



Public Health Functions and Duties

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Who are we?

- The total number of staff within the Core PH Team is 17 WTE which includes 3 apprentices (currently have 3 additional fixed term staff using external funding and 2 PH registrars on placement)
- PH also contribute to PH Consultant role within South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS foundation Trust and the Integrated Care Board
- Domestic Abuse Team – Restart – have 14.2 WTE inc. manager, 2 deputy managers, 3 x Independent Domestic Violence Advisers (IDVAs), 2 perpetrator workers, Young Person Violence Advisers (YPVAs) and family workers along with 2 parenting workers
- Young People's Substance Misuse Team – Matrix – have 6.6 WTE inc. manager and 5 x practitioners
- Our commissioned services are also an extension of our workforce including our Health Visitors and School Nurses, Sexual Health Clinicians, drug and alcohol recovery workers, GP's, Pharmacies and our third sector agencies e.g. ACTS, FCC, and Rape Crisis



Public Health Statutory Role

- Local government has a long-standing public health role, originally developed to address **poor housing, sanitation, working conditions and the wider effects of industrialisation.**
- Since 2013, local authorities have had a statutory responsibility for improving and protecting the public's health under the **Health and Social Care Act 2012.**
- This role was designed to **place health and wellbeing at the centre of local authority activity**, including planning, leisure, and services for children and young people.
- Local authorities receive a **ring-fenced Public Health Grant from the Department of Health and Social Care** to support these responsibilities.
- The grant is intended to fund activity that:
 - improves the health and wellbeing of local populations;
 - delivers delegated health protection and health improvement functions (and associated services);
 - reduces health inequalities across the life course;
 - provides population healthcare advice to the NHS.



Public Health Grant and Assurance

- In South Tyneside, the original Public Health Grant was **£12.5m in 2013/14**.
- Additional responsibilities have transferred since 2013, including health visiting services in 2016, oral health prevention, stop smoking service requirements, and expansion of addiction services.
- The Public Health Grant now stands at **£17.5m in 2026/27**.
- Had the Public Health Grant from 2016/17 kept pace with inflation (CPI) it would now be **£20.3m** in 2026/27.
- Starting in 2026/27, Local Authority Public Health functions will be subject to an **external peer review process**
- **Commissioned clinical services** are subject to CQC inspection.



Public Health Funding

- Public Health Grant 26/27 is £17.5m
 - The grant is to cover the following key areas

Category of Spend

- Children's Public Health
- Emotional Health and Wellbeing
- General Public Health
- Health checks
- Obesity
- Domestic Abuse and other small contracts
- Sexual Health
- Smoking
- Staff Salaries and Overheads
- Substance Misuse





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South Tyneside
Adult Recovery Service

BALANCE
Reducing alcohol harm



Hospitality
& HOPE

NHS
Harrogate and District
NHS Foundation Trust

ACTS
age concern
TYNESIDE SOUTH



Spectrum
Community Health CIC

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Making Smoking History



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ENABLING HEALTHY CHANGE

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Public Health Funding

- £5.3m of Public Health Grant 26/27 contributes to internal Council Services
 - Public Health Policy
 - Anti-poverty Co-ordination
 - Social Navigators in Welfare Support
 - Business and Community Response
 - Local Area Co-ordination and Adult Social Care Prevention
 - Road Safety
 - Leisure Services
 - Family Hubs
 - Supported Accommodation for Adults with Complex Needs



Public Health - What do we do?

- Population health across the life course
- Prevention and early interventions
- Focussed on reducing health inequalities and strengthening work of the wider determinants of health
- Improving outcomes for people and communities
- Working across the system to maximise opportunities to improve health and wellbeing



How do we do that?

- Public Health works in a range of ways to achieve improved health and wellbeing for our communities
 - Intelligence, evidence and research
 - Collaboration and partnership working
 - Influencing policy and strategy development
 - Health improvement
 - Health protection and surveillance of diseases
 - Service provision and commissioning



