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Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership

South Locality

Area Partnership Update: November 2026

Glasgow City

Partnership Matters Briefing: Partnership Matters Briefing - Autumn Edition 2026 | Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership

Cost of Living Guide: Glasgow City HSCP Cost of Living Support Guide

What's On Booklet for Asylum Seekers and Refugees: Information booklet for asylum seekers and refugees, "What's On,". The resource provides information about Glasgow-based organisations, predominantly South Glasgow, that offer support and FREE activities, groups, events, workshops, and many more opportunities for asylum seekers and refugees to integrate into local communities, meet others, and learn new skills. The resource is now available in 9 languages: English, Arabic, Cantonese, Farsi, Kurdish Sorani, Mandarin, Polish, Punjabi, Urdu, and Vietnamese. You can access the resource via Your Support Your Way Glasgow - Information leaflets (yoursupportglasgow.org)

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 Heath 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. Glasgow City Health Improvement Training Calendar - NHSGGC

Child Poverty Accelerator Fund Update: following a successful application to the Scottish Government Child Poverty Accelerator Fund, Glasgow has secured £100,000 over two years to revisit *Poverty: Our Hidden Shame* a decade on and explore young people's current lived experience of poverty across the city.

We are delighted to have successfully re-engaged five members of the original Create Crew who were involved in producing the first documentary. Early engagement activity is already underway with young people in Govan, Cardonald College (through The King's Trust) and Carlton, with further engagement planned across the city.

The project will capture young people's voices and experiences, helping to understand how poverty has changed over the last ten years, identify emerging challenges, and inform future action at both local and city-wide levels. Area Partnerships may find this work particularly relevant as it develops and are encouraged to follow progress and consider opportunities to connect local engagement activity. Further information, including the original *Poverty: Our Hidden Shame* document, can be accessed here Hidden Poverty — HIIC

Youth Bank Glasgow Update: Health Improvement, in partnership with Glasgow Life and Glasgow City Council Communities Team, is progressing the development of a new Youth Bank – youth engagement model across Glasgow. Local Youth Bank groups are currently being established in each locality, with young people undertaking training and development to support their role as decision-makers. The model places young people at the centre of decisions, enabling them to assess applications and award funding to projects that matter most to their communities. Training is now underway, with the first grant-giving rounds expected to take place in the new year. This will provide opportunities for young people to direct resources towards local initiatives that address issues and priorities identified by their peers.

Alongside the local Youth Banks, we will host twice-yearly citywide Youth Summits, bringing together young people from across Glasgow to discuss the issues that are most important to them, share experiences, influence decision-making, and help shape future priorities for the city. Further updates will be shared as local groups become fully operational and preparations begin for the first funding rounds.

South Locality

HSCP Planning: Glasgow South Locality Engagement Forum (LEF) current update and planned activity. A meeting of the South LEF took place at Samaritan House Govanhill on June 18th. This meeting was well attended by members of the Community, local projects and HSCP and GCC officers. Key themes discussed:

- The role and function of the HSCP and the purpose of Locality Engagement.
- The HSCP's STEP forward programme
- Updates from local groups and officers including Govanhill Housing Association and Nan McKay Community Hall.

The most recent meeting of the South LEF took place **November 6th** at **Castlemilk Parish Church**. Key items on the agenda were:

- An update on the HSCP'S STEP Forward Programme
- An input from Glasgow South Carer's Centre and information and discussion about services available to Carers.
- The provision of stalls to allow for networking between attendees and local projects and HSCP services.

The following stall holders attended:

- Glasgow South Carers Service
- COJAC Centre
- MacMillan: Improving the Cancer Journey
- Alzheimer's Scotland
- Glasgow HSCP Locality Engagement
- Glasgow HSCP Assistive Technology Team
- Castlemilk Wellbeing Hub
- Royal National Institute for the Deaf (RNID)

South LEF Attendance and Input to the City Wide LEF

Representatives from the South Sector attended the City Wide LEF on October 7th. The city wide LEF was focused on the STEP Forward programme and key themes discussed included.

- Details of the recent and current STEP Forward activity including reviews undertaken and those planned for the near future.
- Information about the decisions taken.
- Information about consultation that has been undertaken and further planned activity.
- Dialogue with and a commitment to involve and engage with Locality Engagement Forums around further STEP Forward activity.

