Health & Wellbeing Board

South Gloucestershire

Annual Report 2025-26

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The Health and Wellbeing Board is a statutory committee of South Gloucestershire Council. It brings together senior political, clinical, professional and community leaders from across South Gloucestershire.

The Board aims to reduce inequalities and improve the health and wellbeing of our residents. It works with local partnerships to align strategies, integrate services, and address health priorities through a coordinated, multi-agency approach.

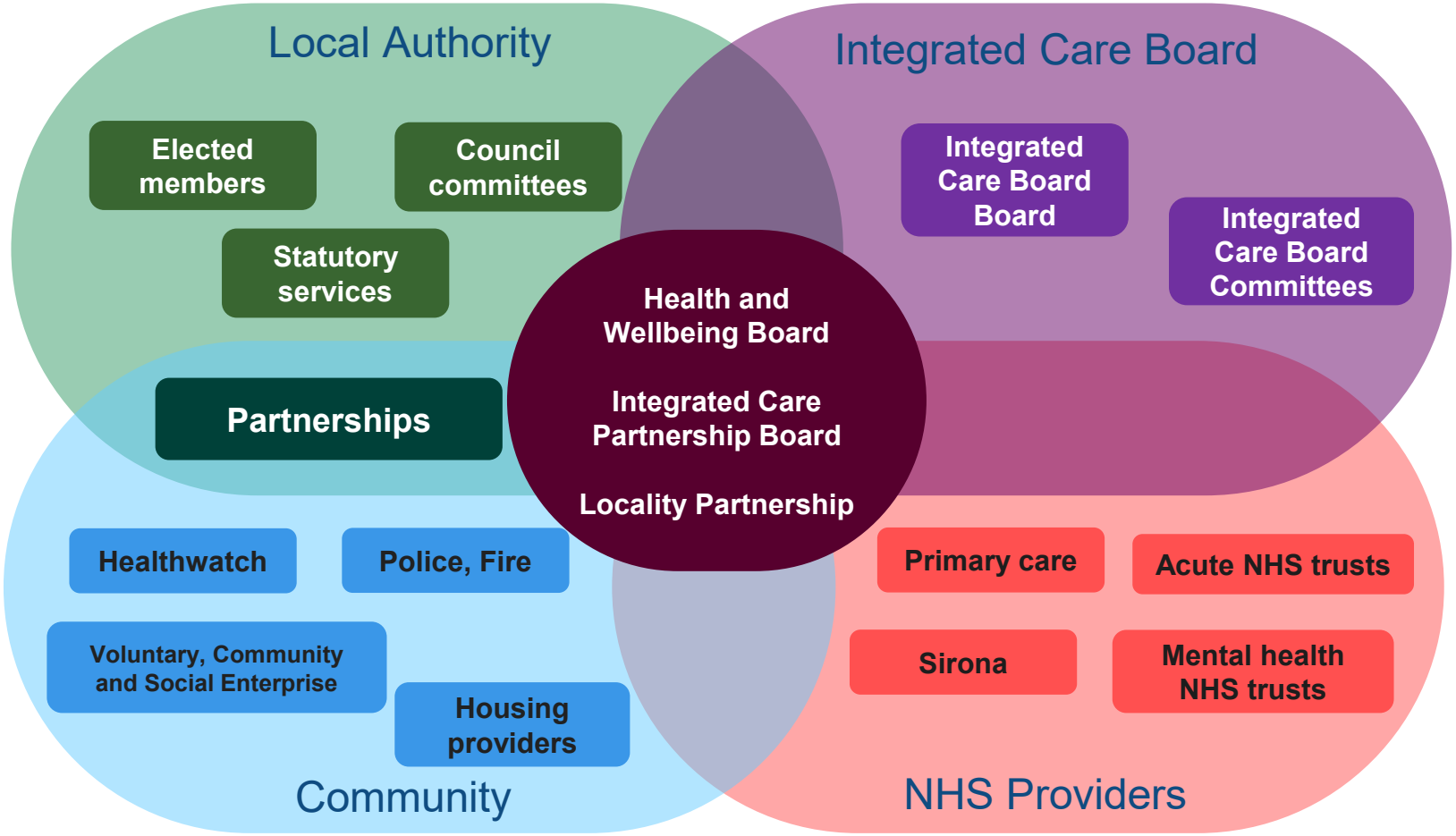
The Health and Wellbeing Board has statutory responsibilities to:

- Produce a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment
- Encourage and enable integrated working between health and social care
- Develop a Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy

This annual report covers the civic year 2025-26.

Working within a wider system

The Health and Wellbeing Board exists within a system, with many different national and local strategies and priorities already in place.



The South Gloucestershire Health and Wellbeing Board has oversight of the following partnerships:

- Safeguarding Adults Board
- Children's Partnership
- Drug and Alcohol Partnership
- Carers Advisory Partnership
- Learning Difficulties Partnership Board
- Age Friendly Delivery Group
- Health Protection Assurance Group

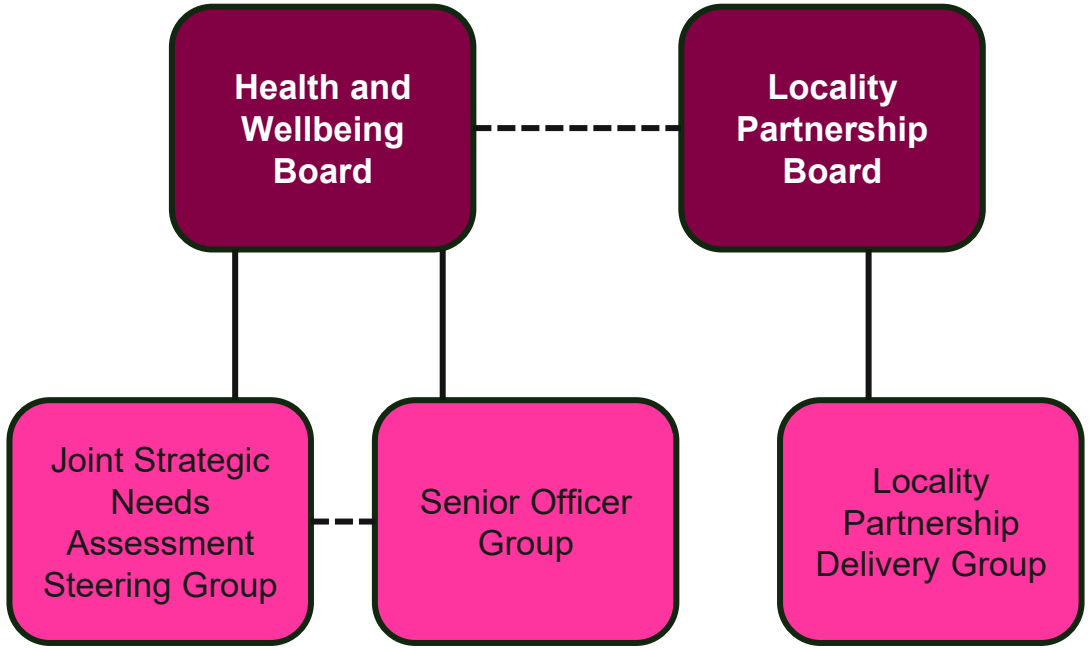
The Health and Wellbeing Board is responsible for shaping and supporting delivery of the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care System Strategy and Joint Forward Plan.

How we work together as a Board

The full Health and Wellbeing Board meets quarterly in public, and meetings are webcast. The Board is Chaired by an Executive Member of South Gloucestershire Council.

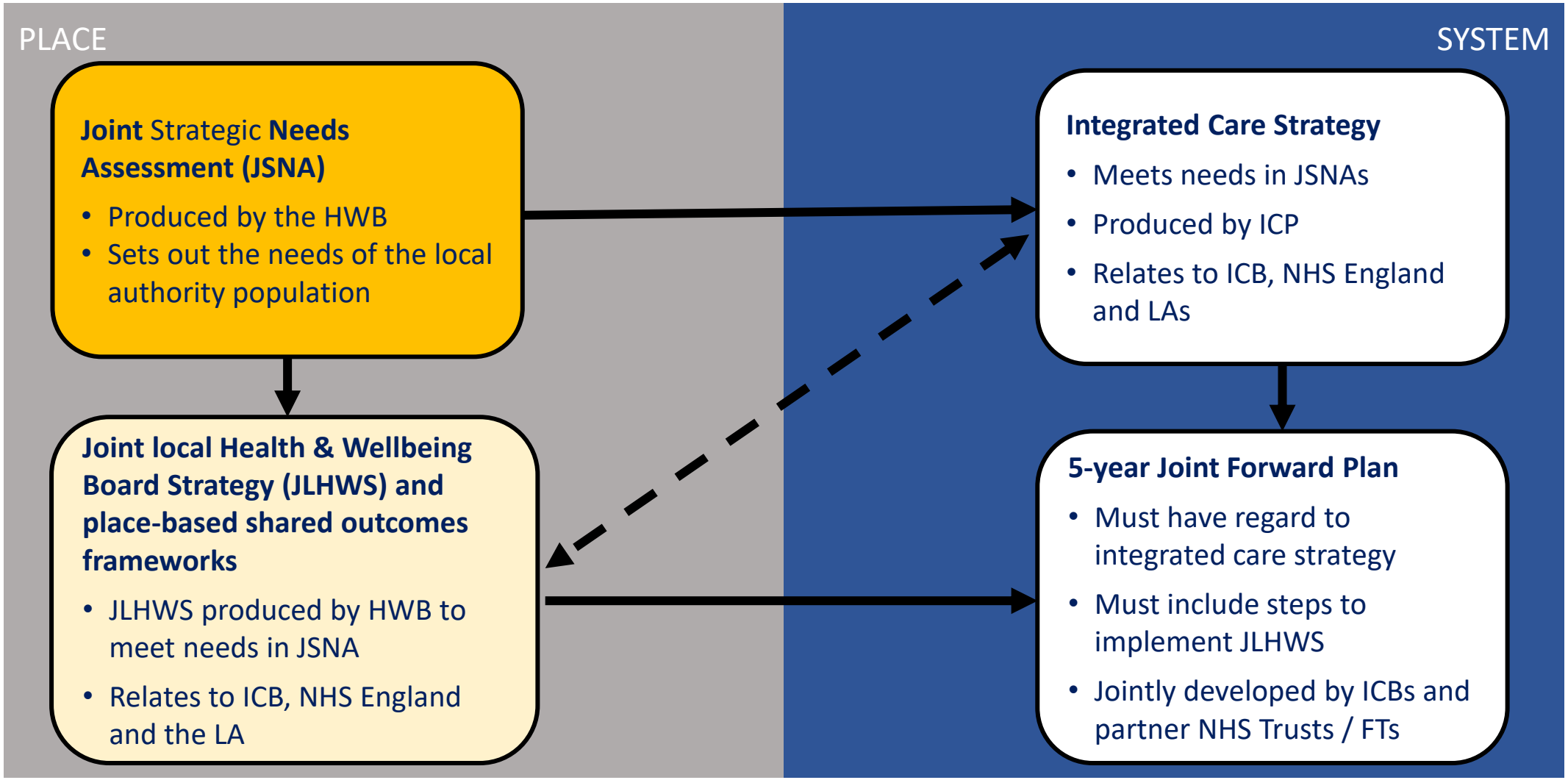
The Board's Senior Officer Group manages the business of the Board, planning the programme of meetings and providing further oversight. The Senior Officer Group is chaired by the Director of Public Health.

