresh the media campaign especially during November which is Mouth Cancer Action Month.
- Explore the opportunities and barriers for general dental practitioners and their practice staff for referring patients to stop smoking service.
- Explore development of a video for dental teams on asking patients about stopping smoking.

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### Spotlight on Children's Rights

This is an excellent example of designing materials and a campaign specifically for young people, progressing their rights around article 13 (right to find out and share information), article 17 (I have the right to get information in lots of ways) and article 24 (right to the best possible health).



## 4. Healthcare Public Health

### 4.1 Population Screening

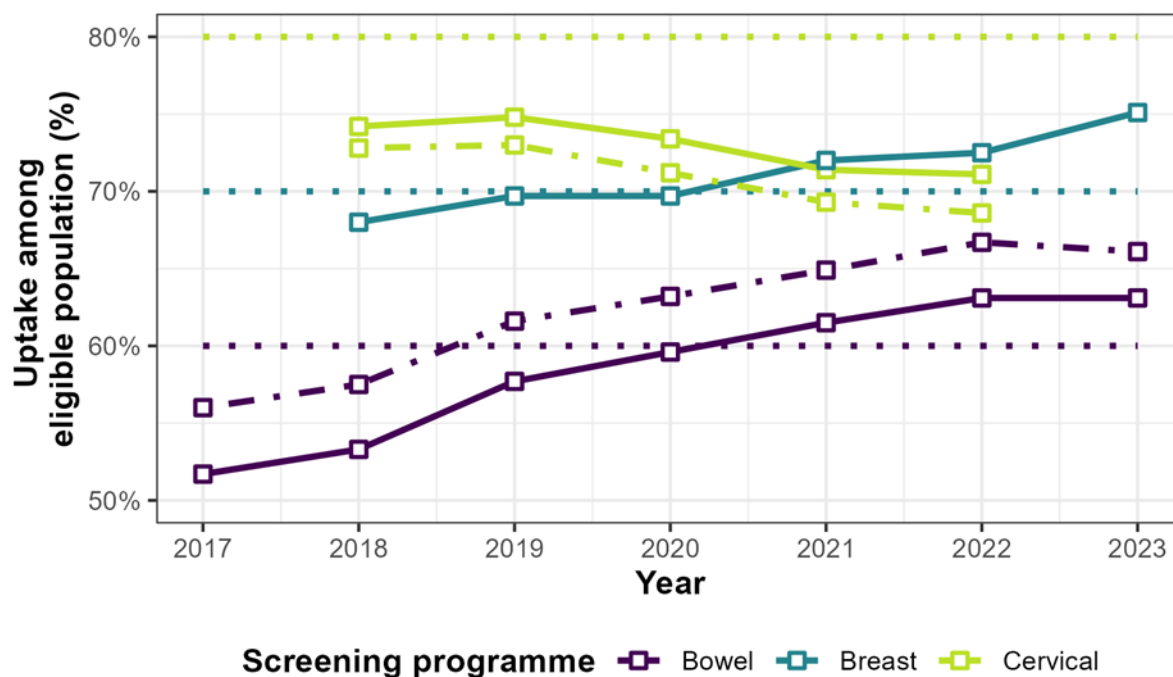
#### Background

NHS Lanarkshire provides all of the national population screening programmes available in Scotland. Figure 4.1.1 shows the number of people in the target population and uptake for each programme. It also includes a brief summary of our achievements against Healthcare Improvement Scotland standards.

#### Screening Uptake

Uptake rates for some screening programmes are improving (e.g. breast cancer screening) and others have levelled off (e.g. bowel and cervical cancer screening) over the last year. Uptake remains high in pregnancy and newborn screening programmes.

**Figure 4.1.1:** Trend in cancer screening programme uptake in NHS Lanarkshire and Scotland, 2017-2023



Years represent the end of each reporting period used for monitoring screening programmes:  
Cervical = 1 year average; Breast = 2-year rolling average; Bowel = 3-year rolling average

#### Inequalities

Activities to raise awareness of the benefits of screening and address the barriers to screening participation is coordinated through an updated 3-year Screening Inequalities Action Plan. Colleagues from Health Improvement, West of Scotland Breast Screening Service, and the former Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust have been key partners in delivering these actions.

Developments in the last year include:

- the continuation of our assertive outreach work to provide cancer screening and sexual health services to those affected by homelessness. Nearly 300 referrals for support were made to this service in the last financial year. Support was provided to meet contraceptive



needs, sexual health screens, order bowel screening kits, arrange breast screening appointment and over 100 cervical smears were performed

- the extension of our “maximising screening awareness through health contact opportunities” work. This included training of treatment room staff in GP practices and Quit Your Way staff to raise screening eligibility and increase awareness with their clients.
- Completing of an arts-based community engagement project in Bellshill area and production of a video highlighting local barriers to cervical screening. This video will be used as a training resource with key stakeholders.

### National Cervical Exclusion Audit

Following an incident in the national Scottish Cervical Screening Programme, an audit of patient records of those excluded from the programme was carried out. This was to review the appropriateness of any exclusion applied. Over 13,000 records were audited within NHS Lanarkshire and the audit is now complete. Five percent of the individuals whose records were reviewed were invited to colposcopy and 8% were invited to attend their GP practice.

The audit required close partnership working with primary and secondary care in Lanarkshire. This was to ensure evidence was uploaded, reviewed and clinical management of patients, where appropriate, was in place.

