



**Item 6**

**21st April 2026**

**Glasgow Community Planning Partnership.**

**Baillieston Area Partnership.**

**Report by North East Sector Health Improvement Team, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership**

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**HSCP Health Improvement Update- March 26**

**Purpose of Report:**

To provide the Area Partnership with an update on HSCP activity at a city and NE locality level and provide Health Improvement Ward level information, where relevant.

**Recommendations:**

The Area Partnership is asked to note the information contained in the update and share this with relevant partners across the Ward area. They are also asked to consider how this information may influence future decisions made by the Partnership.

**Glasgow City Health & Social Care Partnership  
North East Locality  
Area Partnership Update – April 2026 meeting cycle**

## **HSCP CITY LEVEL UPDATE**

### **HSCP Partnership Matters**

The HSCP's Partnership Matters briefing highlights some of the work that's happening across the HSCP with partners. It currently includes featured updates and announcements, news items and upcoming meetings and events.

The January/February 2026 briefing can be found [here](#).

Other bulletins and updates, including our Primary Care Improvement Plan (PCIP) Bulletin can be found [here](#).

### **Glasgow City Health Improvement Training Calendar**

The Glasgow City Health Improvement Training Calendar offers online and face-to-face training on a variety of health priorities and themes. Courses and online learning are facilitated by Glasgow City Health Improvement or provided by external organisations and are free of charge, offered on a first come first served basis. These courses are aimed at practitioners supporting people and communities across the life span in Glasgow City. It can be found [here](#).

### **Glasgow City Health Improvement Annual Report 2024/25**

The report details key developments and accomplishments over the year, demonstrating how Health Improvement has continued to advance health and wellbeing, address health inequalities, and enhance support for individuals and communities across the city. This year's report reflects the ongoing commitment to addressing poverty, mental health and inequality, recognising them as primary drivers of poor health across the city, and can be found [here](#).

### **Expanded Education Health & Wellbeing Website – Supporting HSCP Staff Working with Children, Young People & Families**

The [Education Health and Wellbeing Website](#), originally developed for education staff in Glasgow City, has now been expanded with information to support all professionals working with children, young people and families. We recognise that many teams deliver vital support to children, young people and families, and the info on key health themes and topics may be of use. There is a short user testing survey that is currently gathering feedback on the website <https://forms.office.com/e/BTYzU1f5Tj>. For further info contact [ggc.educationhwb@nhs.scot](mailto:ggc.educationhwb@nhs.scot).

### **Children's Services**

#### **The Joint Inspection of Services for Children and Young People at Risk of Harm in Glasgow City – Good Evaluation Rating**

Inspectors found a range of strengths in how children and young people at risk are kept safe and supported, with most families benefiting from caring relationships, collaborative leadership and effective use of data to improve services - supporting a *Good* overall evaluation. Available [here](#).

#### **Children's Services Plan 2026–29 (CSP 26–29)**

Work is underway to co-create the next Integrated Children's Services Plan for 2026–29, with children, young people, families and partners shaping priorities through a strong children's rights and UNCRC lens. The draft plan focuses on six interconnected priorities, including voice and participation, tackling child poverty, safety and protection, family and community support, health and wellbeing, and inclusive learning and future pathways. The next multi-agency development session is taking place mid-March 2026 at the Emirates Arena. If you're interested in participating – please contact Planning and Change Officer, HSCP - [vince.henry@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:vince.henry@glasgow.gov.uk)

### **The Promise – Glasgow’s Plan 2024–30**

Glasgow has refreshed its Promise Plan for 2024–30, building on learning from the 2021–24 period and aligning future actions to the five foundations of The Promise: Voice, Family, Care, People and Scaffolding. The updated plan places relationships at the heart of system change and is being used to guide ongoing improvement across Children’s Services and the wider partnership.

### **Preventing Youth Homelessness – Ask and Act Fund**

Funding has been secured through the Ask and Act Fund to pilot enhanced approaches to preventing youth homelessness, particularly for care-experienced young people and other vulnerable groups. The programme will test strengthened Ask and Act pathways within the Youth Housing Protocol, embed early identification of housing risk, improve access to tenancies, and provide flexible, trauma-informed support to sustain tenancies and prevent homelessness at an earlier stage. See [here](#).

### **Service Review Programme (City-wide)**

Glasgow City HSCP is progressing a multi-year Service Review Programme overseen by the Integration Joint Board (IJB), responding to sustained financial pressures. IJB papers set out that the programme is focused on prioritising critical and substantial care, alongside a planned shift toward prevention, early intervention and redesigned community-based support, recognising that these approaches are essential to long-term sustainability. The approach emphasises transparency, co-production and meaningful engagement, including structured engagement with people with lived experience, Local Engagement Forums and third-sector partners, to ensure that decisions are informed by the impact on individuals, families and communities.