The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Steering Group reports to the Health and Wellbeing Board and is responsible for overseeing the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. This includes supporting the selection and production of needs assessments as well as building skills and confidence among partners to use the findings. This ensures the ongoing production of quality-assured data and insights that inform planning and decisions across the system.



The South Gloucestershire Locality Partnership is one of the six locality partnerships within the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board. It is made up of local health, social care, and the voluntary sector – with citizens and community as equal partners. Our Locality Partnership will be a principal delivery mechanism for this strategy. The Locality Partnership works closely with the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Chair and Director have places on the Board. The Health and Wellbeing Board and Locality Partnership Board meet for quarterly joint development sessions to explore specific topics in greater depth. Other partnerships and groups are invited to join when needed.

Plans and strategies at system and place level within ICSs



Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2025-29

South Gloucestershire Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2025-29

Introduction

The 2025-29 strategy sets out **five strategic commitments** to develop how the Health and Wellbeing Board makes decisions and works with partners.

The commitments are being used as a lens to guide Board discussions and decisions.

For each commitment we agreed focused actions. These actions, along with progress updates, are set out on the following pages of this report.

In addition, the Board agreed **four areas of focus** for year 1 of the strategy**.** These are areas for collective action and have been an opportunity to drive forward best practice with local partners and to deliver on strategy commitments.

Each area of focus had a dedicated joint development session during 2025-26. Details of what has been achieved for each area of focus is set out on the following pages of this report.

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South-Gloucestershire-Joint-Local-Health-and-Wellbeing-Strategy-2025-29

Strategy on a page

Our vision is that South Gloucestershire is a healthy and inclusive place, where current and future generations feel safe, supported and empowered to lead healthy lives.

Our strategy sets out:

- **a shared vision** for the Health and Wellbeing Board 2025-2029
- **shared commitments to develop how we work together** to deliver our vision
- how the Health and Wellbeing Board will use its **unique role and membership** to **lead and advocate** for health and wellbeing locally through **annual focus areas**

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Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2025-29

Strategic Commitments Progress Report 2025-26

Strategic Commitment 1 – Strengthening community involvement

What we said we would do	Progress 2025/26
1.1 Establish community involvement as standard practice. We will ensure projects and updates presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board have been informed by community involvement, wherever possible.	We produced a guidance note for officers completing HWB reports, which reminds them to include how their work/initiative/draft strategy has met the JLHWS strategic commitments (including community involvement, data and insights (JSNA)).
1.2 Give equal weight to insights and data. The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Steering Group will develop processes to ensure that community insights are a fundamental part of all needs assessments. The Health and Wellbeing Board will promote a culture shift that increases the value given to community insights in discussions.	We developed a toolkit to support the collection of local insights and embedded this as part of needs assessments guidance and processes. We initiated a Drug and Alcohol needs assessment with significant basis in lived experience, with ambitions to serve as a case study for utilisation of lived experience in needs assessment processes going forward. Insights from families were used to develop the Best Start Plan for South Gloucestershire.
1.3 Develop better mechanisms to share community insights between Health and Wellbeing Board member organisations. Board members will learn from each other by openly discussing the types of community involvement which have taken place, what worked well, and what could be improved.	We convened a focussed JSNA Steering Group bringing together key system partners to identify and understand the challenges and opportunities around the sharing of community insights. Outcomes and next steps will be shared for endorsement at the July 2026 HWB which will inform an action plan for delivery in 2026-27.
1.4 Develop a programme of strength-based community involvement to complement Health and Wellbeing Board meetings. We will develop meaningful ways to involve local communities in the annual programme of Health and Wellbeing Board meetings.	Limited progress in first year of delivery which has focused on other enablers. This will be a priority for 2026-27 linked to Neighbourhood Wellbeing, Health and Care Plan development. Actions to include consideration of how we increase participation of relevant groups/communities in HWB meetings and development sessions, and training and support of Community Researchers.
1.5 Develop and share accessible intelligence with local communities, where this is needed to support asset-based community approaches.	In 2025-26 we continued to produce and share JSNA e-bulletins/newsletters/spotlights with the HWB, wider partners and the public. New ways of working to be developed alongside actions to strengthen community involvement, including Community Researchers.
1.6 Review and refresh Health and Wellbeing documents to ensure that they are accessible for all those that use them.	Refreshing the JSNA is ongoing and improvements to access have been made based on feedback and accessibility principles. These improvements include changes to the navigation panel in JSNA data dashboards, increased 'information prompts' and the development of an instructional video to support JSNA users. Feedback on the instructional video will be used to determine the value of further similar products.
1.7 Champion community involvement within organisations. Health and Wellbeing Board members will promote community involvement approaches and share lessons learned within their organisations.	Progress towards promoting community involvement reflected above. This will be a priority for 2026-27 linked to Neighbourhood Wellbeing, Health and Care Plan development. We included a question on this in the annual member survey. Low survey response rate limits the conclusions which can be drawn from the data.

Strategic Commitment 2 – Building a programme of place-based working

What we said we would do	Progress
2.1 Work with partners to develop a shared vision around what place-based working means in South Gloucestershire, based around how residents define their local neighbourhood and communities. We will support the Locality Partnership to lead a conversation on Place with communities and local partners.	This has been a year 1 area of focus and we have held joint development sessions to develop a shared vision and draft plan for neighbourhood health and wellbeing. We have used what we already know from residents about how they identify 'neighbourhoods' and will be doing further insights work to develop this. Work is ongoing to define geographies, we are using PCN footprints for BNSSG as a starting point but recognise there are some challenges with this approach. We have developed an outline draft Neighbourhood Wellbeing, Health and Care Plan for South Gloucestershire, which was approved by the HWB in early 2026; and we have established a sub-group to write the full Plan by April 2027. We have taken updates to HWB meetings and to the Health Scrutiny Committee.
2.2 Support the Locality Partnership-led programme of work around Place. In Spring 2025, the Locality Partnership launched a new bottom-up approach to place-based working in South Gloucestershire. Communities, frontline professionals, the voluntary sector and local providers are at the heart of planning and local leadership. The Health and Wellbeing Board, Council and Locality Partnership colleagues will act as enablers.	We held a joint development session 9 June 2025. Partners also came together to collaboratively develop a submission for the first wave of the National Neighbourhood Implementation Programme and whilst South Gloucestershire was not one of the areas selected the submission received positive feedback and provided the opportunity to capture and reflect upon all the existing neighbourhood work being undertaken. BNSSG partners also came together on the 13 November for a Neighbourhood Planning workshop with a view to learn more about the three HWB neighbourhood plans, the similarities, differences and opportunities to develop a BNSSG shared understanding of what we mean when we talk about place, neighbourhood and neighbourhood health.
2.3 Foster a culture that recognises the unique challenges and opportunities of place-based working. We commit to place-based working as a long-term approach that requires investment and trust in our communities.	The Locality Partnership Delivery Group is a key forum for obtaining wider stakeholder engagement as well as the sub-group established to further develop the plan. Ongoing development sessions and use of the Locality Partnership Delivery Group ensure continued collaboration with partners and linkages to other plans, such as the South Gloucestershire Best Start Plan. We are involved in the BNSSG Neighbourhood Programme Group, developing the model for Integrated Neighbourhood Teams. We are embedding Children's Mental Health specialist pathway services in South Glos. We have also supported transformation of the Primary Care Liaison Service model (which provides a first point of contact for accessing mental health services) to align with Children's Mental Health.