**Table 4.1.1:** Summary of Screening Programmes in Lanarkshire

| Screening programme                        | Target population   | Denominator and time frame   | Standard   | Uptake   | Outcomes <sup>(1)</sup>  |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| Bowel screening                            | Men and women aged 50-74 years  | 242,360 <sup>(1)</sup> men and women<br>May 2021 to Apr 2023   | Nationally agreed Standard, including the target uptake of 60.0%.  | 63.1 % of target population<br>Uptake varies across Scottish Index Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) quintiles from 54.4% in SIMD 1 (most deprived) to 73.0% in SIMD 5 (least deprived).<br>61.0% of men<br>65.2% of women | Meets uptake standard for both sexes.  |
| Breast Cancer Screening                    | Women aged 50-70 years  | 86,036 <sup>(2)</sup> women<br>Apr 2020 to Mar 2023  | Nationally agreed standards including minimum uptake of 70.0%.   | 75.1% of target population<br>Uptake varies across SIMD quintiles from 66.2% in SIMD 1 (most deprived) to 83.2% in SIMD 5 (least deprived).  | Meets all standards except round length, which is the length of time between invitations, time to issue results and time to assessment from first adequate screen. Across Apr 2022 to Mar 2023, 143 invasive cancers were detected in women following breast screening: 25 were detected at the first screen (women aged 50-52) and 118 were detected at subsequent screens in women 53-70 years old and referred for further investigations and treatment |
| Cervical screening                         | Women aged 25-64 years  | 176,872 women<br>Data from Apr 2021 to Mar 2022. This is the most up to date published data by Public Health Scotland. | Nationally agreed standards including the target uptake of 80.0% in each Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) quintile. | 71.1% of target population<br><br>25-49 year olds: 70.2%<br>50-64 year olds: 72.5%<br><br>Uptake varies across SIMD quintiles from 63.7% in SIMD 1 (most deprived) to 79.0% in SIMD 5 (least deprived).              | Met all standards apart from uptake and laboratory turnaround times for cytology. Sample to routine colposcopy referral were challenging to meet while NHS Lanarkshire delivered the National Cervical Exclusion Audit.  |
| Universal Newborn Hearing Screening (UNHS) | All newborn babies born to Lanarkshire residents or moving into Lanarkshire under the age of 12 weeks | 6024<br><br>Apr 2022 to Mar 2023   | 98.0% of babies should have completed the hearing screen by 10 weeks.  | 99.7% of target population   | 5 babies with moderate to severe permanent hearing loss were detected through screening and referred for clinical follow up.   |

| Screening programme                 | Target population  | Denominator and time frame   | Standard  | Uptake  | Outcomes <sup>(1)</sup>   |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|---|
| Newborn Bloodspot Screening         | All newborn babies born to Lanarkshire residents and babies with no bloodspot result moving into Lanarkshire before the age of 12 months | 6438<br>Apr 2023 to Mar 2024   | 99.5% of infants who have undergone screening tests have a screening result available or are recalled for repeat testing by 20 days of age.                                   | 94.2% of all babies born to Lanarkshire residents 2023/2024 have undergone bloodspot screening and have a result available.   | 5 babies suspected of having one of the conditions were referred for follow up<br>41 carriers (found to have a genetic trait) of various childhood conditions screened for were identified. |
| Pre-School Orthoptic Screening      | All children resident in Lanarkshire, aged between four and five years.  | 6,963<br>Aug 2022 to Jun 2023  | N/A   | 88%<br>Uptake varies across SIMD quintiles from 83.0% in SIMD 1 (most deprived) to 92.0% in SIMD 5 (least deprived).  | 23% of children tested were referred to the hospital based Orthoptic team for further assessment<br>4% of referred children tested required further follow-up with specialist services      |
| Diabetic Eye Screening              | Patients with diabetes aged 12 years and over  | 50,280<br>Apr 2023 to Mar 2024   | Nationally agreed standard including minimum uptake of 80.0% uptake.  | 56.7% were successfully screened in 2023-24<br>Uptake varies across SIMD quintiles from 40.5% in SIMD 1 (most deprived) to 46.3% in SIMD 5 (least deprived).                              | Improvements are underway to increase numbers successfully screened, including open booking and maintaining current increased capacity.<br><br>284 referrals were made to ophthalmology     |
| Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening | Men aged 65 years  | 4,178 men aged 65 years who became eligible in year ending 31 March 2024 | Nationally agreed standard including minimum uptake of ≥75.0% uptake. Number and percentage of men offered screening before age 66 who were tested before age 66 and 3 months | 82.1% for those invited for screening. Uptake varies across SIMD quintiles from 76.4% in SIMD 1 (most deprived) to 85.0 % in SIMD 5 (least deprived). Highest uptake is in SIMD 4 (88.9%) | 11 large aneurysms detected and referred for assessment by a Vascular Specialist for consideration of appropriateness for intervention.   |

## Key Points

- Screening can help prevent conditions (including cancers) developing. It can also detect conditions and cancers at an early stage, when treatment is more likely to be successful. Maximising uptake across the population, and targeting areas where uptake is lowest, will improve outcomes for individuals and our population.
- Barriers to accessing services exist for screening programmes for our most disadvantaged populations. The screening programmes continue to focus on identifying and addressing these barriers.
- Where members of the population make an informed choice not to participate in population screening programmes, awareness of the signs and symptoms of conditions is important to improve outcomes and detect conditions earlier.

## Priorities for Action

- Monitor the performance of our screening programmes to ensure they continue to be safe, effective and patient-centred. This, along with national developments, informs the work programme for the coming year.
- Continue efforts to encourage engagement with, and participation in, population screening programmes in our most disadvantaged populations and reduce inequalities in screening uptake.
- Continue the work on the screening programmes and pathways, to maintain and maximise uptake and capacity.