Further detail on the Service Review programme, method and related decisions is available through Glasgow City Integration Joint Board papers and committee reports, published on the Glasgow City HSCP website. Click [here](#) to access.

### **Children & Young People’s mental health & wellbeing supports & services guide**

A guide to understanding the support system in place for CYP MH, when a referral to CAMHS might be appropriate, and what other supports are available offering more choice and availability. The resource is being promoted to anyone who works with or comes into contact with families seeking support. The guide is available [here](#).

For further info contact: [Barbara.Adzajlic@nhs.scot](mailto:Barbara.Adzajlic@nhs.scot)

### **Tackling Drug Stigma is Everyone’s Business**

NHSGGC Stigma Action Group have developed a Drug Stigma Framing Document - "Tackling Drug Stigma is Everyone’s Business". Stigma is a barrier to good health and quality of life. People affected by drugs tell us they’ve experienced stigma in many places - in health and care services, in their street and at home, in local shops and in the workplace. This really matters. Stigma is one of the biggest barriers to accessing support, and engaging in care is the strongest protective factor against drug overdose and death. We don’t all need to be experts, but we all have a role in tackling stigma. The Framing Document is the first in a suite of resources to tackle drug stigma. To find out more click [here](#).

For further info contact [morven.bell2@nhs.scot](mailto:morven.bell2@nhs.scot)

### **Suicide Prevention Scotland National Campaign**

The next phase of Scotland’s co-produced public awareness suicide prevention campaign launched on 26 February 2026 - [What if asking about suicide could save a life?](#) The campaign builds on 'What if a conversation about suicide could save a life?' This phase of the campaign focusses more specifically on asking someone if they are thinking about suicide. A new guide has been launched to help people with 'how to ask'. The campaign includes a TV ad (Scotland-wide),

radio ad, rail and bus ads in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee, Inverness and Aberdeen, paid social media and a rich programme of organic digital/social content.

Organisations can register and request free resources [here](#).

For further info contact [michelle.hunt@nhs.scot](mailto:michelle.hunt@nhs.scot)

### **Partners Unite for Creating Hope Together: Community-Led Research Informing Action on Suicide Prevention for Asylum Seekers and Refugees**

The Human Rights Day Lunch & Learn session held in December 2025 had a significant impact, bringing together 24 partners, including education colleagues, from across the city to explore the community-led suicide prevention research findings, carried out by Anna Byatt at Rosemount Lifelong Learning, with insights generated directly from asylum seekers and refugees.

The session created a powerful space for learning, with participants describing the research as insightful, important and deeply moving, highlighting how inequalities and daily challenges can heighten suicide risk. Breakout discussions encouraged attendees to reflect on immediate actions organisations can take, as well as longer-term structural changes needed to ensure community voices meaningfully shape policy and decision-making.

Many expressed that this felt like the start of something, prompting renewed commitment to embedding inclusion, dignity and human rights into their work. Feedback emphasised that “the research doesn’t finish here”, with colleagues leaving motivated to share key messages, influence change and support efforts that reduce inequality and strengthen protective environments for asylum seekers and refugees.

You can watch the video [here](#). For further info contact [chloe.frew@nhs.scot](mailto:chloe.frew@nhs.scot)

### **Cross city event on Asylum and refugees health**

On 4th of February 2026, the Building Inclusive Communities: Addressing Discrimination and Inequality online event brought together 92 participants from over 60 organisations, demonstrating strong cross-sector commitment to tackling discrimination and promoting inclusion. The session provided a constructive space for shared learning, dialogue, and partnership building, with a focus on the impact of anti-immigrant narratives on people seeking asylum and refugee communities.

Speakers from CRER (Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights), G15 Thriving Places Drumchapel, the Mental Health Foundation, and the HSCP Health Improvement Team shared findings of [2024 Minority Ethnic Health and Wellbeing Survey](#), community practice, lived-experience-informed resources, and local data, highlighting links between systemic racism, discrimination, mental health, and wider health inequalities while showcasing practical approaches to solidarity and community cohesion.

The next online event will be in June 2026 during Refugee Week (17–23 June 2026).

For further info contact [ggc.northeasthealthimprovementteam.admin@nhs.scot](mailto:ggc.northeasthealthimprovementteam.admin@nhs.scot)

### **Glasgow City Food Plan**

The [Glasgow City Food Plan Annual report \(2024-2025\)](#) is now available; please feel free to circulate this to your networks.

### **Young Men's Mental Health Project**

HI staff across Glasgow City are supporting schools, in a mentoring capacity, in relation to improving young men's mental health and wellbeing. This is a 1-year project and is in partnership with various organisations.