Strategic Commitment 3 – Doing more to reduce inequalities (1)

What we said we would do	Progress
3.1. Promote a consistent and shared narrative about local inequalities within the Board and among partners. All Board members and Health and Wellbeing Board partners will be able to describe inequalities in South Gloucestershire.	We have developed comms/narrative to describe inequalities in South Gloucestershire and communicated it with partners and the public. The Council published the research report, Living Proud in South Gloucestershire, which details the lived experience of the LGBTQ+ community in the area as well as analysing local and national data sources.
3.2. Foster a culture where reducing inequalities is everyone's business. We use an inequalities lens in all our discussions as a Board. Health and Wellbeing Board members will act as champions for reducing inequality within their organisations.	We have implemented actions in response to recommendations in the National Energy Action and Marie Curie 2023 report Taking the Temperature of NG6 on how NICE Guideline NG6 is delivering warm and safe homes, and what more can be done for vulnerable and terminally ill people. In April 2026 HWB members received an update on the National Child Poverty Strategy; WECA Child Poverty Action Plan; BNSSG Poverty Proofing; South Glos Council Tackling Inequalities Strategy; and the Crisis and Resilience Fund. The item included areas for action by the HWB around prevention of poverty; mitigating the impacts of poverty and getting people out of poverty.
3.3. Promote proportionate universalism as the recommended approach to allocating funding to reduce inequality in South Gloucestershire. Whenever the Board discusses a universal service, it should ask what is being done to ensure the service is not widening inequalities.	This is noted and needs to be kept under review as items are presented to the HWB. An EqIAA has been undertaken to support the development of the South Glos Neighbourhood Wellbeing, Health and Care Plan. This will be regularly reviewed and updated as the plan develops and used to inform actions within the plan that aim to ensure that services address and reduce, not widen, inequalities.
3.4. Develop a support offer for partners to increase engagement with the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment process. The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Steering Group will work with partners to develop ways to support better use of data and community insights to identify need and help target resources.	The Public Health Team has been delivering JSNA user sessions and demonstrations for key stakeholders, including elected members, and is due to run sessions with the 'bridging the gap' event later in the year, to support VCSE users. Latest updates to the JSNA portal also include the first of a planned series of instructional videos on how to use the JSNA.

Strategic Commitment 3 – Doing more to reduce inequalities (2)

What we said we would do	Progress
3.5. Support the South Gloucestershire Tackling Inequalities Plan 2024-28. The Health and Wellbeing Board shares the ambition set out in this plan to 'take a proactive, action-based approach to tackling inequalities'. We will monitor progress against delivery of the health and wellbeing objectives set out in the Tackling Inequalities Plan.	Health & Wellbeing objectives in the Council's Tackling Inequalities Plan 2024-2028 include developing a new delivery model of NHS Health Checks (commissioned by Public Health through GPs) to increase the uptake in priority groups; ensure that all public health commissioned services have identified inequalities relevant to that service and are actively reducing them; prioritising Council commissioned stop smoking services and weight management services to reduce inequalities; and working to support people moving into the area as part of Resettling Communities to access health and wellbeing service. In 2025-26 the HWB has received updates on stop smoking and healthy weight. The JSNA Steering Group Chair has delivered a session on the JSNA to the Equalities Voice Support Group to identify opportunities to improve the inclusion and visibility of equalities information and community insights in JSNA products. The outcomes and proposed next steps of this meeting will be taken forward by the Steering Group over the next year. A Men's health spotlight briefing has been produced, improving our understanding of gender-based inequalities in South Gloucestershire. The JSNA Steering Group and HWB Senior Officer Group have considered recommendations in Dynamic Resilience- A Strategic Needs Assessment for Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (2024) (pdf, 4.11 MB).
3.6. Embed the partner commitments set out in the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Trauma-informed pledge (2), with a view to building a shared language, approach and ambition around trauma-informed practice across sectors and parts of our wider system.	More than 30 local organisations who provide public services in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire have committed to pledges to be more trauma-informed. In 2026-27 further work to be undertaken to understand if all HWB member organisations are signed up to and continuing to deliver actions in-line the pledge and staff are being trained.

Strategic Commitment 4 – Shifting upstream with a focus on prevention

What we said we would do	Progress
4.1 Involve young people. The Health and Wellbeing Board will create opportunities to hear from young people in South Gloucestershire and build their insights into decision-making. This will include collaborating with the Youth Board around how to enable young people locally to live healthier lives.	We are including children's participation and safeguarding / Children's Partnership lived experience groups in the wider lived experience mapping (as part of SC1). We propose to make 'strengthening community involvement and our use of community insights in decision-making' an area of focus in year 2 of the JLHWS and will ensure young people is a common thread throughout this work.
4.2 Ensure that discussions around prevention include action to tackle core determinants of health and the root causes, not just individual behaviours.	The Director of Public Health Report 2025 focused on prevention and promoted a new South Gloucestershire Making the Case for Prevention Toolkit. The report and toolkit were presented to the HWB in early 2026 with a request for ongoing promotion and implementation of the calls for action.
4.3 Commit to allocating long-term resources to early intervention and prevention activities in communities to ensure that core determinants of health are addressed before health deteriorates.	An annual report on the South Gloucestershire Prevention Programme will be shared with the Locality Partnership Board in 2026. The Board will be asked to note the findings from UWE's South Gloucestershire Prevention Fund Evaluation Report; note the contents of the Making the Case for Prevention Toolkit and promote its use (within organisations and with networks); and implement the recommended actions in the 'Call for Action – our asks of partners' in the Director of Public Health Report 2025 (more on page 47).
4.4 Support alternative prevention-focused funding models. The Health and Wellbeing Board will support efforts to develop new funding models that give longer term support to community prevention projects.	The HWB has previously supported prevention projects and this will continue to be a component of work during the implementation of the South Gloucestershire Neighbourhood Wellbeing, Health and Care Plan. In January 2026, the Board resolved to adopt the BNSSG VCSE Investment Statement of Shared Ambition, for sign up by partner organisations through their own governance processes and that members would take back a request to their organisations to consider contributing to the 2026-27 Community Health & Wellbeing Fund.
4.5 Commit to support the workforce and volunteers across our partnership to help them to achieve good health and wellbeing.	During 2026-27, Public Health is reviewing its core training offer and sharing learning opportunities about the prevention of ill health, the importance of the building blocks of health, the science of behaviour change and reducing health inequalities. This will involve locally delivered training and signposting to regional and national resources, such as Making Every Contact Count - elearning for healthcare, the Behaviour Change Development Framework - BCDF and Events and webinars - The Health Foundation.
4.6 Foster a culture where prevention is everyone's business. Health and Wellbeing Board members will be encouraged to be directly involved in community prevention projects, for example by signing up to mentoring young people in care.	Prevention of ill health will be a key element of the South Gloucestershire Neighbourhood Wellbeing and Health Plan and will be promoted accordingly.

Strategic Commitment 5 – Strengthening our use of data and insights in decision making

What we said we would do	Progress
5.1 Strengthen partner engagement with the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment development process, ensuring comprehensive membership to the steering group.	We completed stakeholder analysis to better understand stakeholders' needs and developed a tailored engagement approach to increase partner engagement. We have widened the JSNA Steering Group membership.
5.2 Support partners to improve their use of Joint Strategic Needs Assessments to inform decisions. Require more regular updates on new developments and demonstrations on how to use the tools.	We shared JSNA e-bulletins/newsletters with HWB, wider partners and the public. We developed JSNA sessions for internal and external partners and developed instructional videos hosted on the portal. JSNA updates are presented to the HWB each year.
5.3 Require that any proposal brought to the Board demonstrates how it has been informed by the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.	As per 1.1 we produced a guidance note for officers completing HWB reports, which reminds them to include how their work/initiative/draft strategy has met the JLHWS strategic commitments (including community involvement, data and insights (JSNA)).
5.4 Commit to regular review of how well the Board uses data and community insights to inform decisions.	Public Health has developed tools and approaches to support the consistent use of community insight. We will continue to improve how community insight is collected, shared and applied during 2026-27. We will undertake a six-monthly audit of HWB reports to understand how well they were informed by data and community insight and make recommendations regarding future reports.
5.5 Commit to monitoring strategy progress throughout its lifetime. The monitoring process must be light-touch but robust. We will build in opportunities for reflection and iteration of our approach.	JLHWS monitoring is a standing item on Senior Officer Group agendas, but more work is needed to increase engagement outside of meetings to keep on top of progress and review actions. We issued a member survey in May 2026. The response rate was low, but highlights are included on pages 32-37 and we will review how we best collate feedback in the future.
5.6 Use quarterly Joint Development Sessions to plan and monitor progress of Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Focus Areas. Each session will focus on one of the Health and Wellbeing Board focus areas. The session will include a review of plans and progress against the five Health and Wellbeing Board commitments.	Development sessions during 2025-26 have considered each of the year 1 areas of focus in turn and there have been additional meetings/discussions outside of the development sessions to take forward actions. We propose to make 'strengthening community involvement and our use of community insights in decision-making' an area of focus in year 2 of the JLHWS.
5.7 Produce a Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Report that it is relevant and accessible to communities and celebrates new ways of working.	This document is the HWB Annual Report.

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Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2025-29

Review of Year 1 Areas of Focus

Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy Annual Areas of Focus

The Health and Wellbeing Board will have up to four focus areas each year to drive action

Year 1 (2025-26):

1. Place-based working and Neighbourhood Health – work as a Board to develop a shared vision for place-based working and Neighbourhood Health in South Gloucestershire and support actions to implement this.

2. Healthy Weight – sign up to the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire 'Why Weight?' Healthy weight pledge and support actions to implement it across South Gloucestershire.