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## Spotlight on Children's Rights

This work ensures that UNCRC article 3 (best interests of the child) and article 24 (right to the best possible health) are protected and progressed.

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## Statistical Appendix

List of tables (available in separate PDF download)

- A1 **Sociodemographic summary:** by locality/HSCP
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### General notes

- Lanarkshire has two Health and Social Care Partnerships (HSCPs) – North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire. The HSCPs cover the same geographical areas as North Lanarkshire Council and South Lanarkshire Council. There are ten localities within the HSCPs – six in North Lanarkshire (*Airdrie, Coatbridge, North, Bellshill, Motherwell and Wishaw*) and four in South Lanarkshire (*Cambuslang/Rutherglen, East Kilbride, Clydesdale and Hamilton*) – see map on page 2. On 1 April 2014, changes to NHS board boundaries resulted in NHS Lanarkshire becoming coterminous with the HSCPs and local authorities. The tables in the Statistical Appendix indicate whether information relates to the old or new NHS Lanarkshire boundary, the exception being where all data relate to April 2014 onwards. On 1 April 2019, changes to the Lanarkshire and Greater Glasgow and Clyde boundary at Cardowan by Stepps resulted in the following postcodes now being part of North Lanarkshire and NHS Lanarkshire - G33 6GZ, G33 6GX, G33 6GS, G33 6GY, G33 6GW, G33 6GT, G33 6GU, G33 6NS.
- Populations shown and used in rates calculations are, for NHS Lanarkshire, the HSCPs and Scotland, mid-year estimates produced by National Records of Scotland (NRS). Locality populations are from NRS small area population estimates at data zone level.

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## Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

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| <b>Date of Meeting:</b>   | 18 June 2025  |
| <b>Subject:</b>   | Marmot Place Programme - Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland (CHES)   |
| <b>Report by:</b>   | Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council  |
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| <b>Purpose of the Report:</b>                                       | ♦ To provide the Partnership Board with an update on the progress of the Community Planning Partnership's participation in the Marmot CHES project.   |
| <b>Community Planning Delivery Partners:</b>                        | All partners  |
| <b>Key Recommendations/Decisions/Action Required from Partners:</b> | The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-<br><b>(1)</b> that the progress of the project be noted.  |
| <b>Risks/Challenges:</b>  | There are no risks/challenges associated with this report.  |
| <b>Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:</b>                | ♦ All ambitions/principles  |
| <b>Summary of Report:</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Section 3 advises of South Lanarkshire's participation in the Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland (CHES) which is adopting a Marmot Framework approach to understanding and addressing inequality in Scotland; and</li> <li>♦ Sections 4-6 provides details of the three practical phases of the programme.</li> </ul> |

# Report

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| Report to:       | <b>Partnership Board</b>                          |
| Date of Meeting: | <b>18 June 2025</b>                               |
| Report by:       | <b>Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council</b> |

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| Subject: | <b>Marmot Place Programme – Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland (CHES)</b> |
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the progress of our participation in the Marmot CHES project

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the progress of the project be noted.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. Public Health Scotland (PHS) and three local areas in Scotland are collaborating with the University College London Institute of Health Equity (IHE), led by Professor Sir Michael Marmot. The other two Scottish partner areas are Aberdeen City Council and North Ayrshire Council.
- 3.2. This partnership is a pilot in Scotland and known as Collaborating for Health Equity Scotland (CHES). CHES is adopting a Marmot Framework approach to understanding and addressing inequality in Scotland.
- 3.3. Marmot Places is an evidence based, place approach where partners collaborate to reduce inequalities in a defined 'place'. The 'place' could be a town, a neighbourhood or a whole authority.
- 3.4. A Marmot Place recognises that health and health inequalities are mostly shaped by the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age. It takes action to improve health and reduce health inequalities and can demonstrate success in Marmot Towns in reducing health inequalities.
- 3.5. Based on eight principles, Marmot Places develop and deliver interventions and policies to improve health equity, embed health equity approaches in local systems and take a long-term, whole-system approach to improving health equity.

- 3.6. The programme has three practical phases with a 4<sup>th</sup> phase of collaborating on shared learning taking place throughout:-

Phase 1: Data and evidence analysis;

Phase 2: System analysis (Health Equity System); and

Phase 3: Recommendations and action plans.

- 3.7. The programme was launched locally in February 2025 with an event attended by over 80 Stakeholders. A [launch report](#) can be found on the Community Planning Partnership website.
- 3.8. This report provides an update on our implementation and development of the Marmot approach in South Lanarkshire.

#### **4. Phase 1: Data and Evidence Analysis**

- 4.1. We are currently in the middle of Phase 1: December 2024 - July 2025.
- 4.2. The IHE published its first national report in May 2025. The report can be found in the [IHE CHES website pages](#).
- 4.3. The IHE report has highlighted important limitations which limit the overall and local understanding of health inequalities in Scotland. IHE, PHS and the three places will work to provide more accurate understandings of inequalities in health and the social determinants, but the report presents the data which are available.
- 4.4. Firstly, data from the healthcare system – such as disease registration and hospitalisation rates are based on system activity, rather than actual prevalence.
- 4.5. Secondly, health data are not routinely available below Intermediate Zone level, making it difficult to assess data at a local, place and neighbourhood level.
- 4.6. In order to compare health data with inequality data, IHE constructed an adjustment to the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) both to be able to compare data across and within local authorities. The adjustments changed the ranking of at least 2/3rds of Local Authorities and significantly moved 3 of them. South Lanarkshire remains in the middle of the averages.
- 4.7. The report confirms and provides an evidence base to demonstrate the link between inequality and poorer outcomes. It furthermore provides this evidence by neighbourhoods and place as well as by SIMD Ranking both nationally and within the three pilot local authorities.
- 4.8. A South Lanarkshire Marmot Data Working Group has been established to collate and analyse local data sets to compliment and deepen the work of the IHE. This partnership is led and chaired by a Senior Public Health Consultant in NHS North Lanarkshire and is supported by the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Advisor.
- 4.9. The working group will create and narrate 8 local data sets based on the Marmot Principles. These will be available and accessible for all to use and are on track to be completed in summer 2025.