Planning for 2027

Proposed themes for South LEF Meetings in 2027 are:

- Primary Care Services
- Technology and its role in the Community to support Health and Care
- Planning your Care: Future Care planning why and how
- Prevention and early intervention- Activities and Opportunities

For more information about South LEF: South Locality Engagement Forum | Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership

Health Improvement: Quit Your Way Service: The Quit Your Way stop smoking service supports clients at face-to-face clinics as well as our telephone support offering to help people quit smoking. Face to face clinics are in operation: Kellock Pharmacy, The Braes Shopping Centre, Dougrie Drive, Castlemilk, G45 9AA on Tuesdays 1-3pm and we have recently opened a new clinic in Pollok Health Centre, 21 Cowglen Road, Pollok, G53 6EQ on Thursdays between 10am-1pm. To make an appointment, please call the team on 0800 028 5208. After a successful pilot in Glasgow City, we've extended the use of a smoking cessation app as an additional method of support. **For more information and for specialist smoking cessation support please call the Quit Your Way team on 0800 028 5208**

Henry programme: Homepage | HENRY: continues to be delivered in South Glasgow on behalf of NHS GGC HENRY - NHSGGC by Early Years Scotland.

Groups are for 0-5 years and 5-12 years. The 0-5 groups which run for 8 weeks, (for families across South). A range of workshops over a 6-week period based on the Henry Programme also continue. For further information and dates see here: Henry Information | Early Years Scotland

Breastfeeding Support: breastfeeding support groups continue to meet weekly at the following venues:

- **Monday:** St Francis Centre, Gorbals: **12.30pm - 2:00pm**
- **Tuesday**: Home-Start Warm Place, Pollokshaws: **9.30am - 11:30pm**
- **Friday:** Pollok Library and leisure Centre: **12.45pm- 2:15pm**

These groups provide a welcoming space for pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers and families to access breastfeeding support, meet other parents, and receive advice from trained peer supporters.

Starting Solids Sessions: We continue to provide starting solids sessions in the South. There are 2 remaining sessions taking place this year on Wednesday 28th October at Crossreach Daisy Chain in Govanhill at 10 am and at TURF Neighbourhood Hub on Thursday 5th November at 10 am. We have a further two sessions planned for 2027. On 19th January 2027 at Castlemilk Parish Church and then at SWAMP, Brockburn Rd. Pollok on Wednesday 9th March at 10 am.

These sessions support parents and carers to introduce solid foods safely and confidently, providing evidence-based information on when and how to start solids. Each session includes input from a Dietitian, Oral Health Practitioner, and Speech and Language Therapist, providing guidance on infant nutrition, healthy eating, and oral health. Families also watch a demonstration video showing how to prepare a simple, nutritious meal for their baby and receive a food bag containing ingredients to recreate the recipe at home.

Southside Central

Sustain (Govanhill & East Pollokshields): At their last meeting, Sustain agreed to look at developing a Social Prescribing programme that will deliver garden, growing and therapeutic nature-based activity using a Trauma Informed approach. The Project aims to support those experiencing challenges such as long-term health conditions, physical and mental health, those who wish to increase physical activity and those experiencing loneliness and social isolation. Referral pathways will be open to organisations, GP Practice's, including those from Community Links Workers and those who wish to self-refer, this approach provides us with an opportunity to connect with non-medical, as well as medical supports in the community. Any organisations who would like to find out more or meet to discuss, please contact John Casey, Health Improvement Senior at John.Casey3@nhs.scot

Safer Steps in Govanhill: WISE Women, supported by Health improvement, are delivering two Safer Steps programmes in Govanhill. The first programme is underway with an ethnically diverse group of 9 - 10 women who use Crossreach

Daisy Chain services; recruited through wider women's health promotion work. Staff identified a need for confidence building and personal safety workshops; women have shared experiences of domestic abuse, stress and caring for children with additional needs. The programme has highlighted the health benefits of walking and greenspaces. Participants said they avoid walking locally after dark. WISE Women have explored fear, negativity and discrimination, and taught participants to use their voices and self defence skills. Women have photographed places in Govanhill where they feel unsafe; the programme will conclude with a led safety tour and report. A second programme for Govanhill Housing tenants will begin in mid-January 2027.

Roma Young Women Health Needs Assessment (HNA): Traci Leven Research has been commissioned by Govanhill COPC to deliver this research project; work commenced during October. Regular progress reports will be submitted via the HNA Subgroup with presentations to the wider COPC group at quarterly meetings. The project will work to the following timetable:

- Phase 1 - literature and data review - from now until 11th December
- Phase 2 - engagement with stakeholders and service providers - from 2nd November to 11th December
- Interim summary report by 21st December
- Validation and Planning event - afternoon of 18th February
- Phase 3 - interviews and groups with young Roma women - 1st March to 7th May
- Verbal debrief w/c 17th May
- Draft report by end June
- Final report - mid July

Govanhill COPC: Next meeting 3rd December, 12:30 – 1:30 on MS Teams, for information contact Al Breen allison.mckenna-breen@nhs.scot

Whole Family Support through General Practice: This Scottish Government funded project has expanded from operating across 12 GP practices in the city to 24 and now includes Victoria Practice (Govanhill). The project has a part-time Family Wellbeing Worker allocated to each practice, they can connect families to a package of support. As the project develops, Thrive under 5 will provide eligible families with food shopping support, vouchers for basic cooking equipment and meal ingredient packs.