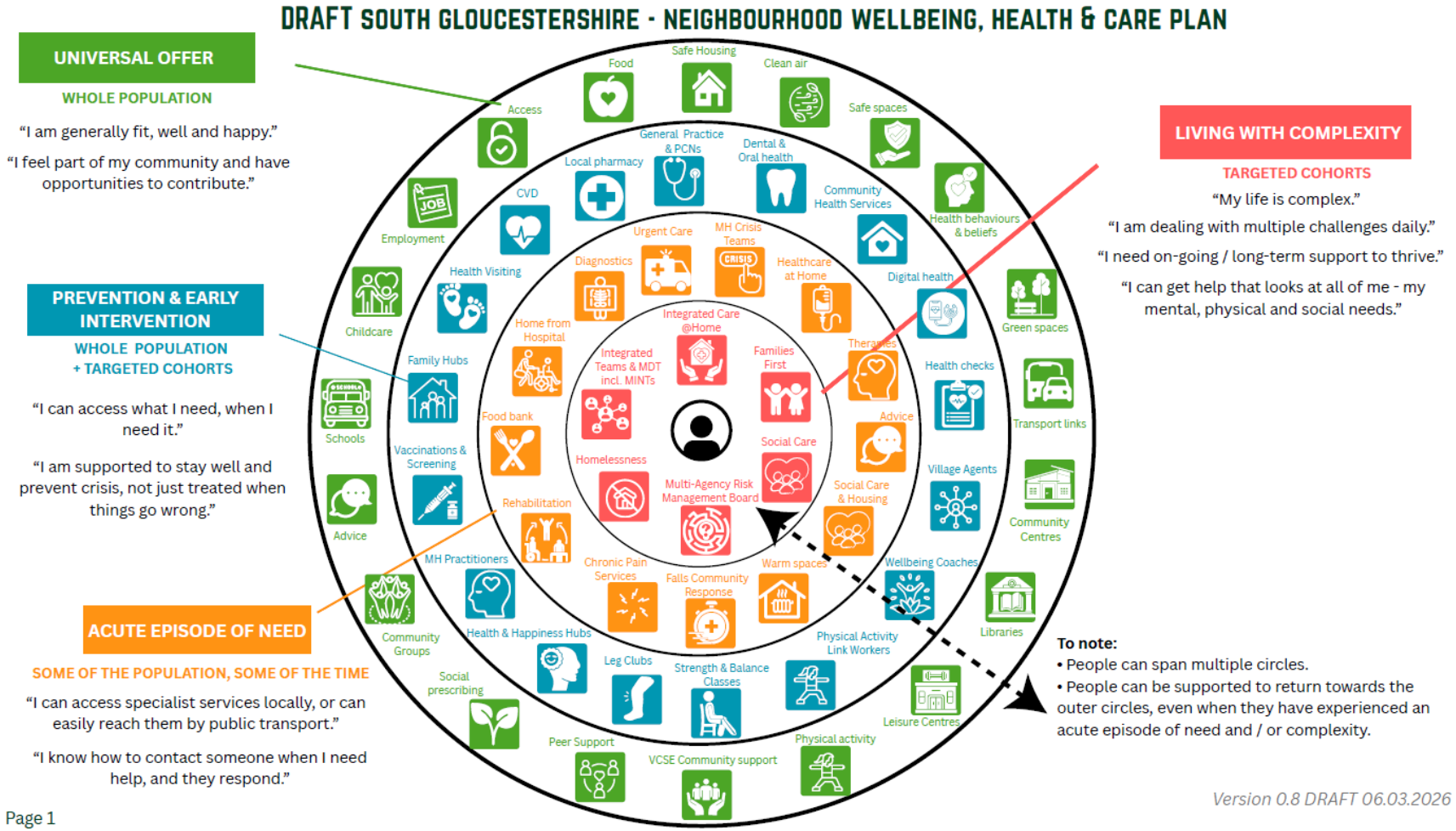
3. Children and Young People – work with partners to develop our integrated local approach for maternity and early years to support families and carers before and during pregnancy and with children up to the age of 5 years.

4. Housing and Wellbeing – work as a Board to develop a Housing and Wellbeing Strategy for South Gloucestershire and support actions to implement this.

Area of Focus 1 – Place-based working and Neighbourhood Health

In 2025-26 the Health & Wellbeing Board and Locality Partnership have worked together to develop a draft Neighbourhood Wellbeing, Health and Care Plan for South Gloucestershire.

In 2026-27 we will continue to work together to develop a full plan in-line with the national Neighbourhood Health Framework and local priorities identified in our JSNA.



Area of Focus 1 – Place-based working and Neighbourhood Health

Development Session: 9 June 2025

Purpose: Establish a shared understanding of what place-based / neighbourhood working means in South Glos.

What does place-based and neighbourhood working in South Glos mean to you? Responses included:

- Joined up, accessible services to all where they are needed
- Listening and working with communities to meet their needs
- Services coproduced by community, provided in the community by SGC, VCSE and NHS

Themes from discussion about the problem:

- Inequality and access
- Fragmentation and siloed working
- Community-centred approaches
- Communication, signposting and navigation
- Collaboration and partnership
- Prevention and early intervention
- System and cultural change

Themes from discussion about things that are working well and to build on:

- Strong partnerships across South Gloucestershire Locality Partnership programmes including Health & Happiness Hubs and Mental health and wellbeing Integrated Network Teams (MINTs)
- Children's Services transformation – Families First Partnership
- Community engagement and relationship building – Community Conversations, Your Voice

Themes about what it means for communities and VCSE:

- Inclusive and representative engagement
- Go to where people are
- Continuous and meaningful engagement
- Feedback and accountability
- Support and resource community capacity
- Tailored and differentiated approaches
- Purpose and clarity
- Trust and relationship building

Next steps

Following the development session it was agreed to continue to build positive relationships between organisations; review local social prescribing opportunities; and consider how we develop a community conversations and neighbourhood working approach across the system.

Subsequently, in January 2026 the HWB agreed a draft outline of the South Gloucestershire Neighbourhood Wellbeing, Health and Care Plan and following the publication of the national Neighbourhood Health Framework the HWB and Locality Partnership established a sub-group to lead ongoing development.

Area of Focus 2 – Healthy Weight

The **BNSSG Why Weight? Pledge for creating Healthier places Together** has been developed by partners of the Healthier Together Integrated Care System (ICS) including members of South Gloucestershire Health and Wellbeing Board as a commitment to create an environment where everyone in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire has the **access and ability to eat well, feel well and be active** and **raise awareness of and seek to tackle weight stigma**.

Source: [Why Weight? Pledge for creating Healthier places Together - BNSSG Healthier Together]

Area of Focus 2 – Healthy Weight

	Connecting and collaborating	1. Ensure there is strategic leadership to drive the commitments across organisations, identify connections, and integrate actions with other programmes and strategies. 2. Involve workplaces, social enterprises and other organisations in the implementation of action to create an environment where everyone has the access and ability to eat well, feel well and be active.
	Considerate communication	3. Recognise and take action to reduce the negative impact of weight stigma on both physical and mental health. 4. Support and champion workforce development by enhancing staff knowledge of the links between weight and health, weight stigma, and trauma-informed approaches, including appropriate communication. 5. Clearly communicate how small changes in improving nutrition and moving more can have significant health gains and a positive impact on physical and mental health and wellbeing.
	Creating healthier places	6. Support and improve the food and drink environments under our control or influence, ensuring food and drink available is healthy, affordable and sustainable. 7. Take action to create environments that support and enable people to move more and be more active.
	Community led	8. Engage and support communities to improve access to nutritious, affordable and culturally appropriate food. 9. Involve local communities in designing and implementing programmes that create environments to support good health.
	Continue to learn	10. Adopt an outcomes-focused approach by agreeing on metrics that are meaningful to our organisations and the people we serve. Monitor and evaluate work, sharing successes and challenges to foster learning and spread best practices throughout the system.

In May 2025, the Board endorsed the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Why Weight? Pledge for creating Healthier places Together.

All Board members were encouraged to sign up to the pledge by 1 September 2025 and implement system-wide actions across South Gloucestershire.

The pledge has ten strategic commitments for each signatory organisation, which are split across five themes. Three of these were a focus for year 1 – weight stigma, workforce development and food and drink environment.

In 2026-27 partners will continue to work together across South Gloucestershire and BNSSG on pledge commitments.

Next steps for South Glos Working Group:

- Complete a one-year review to assess progress, capture key learning, and identify insights from the first year of delivery.
- Develop priorities for the Year 2 Action Plan, building on the progress made to date in reducing weight stigma, strengthening workforce development and improving the food and drink environment.
- Continue to work with partners to strengthen collaboration, identify new opportunities and promote the pledge.

Area of Focus 2 – Healthy Weight
Development Session: 8 September 2025

The HWB and LP explored Action 7 *'Create healthy environments – Take action to create environments that support and enable people to move more and be more active'* via a development session, led by Wesport, which explored the importance of physical activity for health and wellbeing and considered opportunities for working together in South Glos.

The aim of the session was to contribute to the thinking of how we start to go about turning intention into reality. Partners explored the importance of physical activity for health and wellbeing in our local communities; what success (or at least progress) would mean for a range of different people in those communities; and how we could use these ideas as a starting point for action.

Actions were noted as:
- Explore council resources to support the work
- Explore the Active Wellbeing Leadership Offer

Next steps
Active Wellbeing System Leadership Programme jointly commissioned by Public Health and Wesport.
This programme brings together partners from across sectors to:
- Work beyond organisational boundaries
- Take a whole-system approach to wellbeing
- Turn shared ambition into meaningful, lasting change.

It is running from 2 June 2026 to 2 February 2027.

Area of Focus 3 – Children and Young People

At the start of 2025-26 the Health & Wellbeing Board agreed the focus of its work would be to work with partners to develop our integrated local approach for maternity and early years to support families and carers before and during pregnancy and with children up to the age of 5 years, with a particular focus on recognising and addressing inequalities of access and outcomes.

In July 2025, new national Giving every child the best start in life policy and funding was announced. The focus of South Gloucestershire partners has been to develop a new local Best Start in Life plan, which was published in March 2026.

In 2026-27 partners will work together to implement priorities set out in the plan and align with neighbourhood health planning to:

- Improve support for families
- Improve access to childcare
- Improve quality and support the Early Years workforce

Area of Focus 3 – Children and Young People

Development Session: 4 February 2026

The purpose of the session was to bring together the boards and other relevant partners to receive an update on national policy around children and young people; reflect on progress towards the strategy's year 1 ambition '*Children and Young People - work with partners to develop our integrated local approach for maternity and early years to support families and carers before and during pregnancy and with children up to the age of 5 years'*; and discuss how we shape our neighbourhood health and wellbeing approach for children, young people and families.