- 4.10. We expect many questions to arise from the evidence which may require further data investigations upon completion of the base data sets.
- 4.11. In the Autumn, workshops to co-develop and verify the evidence base will be hosted and open to a wider range of local stakeholders.
- 4.12. Public Health Scotland List Analyst support has been provided to both data analysis exercises.

## **5. Phase 2: System Analysis - Applying the Approach**

- 5.1. We are now entering the early stages of phase 2: April 2025 - December 2025.
- 5.2. In phase 2, the evidence base is applied for change. The programme will assist us to identify where prevention approaches would bring an improvement in outcomes for the residents of South Lanarkshire while supporting a public sector reform space for the public service systems that serve them. Within this, we will need to consider what transformational processes should adapt or improve for collaborative gain to address what the evidence tells us.
- 5.3. In phase 2, we wish to make the most of the CHES partnership support during the 18-month programme. We are conscious of the size and breadth of the possible applications of the Marmot Place Programme approach and would highlight a risk of inertia in attempting to consider and deliver change across a broad range of policy and topical themes of work at once.
- 5.4. To apply and practice as much of the learning and development in the limited timeframe of the Marmot Place Programme support, we propose that a focus on one theme of work during phase 2, that would incorporate many of the Marmot principles, would offer a better opportunity to learn, reflect and be accountable for real change.
- 5.5. The Leadership Group are considering a focused theme for the Community Planning Partnership to learn and practice the new approach so that it can continue to be applied to subsequent themes in the future and will write its recommendation to the CPP Board at the next meeting.
- 5.6. We will also consider future application of the Marmot approach to other themes and places where priorities arise through the evidence base as it progresses.
- 5.7. Throughout phase 2, IHE will support the partnership by hosting workshops which will support us to analyse our local health equity system and develop actions to improve its outcomes. Workshops will help partners to understand both the enablers and barriers to improving health inequalities, what areas or groups should be prioritised and consider what might be possible to address poorer outcomes.
- 5.8. Workshops will also help stakeholders learn and apply the evidence base to their own areas of responsibility.

## **6. Phase 3: Development of Recommendations for Action: November 2025 - July 2026**

- 6.1. The Steering Group will use workshop outputs to develop a high-level South Lanarkshire Marmot work plan and approach that we wish to develop during the Marmot Programme support phases.



6.2. Regular updates, drafts and reports will be provided to the CPP Board on the progress of the programme, opportunities for involvement and the development of action plan recommendations.

**7. Employee Implications**

7.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

**8. Financial Implications**

8.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

**9. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

9.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained within this report.

**10. Other Implications**

10.1. There are no issues in terms of risk associated with this report.

**11. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirements**

11.1. There are no impact assessment or consultation arrangement implications associated with this report.

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# Community Planning Board Bulletin

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# Overview and contents

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**Welcome to the CPP Board Bulletin, providing you with updates on key partnership activity relating to policy, strategy and service delivery.**

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- Marmot Launch Event Report (slides 27 - 28).

# National Community Planning Partnership Self-Assessment Outcomes

## Background:

- The aim of the national self-assessment is to support improvement across Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs).
- The self-assessment checklist was circulated by the Improvement Service in November 2025 and closed with over 200 responses.
- 17 of the 20 participating CPPs have taken up the offer of a facilitated session with their Boards (led by the Improvement Service).
- The National Overview Report has now been published which can be viewed here: [National Community Planning Self-Assessment | Improvement Service](#)
- Next steps are to use the findings from the self-assessment to identify and develop good practice case studies and share learning across partnerships.

# National Community Planning Partnership Self-Assessment Outcomes

## Overall Findings:

|  | Agree/Strongly Agree | Disagree/Strongly Disagree | Don't Know |
|--|----------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Shared Leadership                                | 76%                  | 17%                        | 7%         |
| Governance and Accountability                    | 64%                  | 22%                        | 14%        |
| Community – Needs and Empowerment                | 72%                  | 14%                        | 14%        |
| Effective Use of Joint Resources                 | 49%                  | 25%                        | 26%        |
| Reporting of Performance Management and Outcomes | 65%                  | 18%                        | 17%        |
| How the CPP is Making an Impact                  | 59%                  | 18%                        | 23%        |



# National Community Planning Partnership Self-Assessment Outcomes

## **Self-Assessment Additional Information:**

- Members who had been on the Board more than 3 years were the most positive.
- Highest levels of don't know from new Board members – links to effective induction.
- Statutory partners were generally more positive.
- Average size of Board – 22 members.
- Average number of partners represented – 15.
- No discernible difference in response to statements by location.
- Majority of Boards meet 4 times per year. Some have additional development days/annual conference.
- 66% of Boards are chaired by Elected Members.
- 22% chaired by NHS.
- The rest are chaired by a mix – Chief Executives/SFRS/Police Scotland.

# National Community Planning Partnership Self-Assessment Outcomes

## **Good Practice:**

- Board members highlighted many examples of good practice within the qualitative feedback from the self-assessment.
- The Improvement Service will use this as well as the Likert scales to identify possible good practice case studies.
- The Improvement Service will work with CPPs to develop good practice case studies which will be shared nationally.