For further info contact [ggc.nehitschools@nhs.scot](mailto:ggc.nehitschools@nhs.scot)

### **NHSGGC Health & Wellbeing Survey Thematic Reports**

Following up from the NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Adult Health & Wellbeing survey 22/23 the following thematic reports have been published:

- [Mental Health of the Greater Glasgow and Clyde Adult Population 2022/23](#)
- [Women's Health in Greater Glasgow and Clyde 2022/23](#)
- [Long term conditions and multimorbidity in Greater Glasgow and Clyde 2022/23](#)
- [Glasgow City thematic poverty report: findings from the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde 2022/23 Health and Wellbeing Survey](#)
- [Maintaining healthy weight in the Greater Glasgow and Clyde adult population 2022/23](#)
- [NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde 2024 Minority Ethnic Health and Wellbeing Survey](#)

## NE LOCALITY LEVEL UPDATE

### Community Infrastructure & Partnership Working

**Parkhead Hub** and **The Thistle** both reach their one year milestone in 2026, representing significant investment in the North East's health, social care and community infrastructure.

#### About Parkhead Hub:

Parkhead Hub has been developed as a flagship example of collaborative, place-based working, bringing together health, social care, community and third sector partners in one accessible location.

The Hub adopts a Community Network Approach:

- The multi-agency Network Task Group facilitates bringing together services and community organisations together within the Hub.
- Activities aligned with the Community Network Approach include regular community pop-ups raising awareness of local supports; one-to-one supports; group activities and large-scale community events.
- The bookable community space is used by around 25 organisations each month (and growing).
- Local Engagement Forums shaping services around community priorities meeting quarterly in the Hub.
- Over 1,000 sessions delivered and nearly 7,000 participations were reached between April and December 2025 as part of the Community Network Approach.
- If you want to find out more about the Community Network Approach, and/or are a community organisation interesting in having a pop-up or provide support within the Hub – please contact the Community Engagement and Equalities Officer: [jacqueline.shearer2@nhs.scot](mailto:jacqueline.shearer2@nhs.scot)

Further information and regular updates on Parkhead Hub activity are available [here](#).

#### About The Thistle – Safer Drug Consumption Facility

The Thistle is the first Safer Drug Consumption Facility in the UK, established through partnership working led by Glasgow City HSCP.

It provides a supervised healthcare setting aimed at:

- Reducing harm for individuals who inject drugs
- Reducing the impact of outdoor injecting on local communities
- Supporting people to access wider health, social care and recovery supports.

Further information and ongoing updates on The Thistle are available [here](#), with regularly published service data available [here](#).

#### North East Youth Network 'Hubcap' Meeting

40 people attended the February meeting at Easterhouse Sports Centre. The session featured contributions on the Glasgow Life Community Activity Finder, Quit Your Way smoking and vaping information, and user testing for the Health and Wellbeing website. Discussion tables focused on

three themes: Mental Health Peer Support, Gender-Based Violence (supported by Glasgow Girls Club and Glasgow Women's Aid), and Local Updates. A newsletter summarising key discussions can be found [here](#).

Next Hubcap meeting is on Monday 18th of May 13.15 - 15.30 at Parkhead Hub.

For further info contact [chloe.frew@nhs.scot](mailto:chloe.frew@nhs.scot)

### **North East Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Network Meeting – 09.02.2025**

Our February North East Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Network meeting was packed with valuable insights, updates and shared learning from partners.

This month's meeting had a focus on CYP with key discussions around Children's Mental Health Week 2026, including what's working well locally, current challenges and priorities moving forward.

Spotlights featured contributions on the developmental understanding of death and suicide by Educational Psychology, advocacy support for parents by The Advocacy Project based in Parkhead Hub, and young people's mental health services support guide. Updates were also provided by a range of services and projects.

The next meeting date is Monday 27th April, 9.30–11.30am, John Ferguson Room, Ground Floor, PHI Hub. Two organizations invited for the spotlight on services are Showmen's Mental Health Awareness Charity and Venture Scotland. For further info contact [chloe.frew@nhs.scot](mailto:chloe.frew@nhs.scot)

See the latest newsletter [here](#)

### **Child & Youth Team links with Education Services**

The HI Child & Youth Team have been actively engaging with all individual schools across the North East this academic year to discuss local health and wellbeing priorities. This engagement has included promotion of the Glasgow City Health & Wellbeing website (see above).

For further info contact [ggc.nehitschools@nhs.scot](mailto:ggc.nehitschools@nhs.scot)

### **Quit Your Way Service (North East)**

Quit Your Way Stop Smoking Services offer free information and support, including Varenicline and Nicotine Replacement Therapy to those who want to stop smoking. We deliver a range of group, 1-2-1, telephone and app services. More information can be found [here](#).

For more info contact [ceri.chalmers@nhs.scot](mailto:ceri.chalmers@nhs.scot)

### **North East Women's Health**

The Women's Health Roundtable session was organised by the North East Health Improvement Team in partnership with the Scottish Women's Convention at the Parkhead Hub on 28 November 2025. The event aimed to discuss and understand the challenges faced by women in the North East, with 30 attendees present. The session brought together stakeholders from health services, community organisations, and local women, who generously shared their lived experiences. The final report is expected to be published in March 2026.

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