Members received:

- an overview of national policy (including Giving Every Child the Best Start in Life, Families First and child poverty);
- an update on work to deliver the strategy's ambition around developing our local approach for maternity and early years; and
- an overview of the Best Start in Life work programme and how this would align with emerging plans for Neighbourhood Health in South Glos.

There were discussions about what organisations were doing already to support neighbourhood health and wellbeing for children, young people and families and how organisations could contribute to the changes that were required, including who to involve and the resources needed.

Best Start in Life plan

Families First Partnership | South Gloucestershire Safeguarding

South Gloucestershire Children's Partnership

Safeguarding is everyone's business

Area of Focus 3 – Children and Young People
Development Session: 4 February 2026 Themes from discussion

Health & Wellbeing Board South Gloucestershire

a) Shift left to early help and prevention
- Invest earlier to stop needs escalating
- Focus on prevention across all sectors

b) Better data sharing so families tell their story once
- Shared digital records and access
- Reduce duplication and retelling

c) Stronger system-wide collaboration across sectors
- Schools, health, VCSE and hubs working together
- Avoid siloed working and duplication

d) Co-production and stronger CYP/parent voice
- Meaningful involvement of CYP and families
- Clear feedback loops – "you said, we did"

e) Improved communications and clearer access points
- Better comms to families through multiple channels
- Clear signposting and single access points

f) Place-based and hyper-local delivery
- Use community hubs, family hubs and local spaces that people trust – e.g. schools

g) Expand adult community hub offer to include families
- Flexible/mobile services to reach people

h) Stable, realistic funding
- Move away from short-term commissioning
- Secure fair and long-term funding

i) Workforce support and training
- Upskill midwives and CYP workforce
- Shared training and resources

j) Primary care engagement and CYP social prescribing
- Use GP, dental and pharmacy settings for engagement
- Funded social prescribing offers for CYP
- Develop a CYP Patient Participation Group for South Glos

k) Broader physical activity and wellbeing offers
- More varied opportunities beyond PE in schools
- Promote active pregnancy

l) Stronger links with maternity and early years
- Better connections with maternity services
- Early years confident in supporting families

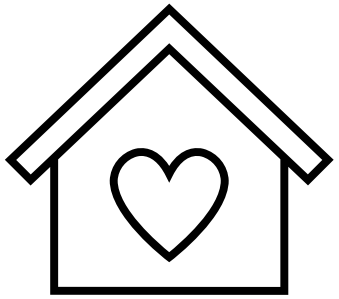
m) Address mental health gaps and transitions
- Bridge gap between early MH support and CAMHS
- Improve transitions at 16-18

Area of Focus 4 – Housing and Wellbeing

Purpose: In 2025 Housing & Wellbeing was selected as one of the HWB priority areas of need. Following an initial joint HWB and LP development session, a 'Housing & Wellbeing Working Group' was established.

Basis for the original decision to priortise this as an area of need:

- Impact of a person's housing on their health and wellbeing is not understood / recognised equally across system partners
- Issues relate to appropriate housing for need (e.g. adaptation) as well as overcrowding, homelessness, etc
- Knowledge held by front line staff (cross sector) is inconsistent around housing, but issues relating to housing are increasingly affecting people in South Glos.
- Addressing housing issues earlier could avoid substantial impact on health and wellbeing.
- Previous community discovery work indicated trust and perception barriers to people accessing support earlier.



Developing the work:

- The Working Group has continued to meet and has expanded its membership (currently being attended by people in housing, health sector, public health, commissioning, housing providers, VCSE).
- The group identified what good work was already happening in South Glos, what was already working well and potential opportunities to link up existing work and/or improve resource. Several themes and opportunities came out of this work to support the focus area.
- March Development session: expert input in the room helped shape identified ideas into a longer-term programme of work. Overarching principles were agreed. Connections were made between many of the opportunities discussed.
- Practical work will now be progressed, that support the overall vision (as seen on page 30) – this approach will enable more systematic monitoring of impact.
- The Working Group will now oversee the implementation of the agreed project work.

Theme	Issues to address through projects
Housing treated as a core determinant of health	• Housing conditions impact health and wellbeing (cold, damp, overcrowding) • Working with health sector around vulnerable cohorts, linking in with existing focus groups • More work to be done to support impact on mental health and wider wellbeing
Improving access, navigation and user experience: A wide range of housing related services exist, but are not easily accessible, visible, or user-friendly	• Improve understanding about what support exists • Knowing where to go, the right pathways and what to expect • Navigating complex systems
A Neighbourhood focus on housing – and improved coordination between organisations	• Disconnected systems (housing, health, community services) • Move away from signposting, to active support through use of trusted community connector roles (e.g. village agents, social prescribers) • Importance of local context (urban vs rural differences)
More Joined up cross-sector data: Data is a major untapped asset but currently underused for decision-making and targeting	• There is limited real-time insight into needs • Barriers to data sharing across organisations / sectors • Inconsistency in how populations are defined and grouped
Increased trust and engagement from residents: Even when services exist, people may not engage due to trust and perception barriers	• Address fear of consequences (e.g. eviction/debt) and general low trust in public services • Reluctance to engage with support and sometimes with your own communities • Hidden needs (e.g. homeowners struggling, rural isolation)
A shift to being more preventative	• Impact of late intervention (e.g. damp, respiratory illness, homelessness risk) increasing health impact • Need to address missed opportunities for early support, e.g. proactive methods to identify issues and 'tipping points' earlier
Improved knowledge and capabilities: For both residents and service provider	• Residents don't have access to essential knowledge (e.g. maintaining a healthy home) • Staff need appropriate training and a shared / consistent understanding • Capacity constraints across services can be a barrier

Area of Focus 4 – Housing and Wellbeing

Putting the findings into practice

Vision as I statements

When I need help with my housing, I know where to turn and can get the right support before my situation becomes a crisis.

I don't have to tell my story over and over again, and the people supporting me work together to understand what I need.

My home is recognised as an important part of my health and wellbeing. Whether I speak to someone in housing, health, or my local community, they understand how my housing affects my life and can help me access the right support.

The people supporting me know my local area, build trusted relationships, and work together to provide joined up, personalised support that reflects what matters to me. They use information responsibly to identify when I or others may need help sooner, so support can more easily be accessed.

As a result, I feel listened to, supported, and able to stay well in my home and community, with services that focus on preventing problems rather than only responding when things have already gone wrong.

Outcomes

1. Improved access and user experience
2. A Neighbourhood focus – and improved coordination
3. More joined up cross-sector data
4. Increased trust and engagement from residents
5. A shift to being more preventative
6. Improved knowledge and capabilities
7. Housing treated as a core determinant of health

To achieve the outcomes

- Resource mapping: knowledge , training and service provision, what and where
- Establishing a training package/toolkit for front line roles in SG - to ensure relevant and consistent housing knowledge and practical advice is held across all partnership teams
- Build housing advice and support into work on 'Integrated Neighbourhood Team' model of delivery –building 'housing & wellbeing' focus into all relevant networks and MDTs.
- Identify how to Increase data integration – linking cross sector data. Neighbourhood Health provides an opportunity for this.
- Develop Proactive home assessments: train roles that go into homes to identify particular risks and flag.
- Comms campaigns - to support residents to self help.
- Need ensure lived experience built into further work and into provision of training

Area of Focus 4 – Housing and Wellbeing

Next Steps

Following the development session, it was agreed that work would begin around the practical activities.

The **Housing & Wellbeing Working Group** is due to meet again in July (02/07/26) and discuss the ongoing role the group will have in steering the project work. The aims of this session will be to:

- Review the outcomes of the HWB development sessions
- Clarify the working group's role going forward
- Determine the shared focus for the initial activities of work

The work in practice:

- Plans around the developed activities will be shared with the HWB by the end of July.
- Task and finish groups and identified leads will then begin implementing the determined work towards these activities.

- We now have identified a lived experience cohort to support the next phase of the work.
- And we are also reaching out to partners for wider membership to the Working Group.

Measuring our Impact - Headlines from the Member and Partner Survey 2026

Measuring our impact - Member and Partner Survey

We are committed to monitoring the progress of the South Gloucestershire Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JLHWS) 2025-29 throughout its lifetime.

To understand the impact of the JLHWS in its first year (2025-26) we **developed our own self-reflection survey** to reflect on our work as a Board.

The purpose of the survey was for South Gloucestershire Health and Wellbeing Board members and partners to share how they had developed ways of working in response to the strategy.

The survey will be distributed annually in May, with responses sought from:

- South Gloucestershire Health and Wellbeing Board
- South Gloucestershire Locality Partnership Board
- South Gloucestershire Senior Officer Group
- South Gloucestershire Locality Partnership Delivery Group

Headlines from the Member and Partner Survey 2026

Response rate to the 2026 survey was low.
Seven responses (1 HWB member, 4 on HWB and LP, 1 SOG member and 1 LPDG member).

Scoring Scale 1-5 (where 5 = strong, 3 = adequate and 1 = weak)

All respondents scored the HWB **adequate to strong** for:

- Its clear shared purpose and vision
- Inclusion of all relevant stakeholder groups
- Strategic commitments being understood by all members
- Board's work being aligned with its strategic commitments
- Transparent and well understood decision-making processes

Comments included:

"Very clear high-level vision but unclear how this links to the detail in all of the individual reports and areas….not all refer to the Board's strategic goals."

"Wide membership. Attendance not always consistent. Need to review membership in response to organisational change."

"These are shared commitments that go beyond the HWBB. I think they are well understood as principles. Not so sure how well the actions that sit beside them in the HWBB are understood."