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# Community Engagement and Participation Strategy Update

## Background:

- The current South Lanarkshire Community Engagement and Participation Strategy 2020/2025 was developed in line with the requirement within the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 which requires CPPs and community planning partners both to engage with those community bodies which are likely to be able to contribute to community planning.
- In 2019, the Board identified the need to develop a Participation and Empowerment Strategy when reviewing the Partnership Risk Register and a short-life Writing Group was formed to progress this work.
- A draft vision, aims and principles were developed for consultation and this was carried out with local groups and the wider community during late December 2019/early January 2020.
- Feedback was analysed by the Writing Group and this was used to shape and develop this strategy. This was submitted and approved by the CPP Board on 9 September 2020 and can be viewed here: [CEPS 2020-2025](#).
- The next slide sets out progress against the 65 actions set out against the 5 priority areas in the Strategy.

## Next Steps:

- Consultation will be undertaken during 2025/26 to develop an updated strategy.

# Community Engagement and Participation Strategy Update

## Update on Priority Area Actions:

- **Involved and Engaged:** Actions – 17 identified; 17 completed including: Volunteers from the Community Partnerships are now members of the CPP Board; and the new South Lanarkshire Community Plan 2022-2032 was produced providing a focus on community-led activity.
- **Clear and Simple:** Actions – 21 identified; 21 completed including: Online community engagement training modules created for use by communities and staff; and regular online and face to face meetings of the Neighbourhood Planning Stakeholder Groups and Community Partnerships.
- **Fair and Flexible:** Actions – 6 identified; 6 completed including: South Lanarkshire CPP Board approval on the new CPP structures; and feedback can be provided via the South Lanarkshire CPP website.
- **Open and Accountable:** Actions – 10 identified; 10 completed including: Publish South Lanarkshire CPP Board Reports; and reporting of the Our Place Our Plans (Neighbourhood Plans) to the CPP Board.
- **Safe and Supportive:** Actions – 11 identified; 11 completed including: Engage with communities at various CPP events; and CPP Board Member visits arranged with communities.



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# Housing Options Pathways Update

## **Background:**

- A report on Homelessness Pressures was submitted to the CPP Board at its meeting on 5 March 2025 by the Executive Director, Housing and Technical Resources, South Lanarkshire Council.
- Following discussion at the CPP Board, it was agreed that Housing would provide further information on the housing options pathways which are available in preventing homelessness.

## **Housing Options (Homeless Prevention) Service**

- South Lanarkshire Council's Integrated Home Options Service offers rights-based housing and tenancy advice, and its main aim is to prevent homelessness and promote tenancy sustainment through early intervention.
- In order to provide effective prevention responses, the service aims to assess the wider risks facing a household and to be proactive in taking steps to help service users secure a positive housing outcome before they reach crisis point.
- The Housing Options (Homeless Prevention) Service provides advice to households believed to be at risk of homelessness. All households contacting Housing Services due to risk of homelessness are provided with advice by the local Integrated Home Options Service.

# Housing Options Pathways Update

## **Housing Options (Homeless Prevention) Service continued:**

- The Homeless Strategic Plan 2024/25 sets out priorities with the first being 'Prevent homelessness occurring wherever possible thus reducing its impact'.
- Housing Services continue to work closely with the Health and Social Care Partnership in developing the 4<sup>th</sup> Strategic Commissioning Plan jointly focusing on preventative action and preparing for pending duties on public bodies to 'Ask and Act' to prevent homelessness.
- The council's partnership approach to service planning and delivery is essential to meeting forthcoming homeless prevention duties resulting from The Housing (Scotland) Bill 2024, which are applicable across Public Bodies. The Bill is currently working through the parliamentary process, expected to conclude in June 2025 when the full detail, including new requirements across public bodies will be confirmed. It is worth noting a phased implementation is expected.
- Due to the current climate, it is becoming increasingly difficult to have options available to prevent homelessness occurring. As highlighted in the homelessness pressure report presented to the Partnership Board on 5 March 2025, it is important that homelessness is prevented at the earliest opportunity and the ask of Community Planning Partners is to encourage across the partnership routine enquiries about homelessness risk factors and housing circumstances in an effort to identify homeless or support needs and proactively respond to reduce the likelihood of a crisis situation.

# Housing Options Pathways Update

## **Housing Options (Homeless Prevention) Service continued:**

- Available national research has demonstrated the potential and actual benefits of early intervention and prevention of homelessness in terms of breaking a negative cycle of repeat homelessness and associated factors of crisis and trauma while in turn delivering positive outcomes for public services, in terms of service demand and costs.
- In 2023/24 Housing Services carried out prevention work with 1,086 applicants and homelessness was prevented in 60.87% of these cases against a target of 70%. To date in 2024/25 (1 April 2024-2 March 2025) the service has undertaken prevention work with 1,153 customers and homelessness has been prevented in the majority of cases (59.37%).
- Customers can access homeless prevention advice by contacting the Integrated Home Options team on 0303 123 1012, where a Homeless Prevention Appointment can be carried out to discuss the options available in preventing homelessness. Alternatively, customers can access the online Home Options Toolkit which can help to find options that may be available in South Lanarkshire. The Home Options Toolkit asks a set of questions including, household size, income and type of house and a personalised action plan of the customers housing options is provided, from this a more in-depth housing options appointment with a Housing Officer can be completed with the customer.