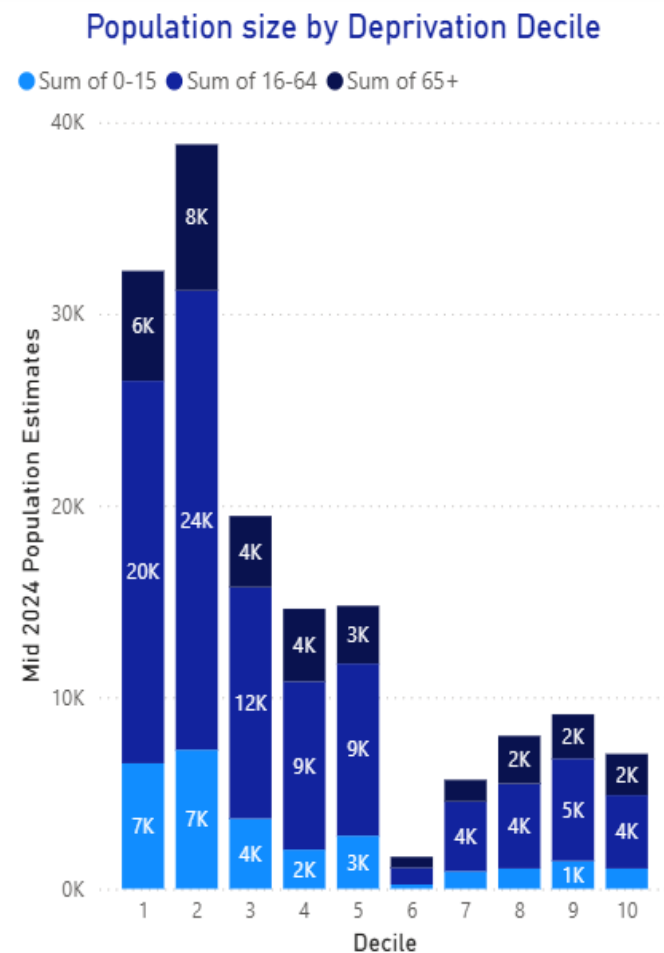
Intelligence, Evidence and Research

- Joint Strategic Needs and Assets Assessment (JSNAA)
- Evidence based interventions and practices
- Evaluation and insights work
- Research – building evidence or adding to existing
- Utilising tools e.g. power BI dashboards, Data observatory

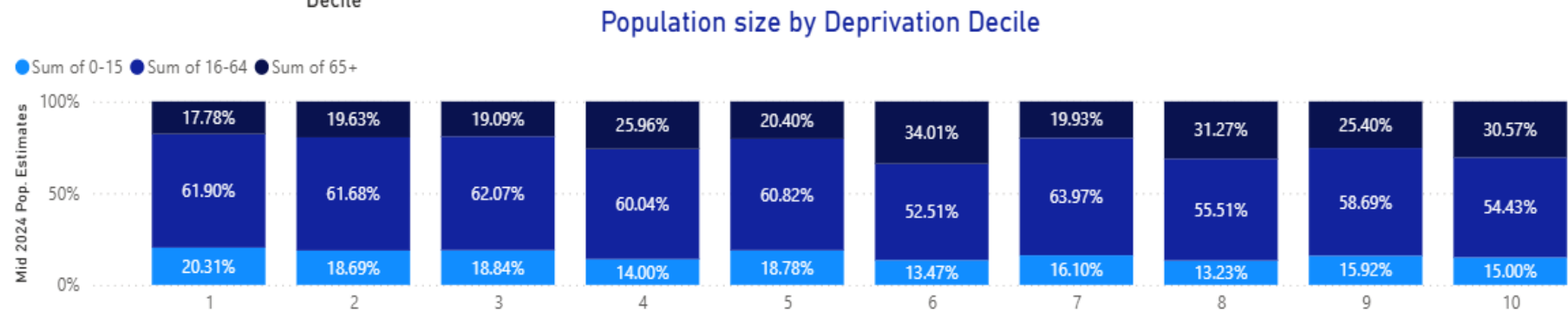
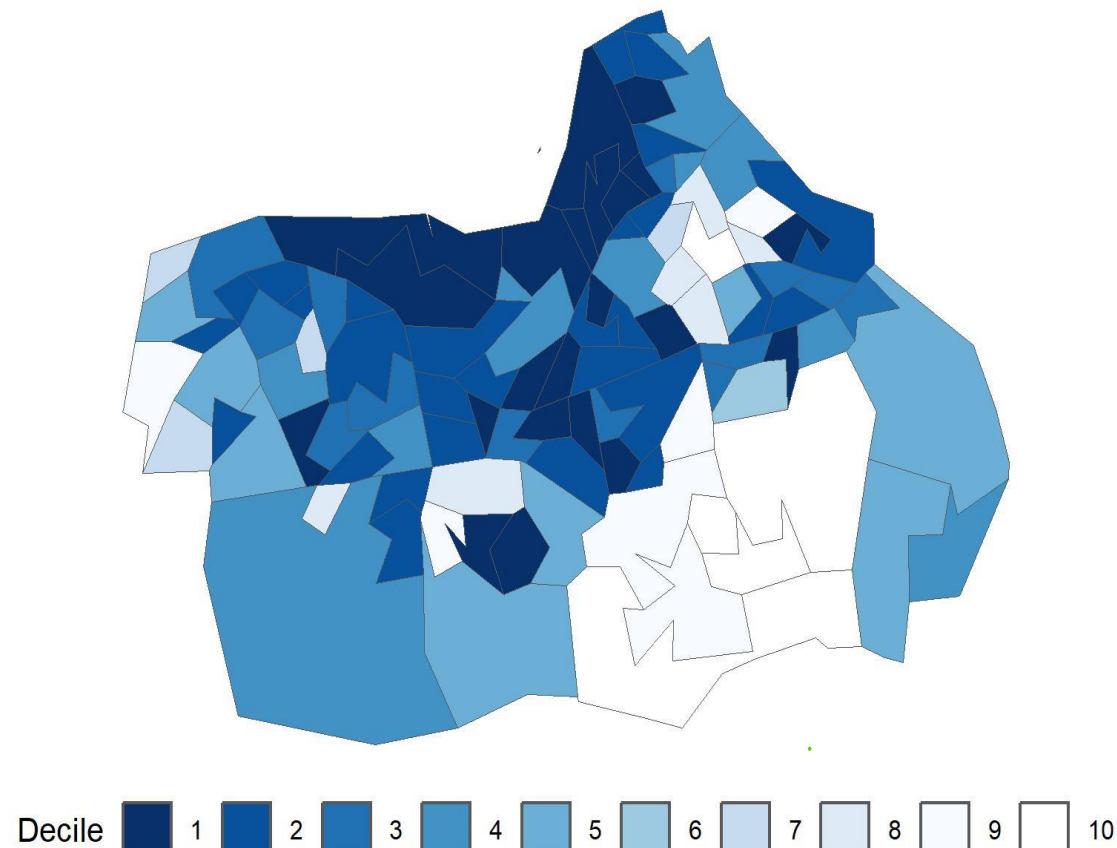