"There is a perception that projects are brought to the Board for endorsement rather than being developed through the Board as a genuinely shared endeavour."

Headlines from the Member and Partner Survey 2026

There were mixed views on the roles and responsibilities of Board members being clearly defined and there being clear accountability for actions and outcomes. Two scored this as strong, three as adequate and two as weak.

Comments included:
"Accountability and actions could be stronger."
"Partners are engaged in reporting to the Board, but there is less evidence of collective resourcing and shared delivery accountability for Board priorities."

In response to how organisations/departments have responded to the Board's Strategic Commitments….

SC1 – Strengthening community involvement – most rated this as strong to adequate
Comments included:
"Some excellent examples of broad community engagement with Best Start in Life community feedback."
"We have always been invited to share our views and we have a member with lived experience on the board."

SC2 – Building a programme of place-based working – most rated this as 4 (between adequate and strong).
Comments included:
"Key focus of last year but we have further to go."
"Local authority workers are more visible in communities, especially in rural communities. One Stop Shops bring services closer to communities and wide range of "listening" events have taken place to gain the views of the communities."

Headlines from the Member and Partner Survey 2026

In response to how organisations/departments have responded to the Board's Strategic Commitments….

SC3 – Doing more to reduce inequalities – most scored this as strong (1 score of 5 and 4 scores of 4)
Comments included:
"Sharpened focus on this issue in our service design."
"Age Friendly Communities programme is a good example, the winter programme to help people who might be struggling to keep warm is also a good initiative. Support for Elder Pride last year was also a great example."
"In a tightly constrained system, it is always hard to choose between spending the least to support the most amount of people or spending a lot to support very few people with high levels of inequality. This is sometimes discussed and some good examples in Best Start in Life and Families First work on what this might look like."

SC4 – Shifting upstream with a focus on prevention – mixed views (from 2 to 4)
Comments included:
"Need to do more of this."
"It's early days so need time to see how that develops."
"Some excellent papers on this recently and Public Health report 2025."

SC5 – Strengthening our use of data and insights in decision-making – Most scored this as strong (from 3 to 5)
Comments included:
"*Making headway with partners."*
"JSNA works well, but again this is enabled almost entirely by public health."
"Good use of data."

Headlines from the Member and Partner Survey 2026

All of the following areas scored highly with most scores of 4 and 5:

- Organisation/department use of the Population Health Portal (JSNA) to support business planning
- Learning from Board meetings and onward sharing with other organisations/partners/communities
- Organisation/department undertakes preventative actions to address core determinants of health and wellbeing

Feedback on year 1 areas of focus:

Area of Focus:	What worked well:	What did not work so well:
Place-based working and Neighbourhood Health	Set the scene well Good levels of trust and openness in conversation	National delay in guidance delayed local work
Healthy Weight	Networking and clarity of pledge and methodology	
Housing and Wellbeing	Thought provoking	Low attendance at development session
Children and Young People	Informed BSIL Plan Better understanding of direction of CYP work across South Glos	

Statutory items

Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan 2025-26 ratification – July 2025

The BCF was announced in 2013 as a "transformational change in integrated health and social care". It created a local single pooled budget to incentivise the NHS and Local Authorities to work more closely together around people, placing their wellbeing as the focus of health and care services.

Since 2013, approaches and mechanisms for integrated health and social care have further developed alongside the BCF.

It is a statutory duty for the ICB and Local Authorities to jointly submit BCF plans to NHS England, in line with nationally announced conditions and policy frameworks. BCF planning outlines our local targets, sets minimum contributions that ICBs must make to social care, while also advising how funds are to be spent. These plans are then formally agreed through the HWB.

A new Better Care Fund policy framework 2025 to 2026 was provided in 2025, which has updated objectives, reflecting the Government's commitment to reforming and strengthening neighbourhood services across health and social care, with the goal of:

- providing more care closer to home
- increasing the focus on prevention so that people are living healthier and more independent lives
- harnessing digital technology to transform care

The Chair signed off the BCF Plan 2025-26 at the end of March, it went to the Board for noting on 1 May and it was ratified by the Board on 8 July 2025, having cleared the regional assessment process. The Board also approved an ongoing delegation to the Chair to sign off future BCF submissions in consultation with the Council Directors of Adult Services and Public Health and with the ICB Deputy CEO and Chief Financial Officer.

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) Annual Update – July 2025

The purpose of the JSNA is to identify current and future health and wellbeing needs of the local population; inform planning and commissioning of services; and work to reduce health inequalities through evidence-based priorities.

The approach to the JSNA in South Gloucestershire is to provide:

- Interactive dashboards (high level and frequently updated (twice yearly, Autumn and Spring)
- In-depth needs assessments (more detailed, less frequent – aligned forward plan)
- Delegated responsibility to JSNA Steering Group with system wide representation

The JSNA is housed on the Population Health Intelligence Portal | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council

The Board was informed that new and updated needs assessments have been completed or are underway, including:

Gambling – Gambling rapid needs assessment

Refugee and Asylum Seekers (BNSSG) Needs Assessment Refugees and Asylum Seekers in BNSSG

Homelessness Homelessness health needs assessment

The Board considered progress with the JSNA over the last 12 months and proposals for future JSNA work; discussed opportunities to increase engagement in the JSNA and its products; and broaden the membership of the JSNA Steering Group, which would continue to have delegated responsibility for delivering the JSNA.

Note: Actions related to the JSNA are embedded within the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2025-29 strategic commitment 5: Strengthening our use of data and insights in decision making, which are reported on earlier in this report.

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) approval – September 2025

Health and Wellbeing Boards must publish a PNA at least once every three years and keep it up to date in light of significant changes.

Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) use the PNA as a key evidence base when making commissioning decisions and determining whether new or relocated pharmacies are required.

Because PNAs can be legally challenged by prospective providers, it is critical that they are robust, evidence-based, and clearly reasoned.

In line with statutory regulations, the PNA examines:

- Current provision of services
- Future provision in light of population growth and demographic change
- Opportunities to improve access or secure better outcomes

Since April 2023, BNSSG ICB has had responsibility for applying the PNA in decisions on pharmacy market entry and wider commissioning.

In November 2024, the Board delegated operational responsibility for PNA delivery to the Director of Public Health, to work collaboratively with colleagues in Bristol and North Somerset to ensure consistency across the BNSSG Integrated Care System.

In September 2025, the Board was updated on the process, approach to analysis (South Glos being divided into three localities, Yate, Kingswood and Severnvale), the outcome of public engagement, key findings, consultation outcomes and conclusions. The Board approved the publication of the South Gloucestershire PNA 2025-28.

The report and presentation to the Board in September 2025 can be viewed here:

Report to HWB 25092025; PNA Presentation 25092025

Related Board and Partnership Annual Reports

Annual Reports from related partnerships and boards

Health & Wellbeing Board
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Agenda for Health & Wellbeing Board 8 July 2025

Health Protection Assurance Report 2024-25 (item 19)

Agenda for Health & Wellbeing Board 25 September 2025

Learning Difficulties Partnership Board Annual Report 2024 (item 11)

Agenda for Health & Wellbeing Board 15 January 2026

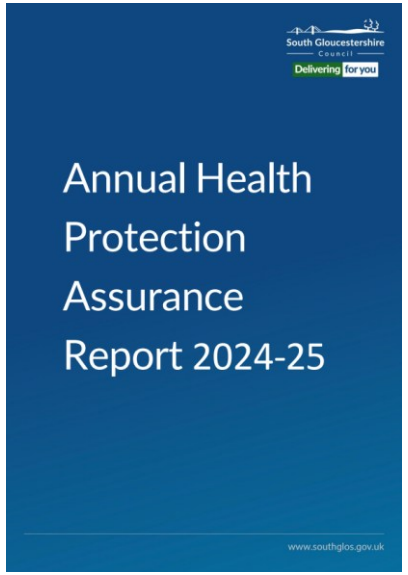
BNSSG Healthwatch Annual Report 2024-2025 (item 11)

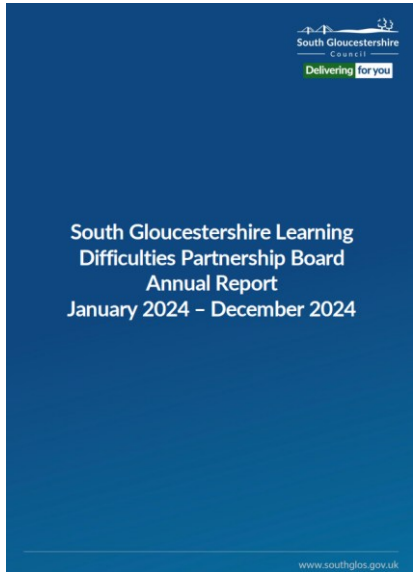
Agenda for Health & Wellbeing Board 23 April 2026

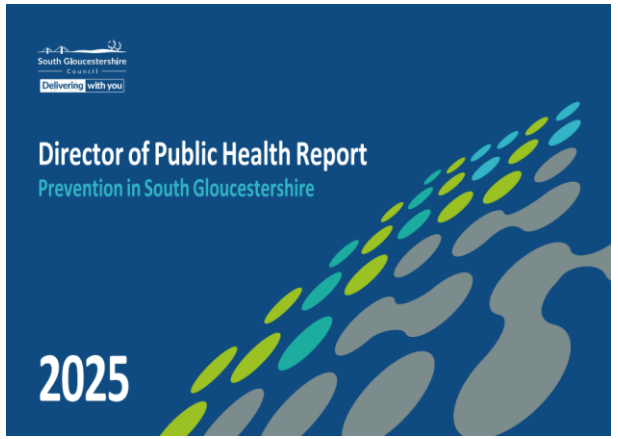
DPH Report 2025 on Prevention (item 10)

Drug and Alcohol Partnership Annual Update (item 13)

BNSSG Population Health Plan (item 14)







South Gloucestershire Health Protection Assurance Report 2024-2025

The South Gloucestershire Health Protection Assurance Group was established in February 2014 as the primary mechanism for providing assurance to the Director of Public Health (DPH) and responsible committees on the status of health protection arrangements in place to control against identified risks to the public's health.