# Housing Options Pathways Update

## Pathway Planning

- In addition to providing homeless prevention advice to all customers who approach the service there is currently pathway planning for vulnerable groups in an attempt to prevent homelessness occurring and support tenancy sustainment for groups considered more vulnerable than the general population, including prison liberations, Sustainable Housing on Release for Everyone (SHORE), Throughcare and Aftercare Young People and Gender Based Violence.
- As part of the SHORE pathway, the services ensures that people leaving prison can access housing advice services and accommodation in preparation for their liberation date. There is also engagement with new prison admissions where they are currently a council tenant and the discussions are focused on sustaining the tenancy for the tenant to return to on release.
- South Lanarkshire Council is committed to the SHORE standards to ensure that the housing needs of individuals in prison are considered at an early stage and in a consistent manner, regardless of which prison establishment they are held in.
- The aim of the standards is to prevent homelessness where possible and encourage effective engagement with prisoner and partner services. It is recognised that stable accommodation reduces the likelihood of reoffending, promotes health and wellbeing thus making the community a safer place for everyone.
- This is a partnership approach between local authorities, the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) and third sector organisations to improve access to housing and services.



# Housing Options Pathways Update

## **Pathway Planning continued:**

- There are two SHORE Housing Officers that carry out housing options advice within the prison establishment. In 2023/24, 504 appointments were arranged with prisoners with 70.8% of these appointments being successful. At these appointments, housing option information is provided and if permanent accommodation is not secured on release, temporary accommodation is provided where required. 10 liberations were provided with a secure tenancy on release.
- In relation to Throughcare and Aftercare Young People, Housing work closely with their partners within the Health & Social Care Partnership, working to a joint protocol. The protocol advocates a planned joined up approach between the young person, Housing Services, Social Work and any other involved partners.
- All young people who are looked after and accommodated by the local authority will require a Pathway Plan of their future support and accommodation needs before they leave care. This is a person-centred approach that will enable identification of need and ambitions outlined and understood. The council is committed to improving outcomes for care leavers particularly with regards to accommodation, health and education. Consequently, support for a young person's Pathway Plan is a corporate responsibility.
- This pathway approach minimises the impact of homelessness for young people leaving care and ensures a planned move into their own secure tenancy.
- There is a similar pathway planning approach in relation to Gender Based Violence. Housing Services is an active partner in the authorities Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC) process which is a key source of identification of those in need of this pathway approach, in addition to the integrated housing options and homeless service.

# Housing Options Pathways Update

## **Pathway Planning continued:**

- Temporary Scottish Government Rapid re-Housing Transition Plan funding has facilitated an additional (part time) post focused on developing and delivering and testing the approach with the intention to scale up across mainstream services.
- The Pathway Plan, similar to aforementioned approaches, aims to proactively identify those at risk in relation to domestic abuse, remove any barriers to assistance for example fears of being worse off if leaving an abusive situation by developing a person-centred plan with the client. Key considerations may be methods of communication ensuring there is no added risk in considering housing options or making an application for housing, accessing information on rights and assistance available, accessing support and planning to leave in a safe and controlled way.
- Housing Services work closely with partner services in delivering this approach, focus is on building relationships and confidence, understanding the customers wishes and planning the best outcome based on this. Examples of outcomes have included successful planned move on from the situation and linking to Police Scotland for safety equipment installation.





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# Scottish Climate Survey

## Background:

- In 2019, the Scottish Government made a legally binding commitment to reach net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045 through the Climate Change (Emissions Reductions Targets) (Scotland) Bill, which amended the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.
- Since over 60% of the measures needed for Scotland to reach net zero some level of change in the way society operates, the Scottish Government has also put public engagement at the heart of its approach to net zero transition.

## Objectives:

- The Scottish Government commissioned Ipsos to conduct a new nationally representative survey of Scottish adults aged 16 and over which was carried out between October 2024 and January 2025.
- The Scottish Climate Survey is a nationally representative survey detailing Scottish adults' awareness, understanding and experiences of climate-change related issues.
- Views were sought on various topics including: climate change; experience of severe weather events; climate change adaptation actions; mitigation behaviours; transport; home energy and heat decarbonisation; food and diet; nature and the built environment; and impacts of the transition to net zero.

# Scottish Climate Survey

## Key findings included:

- Almost three quarters of respondents (72%) felt climate change is an immediate and urgent problem, while 13% felt it is more of a problem for the future.
- Most households reported that they had experienced storms and strong winds (89%), extremely heavy rain (79%) or very low temperatures, snow and ice (56%) in the last 12 months.
- The level of uptake of adaptation actions was relatively low overall, and particularly low for flood resilience measures, which had been installed by just 3% of households.
- Recycling was most commonly mentioned as among the four most effective actions for mitigating climate change, with over six in ten respondents (62%) selecting this.
- A large majority agreed that participating in active travel improved their physical and mental health (88% and 80% respectively).
- A third of households (33%) were finding it difficult to afford their energy bills.
- Around one in three respondents (29%) said they always or often prepared meat-free meals at home, while fewer (17%) reported they always or often chose meat-free options when eating out.
- Over three quarters of respondents (77%) said they knew little or nothing about Scotland's biodiversity crisis, while around two in ten (19%) reported knowing at least a fair amount about this.
- Respondents were more positive than negative about the impacts the transition to net zero would have on people's quality of life over the next five years, although over half (56%) thought it would make no difference or did not know.
- To find out more about the survey please view here: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/scottish-climate-survey-main-findings/>



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# Adaptation Scotland – Public Sector Handbook and Starter Pack

## **Background:**

- Adaptation Scotland is a programme funded by the Scottish Government that provides advice and support to help Scotland be prepared and resilient to the effects of climate change. They help public sector, businesses and communities to understand what climate change will mean across Scotland and identify the best way to plan for the impacts – taking the opportunities and preparing for the risks.
- Adaptation Scotland's Adaptation Capability Framework identifies four capabilities that every public organisation will need to adapt to climate change, providing step by step tasks to guide their adaptation journey.

## **Public Sector Handbook**

- The handbook provides an overview of how the updated Public Sector Climate Adaptation Capability Framework can be used by public organisations in Scotland to accelerate action on adaptation. This introduces the Framework and outlines the four capabilities that an organisation will need to develop to progress adaptation.

## **Starter Pack**

- The starter pack provides detailed guidance on the first stage tasks of the Framework. It is for professionals with limited prior knowledge of adaptation or for those working in organisations where adaptation work is in the very early stages.

To find out more about the handbook and starter pack please view the link below:

<https://adaptation.scot/take-action/public-sector-starter-pack/>



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# Good Food Nation Plan

## Background:

- The Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act 2022 imposes a legislative duty on Scottish Ministers, local authorities and territorial health boards to create Good Food Nation Plans (GFNP). The Scottish Government is in the process of preparing a national GFNP, which is due to be published in 2025.
- Section 10 of the Act, which is not yet in force, requires each “relevant authority” to publish a GFNP. Local authorities are included in the definition of “relevant authority”. Once Section 10 is in force, relevant authorities will be legally required to publish a GFNP within a period of 12 months (this is under review following feedback from relevant authorities), starting from the date upon which the provision is commenced which is also still to be determined.
- GFNPs are intended to bring together, in a comprehensive fashion, the actions that organisations are taking or will take to address a wide-range of food related issues. The Act requires these plans to have regard to the scope for food related issues to affect outcomes relating to social and economic wellbeing, the environment, health and physical and mental wellbeing, economic development, animal welfare, education and child poverty.

# Good Food Nation Plan

## Background:

- The production of a local authority's GFNP will require input and activity from various council services. There is also going to be ongoing outputs from the plan for all of its contributors. When preparing a GFNP, the relevant authority must publish and consult on a draft of the GFNP and have regard to any responses received.
- When consulting, the relevant authority must have regard to the importance of communicating in an inclusive way, and the importance of communicating in a way that is effective in engaging children and young people.

## Key dates and considerations:

- The national GFNP is expected to be presented to the Scottish Parliament by June 2025.
- After this, local authorities and health boards will have 12-18 months (still to be determined) to develop their local plans once Section 10 of the GFN Act is enacted. This is expected to be the end of 2025.
- There is still a significant degree of uncertainty about the context of the GFNP however it is known that individual plans should “have due regard” to the national GFNP. This includes the requirement for a statement to demonstrate how we've had due regard to the national plan and the food related issues it raises. While it is expected there will be commonalities across Scotland's plans as a result of this, local plans do not need to mirror national plans.

# Good Food Nation Plan

## Key dates and considerations:

- A new statutory instrument will also be introduced requiring all relevant public bodies to 'have regard' to our own local GFNP when carrying out 'specific functions' in either policy or actions. Further information and a list of the specified functions are expected to be published with the national GFNP.
- It is known that each plan should report progress against its outcomes every 2 years and a full review of the plan every 5 years.
- All plans will be required to have outcomes, indicators, measures and listed related policies as part of the duties.
- Joint and regional plans are possible but each relevant body participating in them must be able to demonstrate how they individually meet their duties in the production and reporting of the plan. Legal advice is recommended for all partners considering a joint plan.
- Funding to support the development of plans is being discussed between CoSLA and the Scottish Government. Funding for the implementation of the plans is not under discussion as this time.



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# Marmot Launch Event Report

## Background:

- Public Health Scotland (PHS) has joined with the University College London's Institute of Health Equity (IHE) for a two-year Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland (CHES). Working with Professor Sir Michael Marmot, the director of the Institute, this collaboration will strengthen and accelerate the action underway to improve Scotland's health, increase wellbeing and reduce health inequities.

The partnership between PHS and IHE is to support public service reform and will cover two key areas:

- Work at a national level, providing new insights into the most effective ways to progress with health equity in Scotland through Marmot's eight principles; and
- Work in partnership with Local Authority and NHS boards across Aberdeen City, North Ayrshire and South Lanarkshire to develop and implement strategies to enhance health equity.

## Launch Event:

- A launch event was held on 25 February 2024 within the council offices, Almada Street, Hamilton which was attended by Professor Sir Michael Marmot, members of the CPP Board, CPP partners and community representatives including young people.
- The event highlighted the aims of this collaboration to work at a national level, providing new insights into the most effective ways to progress with health equity in Scotland through Marmot's eight principles; and to work in partnership with Local Authority and NHS Boards across Aberdeen City, North Ayrshire and South Lanarkshire to develop and implement strategies to enhance health equity.
- A copy of the Marmot Launch Event Report can be viewed here: [Marmot Launch Event Report](#)



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## Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

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| <b>Date of meeting:</b>  | 18 June 2025   |
| <b>Subject:</b>  | South Lanarkshire Register of Information  |
| <b>Report by:</b>  | Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council   |
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| <b>Purpose of the Report:</b>  | ♦ to provide the Partnership Board with a summary of the information circulated to Community Planning Partners.  |
| <b>Community Planning Delivery Partners:</b>                         | All partners   |
| <b>Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:</b> | The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-<br><b>(1)</b> that the content of the report be noted.   |
| <b>Risks/Challenges:</b>   | There are no risks or challenges associated with this report.  |
| <b>Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:</b>                 | ♦ All ambitions/principles   |
| <b>Summary of Report:</b>  | ♦ Details of information circulated to Community Planning Partners which gives partners an opportunity to seek clarification or an update on any matters contained therein                         |

# Report

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| Report to:       | <b>Partnership Board</b>                          |
| Date of Meeting: | <b>18 June 2025</b>                               |
| Report by:       | <b>Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council</b> |

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| Subject: | <b>South Lanarkshire Register of Information</b> |
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ provide the Partnership Board with a summary of the information circulated to Community Planning Partners

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the content of the report be noted.