Since 2023, South Glos, Bristol and North Somerset councils have come together to form a Health Protection Committee.

The local South Glos Health Protection Assurance Group retains its role in providing assurance to the DPH that the Council is compliant with its statutory health protection duties by reporting on the status of local health protection arrangements in relation to identified risks.

The report includes:

- Surveillance, Alerting and Tracking
- Prevention and control of infectious diseases and antimicrobial resistance
- Screening and immunisation (incl. cervical screening, HPV MMR and Influenza vaccines)
- Sexual health
- Emergency preparedness, planning and response for surge / pandemic
- New and emerging infections, including zoonoses but not animal health

The South Gloucestershire Health Protection Assurance report was presented to the Board in July 2025, full report: HPAG assurance report 2025.pdf

Recommendations – overview

1. Exercise our Communicable Disease Plan
2. Screening and Immunisations
3. Data Collection and Analysis
4. Community Resilience
5. Workforce development for health protection and emergency planning
6. Sector led improvement
7. Partnership working
8. Health Care Associate Infections (HCAI)
9. Sexual Health

South Gloucestershire Learning Difficulties Partnership Board (LDPB) Annual Report 2024

The LDPB is a muti-agency working group of professionals, individuals with lived experience and carers that work with local organisations and groups to increase the opportunities for people with a learning disability.

The LDPB was formed in the mid-2000s following the Government White Paper "Valuing People: 'A New Strategy for Learning Disability for the 21st Century' and has been running successfully in South Gloucestershire ever since.

The LDPB priority is to make sure that all the work in the Government Plan "Valuing People Now" happens. The Plan concluded that we all need to work together to make sure people with learning difficulties get the same opportunities as everyone and are treated fairly.

During 2024 the LDPB held 5 meetings on various themes that affect people with learning difficulties and what work is ongoing within these themes and by what organisations.

The LDPB also provided grant funding to specific projects that wanted to support people with learning difficulties but needed initial financial support to do so.

Other work:

Shaping the All-Age Learning Disability Strategy

Supporting work of the 'We Work for You' programme that provides a personal career navigator for people with learning disabilities.

Themed meetings on: LD Development Fund; health; education and employment; housing, transport and safety; personalisation.

Grants to LDDF projects 2024/25 – full details in the report: LDPB Annual Report 2024.pdf, presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board in September 2025.

BNSSG Healthwatch Annual Report 2024-2025

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Healthwatch South Gloucestershire is the statutory independent champion for people who use health and social care services. It gathers and shares the views and experiences of local residents, families and carers to help improve services. Healthwatch's insights are shared regularly with partners and feed into service improvement and the JSNA process.

The BNSSG Healthwatch Annual Report was presented to the Board in January 2026.

Highlights included:

- 260 people shared their experiences of health and social care services
- 5,312 people came for advice and information on topics including, NHS dentistry, mental health, hospital waiting lists and patient choice
- Volunteers contributed 1,370 hours across BNSSG

Published two reports:

- Report: Conversations about end-of-life care in South Gloucestershire | Healthwatch Southglos
- Enter and View: Report: observing local mental health wards | Healthwatch Southglos

Attended Kingswood carers support group about local services for people with dementia.

In response to feedback, published a booklet about changes people may see in local surgeries following the GP recovery plan.

6 Enter and View visits to mental health wards – led to changes in collaborative care planning, addressing noise and safety concerns and enhanced discharge planning.

Priorities for 2025-26:

- **Primary care satisfaction**
- **Neurodivergent diagnoses for children and young people**
- **Economic deprivation**

Director of Public Health Report 2025 – Prevention in South Gloucestershire

Health & Wellbeing Board South Gloucestershire

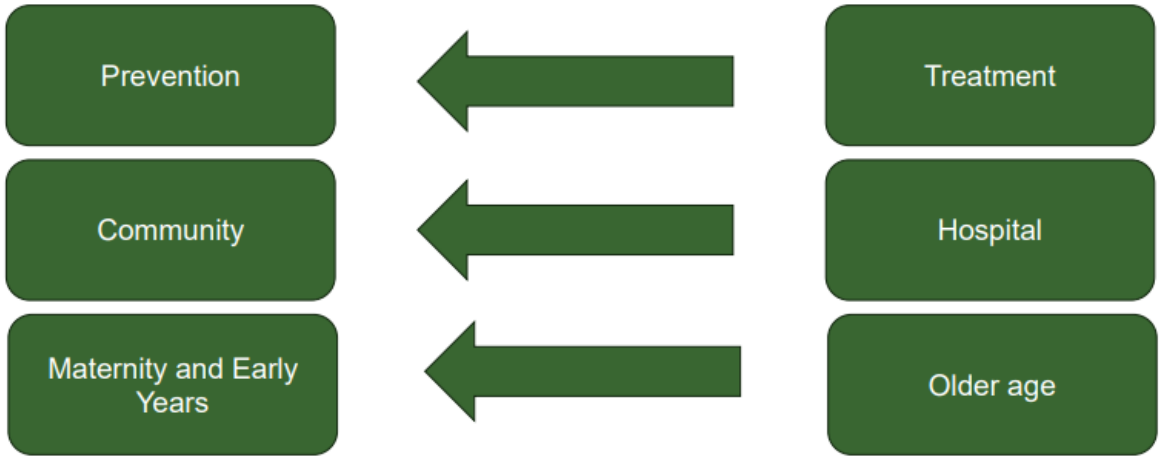
Purpose of the report

- Celebrate the excellent partnership work that took place through the South Glos Prevention Programme 2023-25 and share evaluation findings.
- Share the Making the Case for Prevention Toolkit produced as part of this work
- Make the case for ongoing investment in prevention in South Gloucestershire and to set out the opportunities the DPH sees for building on this in response to local, regional and national policy including the national 10 Year Health Plan for England: fit for the future.

Based on the evidence presented in the report, it sets out **six actions** that partners across the council, the NHS and VCSE organisations should take together to shift the system towards prevention, grounded in evidence from local and national place-based practice:

1. **Align priorities and funding around longer-term shared prevention outcomes**
2. **Embed prevention into frontline services and pathways**
3. **Tackle the building blocks of health together**
4. **Invest in community-led and VCSE-delivered prevention**
5. **Share data and insight to target early action**
6. **Measure what matters and learn together**

The "Left shift"



The full report, presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board in April 2026: DPH Annual Report 2025

South Gloucestershire Drug and Alcohol Partnership Annual Report

The Partnership was established following the publication of the National Drugs Strategy (2021). The partnership's role is to oversee at a local level the three strands of the strategy - treatment, enforcement and prevention, alongside our locally identified priorities.

The South Gloucestershire Drug and Alcohol Partnership presented its Annual Report to the Board in April 2026.

Areas of progress / improved outcomes included:

- Increased the level of adults achieving 'treatment progress' across 'all' cohorts
- Increased numbers of young people in treatment through outreach and early intervention for young people at risk of school exclusion
- Exceeded targets for the number of prison-leavers engaging in treatment on release

There were also many successes in areas of innovation, research and evaluation including, a community detox facility within supported housing, work to understand needs of older adults who are drinking at harmful levels and experience isolation and new needle and syringe dispensing machines within the community.

Next steps:

SGDAP is required to have a strategy based on an up-to-date needs assessment (NA). The most recent NAs were written in 2019 and 2020 (some data refreshed in 2023). Current Drug & Alcohol strategies are 2020-2025

Needs Assessment development – Feb-Aug 2026

Workshops to finalise recommendations – Sep 2026

Strategy development – Oct-Dec 2026

Other strategies and updates to the Board

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- Healthier Together 2040 and Integrated Neighbourhood Health and Care update (item 15)
- JSNA update (item 16)
- Dementia Strategy 2025-2030 (item 17)
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Service update (item 18)
- South Glos Locality Partnership update (item 20)

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- Children and Young People and Best Start in Life update (item 9)
- Age-Friendly communities Strategy update (item 12)
- Healthier Together 2040 Strategic Intentions and Integrated Neighbourhood Health and Care (item 13)

Agenda for Health & Wellbeing Board 15 January 2026

- BNSSG Share Investment in the VCSE Sector statement of ambition (item 9)
- South Glos Neighbourhood Wellbeing and Health Plan update (item 10)

Agenda for Health & Wellbeing Board 23 April 2026

- South Glos Best Start in Life Plan overview (item 11)
- Child Poverty and Financial Insecurity update and call to action (item 12)

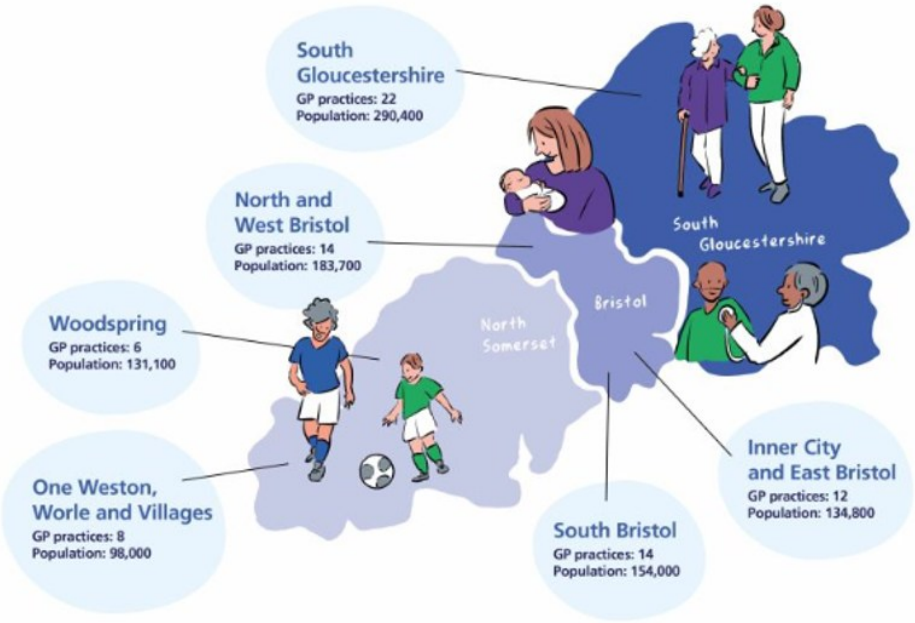
NHS South Gloucestershire Locality Partnership

South Gloucestershire Locality Partnership overview

The Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care System (ICS) has established six Locality Partnerships to cover its area:

Locality Partnerships work at a local level with their communities, to improve health and wellbeing. Each partnership focuses on a given area and population. They design services that fit in with people's lives.