## 3. Background

3.1. This report provides a summary of the information circulated to Community Planning Partners and gives partners an opportunity to seek clarification or an update on any matters contained therein.

## 4. Period Covered – 8 February to 23 May 2025

4.1. Appendix 1 provides a summary of the information circulated from 8 February to 23 May 2025.

## 5. Employee Implications

5.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

## 6. Financial Implications

6.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

## 7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

7.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability, or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

## 8. Other Implications

8.1. There are no issues in terms of risk associated with this report.

## 9. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirements

9.1. There are no Impact Assessment or Consultation implications associated with this report.

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| 13/02/25 | Play Survey   | South Lanarkshire Council                            | South Lanarkshire are working on a project that looks at the play opportunities available to children and young people and are seeking views about how you like to play or hang out, where you go and, more importantly what needs to change or what can be done better.<br>The survey closed at the end of March 2025.  | Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group and Community Partnerships for information.                                     |
| 18/02/25 | Mental Health Improvement                                     | South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership | Flash report highlighting the 'Time to Talk Day' which took place on 6 February 2025 where the theme was 'get comfortable and start talking about mental health'. The report also provides tips on how to do this together with sources of support.  | Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.  |
| 24/02/25 | Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Draft Strategic Plan 2025-28 | Scottish Fire and Rescue Service                     | Views are being sought on the draft Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Plan 2025-28 to assist the Fire Service to continuously develop and improve their services. The consultation closed on 2 April 2025.  | Circulated to the Community Planning Partnership Board for information.   |
| 11/03/25 | Overview Report - National Community Planning Self-Assessment | Improvement Service                                  | The Improvement Service (IS) have shared their Overview Report from the first national Community Planning Self-Assessment. This report is the first of the outputs from the self-assessment and the IS are currently working with individual CPPs to review their findings and develop local improvement plans. Following this, they will review the common themes identified across partnerships, look to share learning where possible and identify and develop good practice case studies:<br><a href="https://www.improvementservice.org.uk/about-us/support-for-community-planning-partnerships/national-community-planning-selfassessment">https://www.improvementservice.org.uk/about-us/support-for-community-planning-partnerships/national-community-planning-selfassessment</a> | Circulated to the Community Planning Partnership Board; Outcomes Leads Group and Community Planning Progress Group for information. |



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| 31/03/25 | Tombstoning Workshop                                 | Water Safety Scotland       | Water Safety Scotland's 'Tombstoning Workshop Education Resource' has been created to help impart crucial knowledge on the risks of Tombstoning and Scotland's Water Safety Code. This is a free-to-download resource which can be used by practitioners across Scotland with the intended audience of young people aged 12-18: <a href="#">Tombstoning Workshop   Water Safety Scotland</a>   | Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.  |
| 01/04/25 | Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015            | Scottish Government         | Following in-depth reviews of parts of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 by the Scottish Government, the following three reports have now been published detailing the findings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015: Update and Findings Report</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Findings Report: Review of Participation Requests - Part 3 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Findings Report: Review of Asset Transfer - Part 5 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015</a></li> </ul> | Circulated to the Community Planning Partnership Board; Outcomes Leads Group and Community Planning Progress Group for information. |
| 01/04/25 | NHS Lanarkshire Health Improvement Training Calendar | NHS Lanarkshire             | Publication of NHS Lanarkshire's Health Improvement Training Calendar for April-June 2025: <a href="https://www.nhslanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk/services/health-improvement-training-and-learning/">https://www.nhslanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk/services/health-improvement-training-and-learning/</a>   | Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.  |
| 16/04/25 | Pupil Voice 2024: Senior Phase Research              | Skills Development Scotland | Publication of Skills Development Scotland's (SDS) Research - Pupil Voice Briefing 2024 which details the work SDS are involved in and how this is valued: <a href="https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/media/1000/0xhs/pupil-voice-briefing-paper-2024.pdf">https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/media/1000/0xhs/pupil-voice-briefing-paper-2024.pdf</a>   | Circulated to the Community Planning Partnership Board and Community Planning Progress Group for information.                       |
| 24/04/25 | Open Water Swimming Safety Video                     | Water Safety Scotland       | Circulation of Water Safety Scotland's new Open Water Swimming Safety Video: <a href="https://youtu.be/VqUDk02XqVk?si=20qpKKqcrtjy-Ggq">https://youtu.be/VqUDk02XqVk?si=20qpKKqcrtjy-Ggq</a> .   | Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.  |

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| 29/04/25 | Scottish Climate Survey - Main Findings             | Scottish Government                                  | Publication of the results of the Scottish Government's 'Scottish Climate Survey – Main Findings' detailing Scottish adults' awareness, understanding and experiences of climate change-related issues:<br><a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/scottish-climate-survey-main-findings/">https://www.gov.scot/publications/scottish-climate-survey-main-findings/</a> | Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group and Outcomes Leads Group for information. |
| 13/05/25 | South Lanarkshire Public Protection Team E-Bulletin | South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership | Circulation of the South Lanarkshire Public Protection Team's E-Bulletin for May 2025.   | Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.                          |