They are made up of local health, social care, and voluntary sector organisations and groups, working with local people and communities as equal partners to improve health and wellbeing.



The South Gloucestershire Locality Partnership is coterminous with the Local Authority and Health and Wellbeing Board.

It has a key role in delivery of the ICS Strategy and Healthier Together 2040 plan as well as the development of Neighbourhood Health.

The Locality Partnership's priorities for 2025-26 aligned to the South Gloucestershire Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2025-29 strategic commitments and the Integrated Care System's themes.

South Gloucestershire
Locality Partnership

SOUTH GLOS LOCALITY PARTNERSHIP PLAN ON A PAGE 2025/26

Healthier Together
Improving health and care in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

Health & Wellbeing Board South Gloucestershire

SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE JOINT HEALTH & WELLBEING STRATEGY: 5 COMMITMENTS

	STARTING WELL	LIVING WELL	AGEING WELL	ENABLING	LP DEVELOPMENT
STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT	• Supporting & coordinating a Mental Health offer with strong links to schools	• Integrated / connected Health & Happiness Hubs (HHH) to other community interventions	• Delivered Wave-1 Dementia Training to SG Care Homes • Planned Wave-2 Dementia Training for SG front-line staff	• Embedded the SG Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) Framework	• Improved integration and connection with VCSE partners & VCSE Alliance • Improved integration and connection with General Practice
BUILDING A PROGRAMME OF PLACE-BASED WORKING	• Improved partnership through the first 1,001 days of life • Supported the implementation of Children's Integrated Neighbourhood Teams	• Embedded CMH specialist pathway services into SG • Supported transformation of PCLS service model to align with CMH	• Delivered key elements of the SG Dementia Delivery Plan • Delivered a training matrix / support offer to Care Homes	• Proactively contributed to the System-wide strategic development of Integrated Neighbourhood Teams and the NHS 10-Year Plan • Delivered Year-1 of the SG Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy	• Defined what Place and Neighbourhood mean for South Glos and developed an infrastructure blueprint for service delivery and funding allocation • Review Locality Partnership governance arrangements for 2025/26
DOING MORE TO REDUCE INEQUALITIES	• Support to care leavers and young homeless people	• Developed a model to deliver physical health checks for people with SMI not receiving these • Expanded the Chronic Pain & Wellbeing service model to all 6 PCNs	• Supported delivery of a Carers Support Strategy & Action Plan		
SHIFTING UPSTREAM WITH A FOCUS ON PREVENTION	• Prevention, early intervention and treatment for Eating Disorders, Self-harm and suicide • Interventions to support resilience in pre-school children	• Scoped and launched additional CVD interventions	• Falls Prevention: Strength & Balance classes • Falls Prevention: Continuation of SG Walking Groups • Falls Prevention: Distribution of Falls Information leaflet	• Considered future opportunities to redirect Better Care Fund to support joint working and a shift towards more personalised & pro-active care • Approved and implemented a SG LP prevention fund (including identification of non-statutory sources of funding)	• Strategically define our priorities for Starting Well
STRENGTHENING OUR USE OF DATA & INSIGHTS IN DECISION-MAKING	• Use of the SGC Children and Young People's Needs Assessment and the Best Start in Life intelligence available via the Population Health Intelligence portal.	• Completed Year-1 of the 4PCN Leg Club pilot • Completed and evaluated the EOT2 Diabetes project to understand the barriers people face in SG and inform future interventions and support	• Identification of additional falls prevention interventions • Developed a business case to expand and sustain the Falls 24/7 community response service	• Approved and implemented a SG LP decision making framework	• Developed a systematic approach to the use of Data & Insights to inform the Partnership's work

SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE JOINT HEALTH & WELLBEING STRATEGY: 2025/26 Focus Areas

1. Place-Based working 2. Healthy Weight 3. Housing and wellbeing 4. Children and young people

Version: 2.0 FINAL 21st May 2025

Looking Ahead to 2026-27

What's coming up in 2026-27

- New members: Care and Support West, South Glos Equalities Forum, South Glos GP/Practice Manager
- South Gloucestershire Neighbourhood Wellbeing, Health and Care Plan development and governance
- Review Health and Wellbeing Board terms of reference 2027-28
- Better Care Fund governance arrangements and approval
- Delivery and monitoring of the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2025-29 strategic commitments and year 2 areas of focus, via meetings of the Senior Officer Group and Locality Partnership Delivery Group; and Annual Report to Health and Wellbeing Board
- Joint Development sessions on Year 2 Areas of Focus:
  - Neighbourhood Health – work as a Board to develop a Neighbourhood Wellbeing, Health and Care Plan for South Gloucestershire
  - Housing and Wellbeing
  - Strengthen community involvement and our use of community insights in decision-making
- Sign off partnership strategies and plans relating to health and wellbeing (e.g. Drug and Alcohol Strategy)
- Annual updates from partnerships and boards reporting to the Health and Wellbeing Board

Recommended Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy Annual focus areas for Year 2 (2026-27)

Health & Wellbeing Board South Gloucestershire

Neighbourhood Health across the life course – work as a Board to develop the Neighbourhood Wellbeing, Health and Care Plan for South Gloucestershire
Lead: NHS South Glos Locality Partnership Director and Director of Public Health

Housing and Wellbeing – continue to work as a Board to develop a Housing and Wellbeing Plan for South Gloucestershire
Lead: Service Director – Commissioning, Performance and Housing (SGC)

Strengthen community involvement and our use of community insights in decision-making
Lead: VCSE partners on Health and Wellbeing Board and Director of Public Health

The agreed principles for selecting annual focus areas are:

- Target local need identified in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
- Offer opportunity for the Health and Wellbeing Board to deliver on its five commitments
- Be able to benefit from Health and Wellbeing Board support to drive progress
- Be focused and achievable within a 12-month period
- Be the next development of previous Health and Wellbeing Board focus areas OR a new policy priority which requires system leadership
- Be local, system or national priorities

Note:
It is proposed to no longer have the 2025-26 areas of focus on Healthy Weight and Children and Young People as the workstreams are now business as usual, with established delivery mechanisms in place no longer requiring the Board's focused attention. Children's health and wellbeing will also be a key consideration within the Neighbourhood Health area of focus.

Board meetings and Joint Development Sessions in 2026-27

Board Meetings	Joint Development Sessions
16 July 2026 10.00, Badminton Road Office	4 June 2026 Sunnyside Pavillion, Yate
6 October 2026 10.00, Kingswood Civic Centre	17 September 2026 09.00, Poole Court, Yate
14 January 2027 10.00 Kingswood Civic Centre	3 December 2026 13.00, Badminton Road Office
9 March 2027 10.00, Kingswood Civic Centre	22 April 2027 09.00, venue to be confirmed

Risk Assessment

As part of its Annual Report, the Health and Wellbeing Board is required to update its annual risk assessment for the year ahead.

The updated risk assessment for 2026-27 can be found at Appendix 2 of the Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Report 2025-26 to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 16 July 2026.

Agenda for Health & Wellbeing Board on Thursday, 16th July, 2026, 10.00 am - South Gloucestershire Council

Membership and Attendance 2025-26

Membership 2025-26

Health & Wellbeing Board
South Gloucestershire

South Gloucestershire Council
Delivering with you

NHS
Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire
Integrated Care Board

healthwatch

NHS
North Bristol
NHS Trust

Bromford.

Sirona care & health

SOUTHERN BROOKS

NHS
Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership
NHS Trust

Avon and Somerset Police
SERVE.PROTECT.RESPECT.

cvs south gloucestershire
supporting developing representing

AVON FIRE & RESCUE

Circadian Trust
giving more

NHS
South Western Ambulance Service
NHS Foundation Trust

The Town and Parish Councils Forum

Meeting attendance 2025-2026

Members	Board meetings x4	Development Sessions x4
Cabinet Member for Adults & Homes (HWB Chair)	4	4
Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	4	2
Cabinet Member for Cost of Living, Equalities and Public Health (Vice Chair)	4	2
BNSSG ICB, South Glos Locality Partnership Director/Chair	4	2
Director of Public Health, SGC	4	4
Director of People, SGC	3	1
Director of Adults, Housing and Community Development, SGC	3	1
Service Director of Community Development, SGC	2	1
Healthwatch South Glos	3	1
Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership	0	1
North Bristol Trust	3	1
Sirona care and health	3	4
Avon & Somerset Police	1	0
South West Ambulance Service	0	0
Bromford	2	3
Avon Fire & Rescue	1	0
Southern Brooks Community Partnership	3	2
CVS South Gloucestershire	3	2
Circadian Trust	4	2
Town and Parish Council Forum	3	0