Nearly half of the South Tyneside population live in the 20% most deprived areas in England

The more deprived areas tend to have higher proportion of people aged under 16 years old and lower proportion of people aged 65 plus.



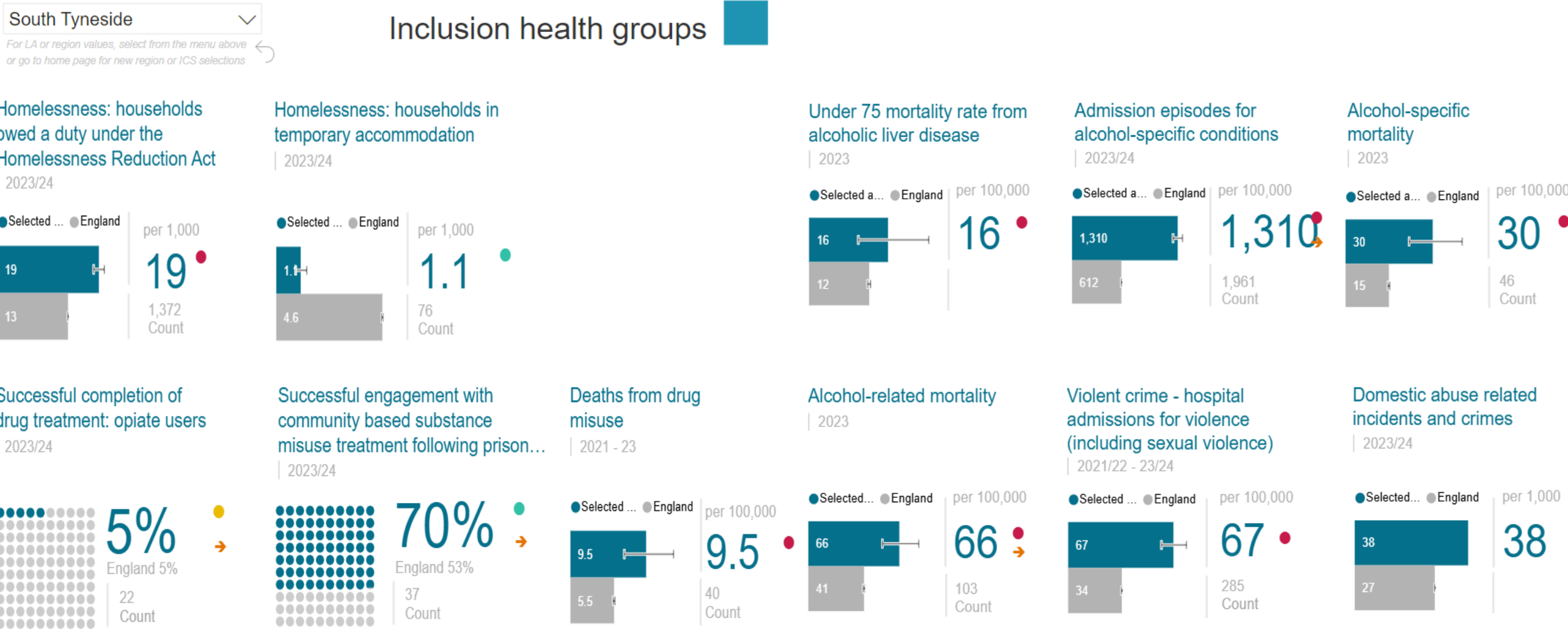
Index of multiple deprivation 2025 by LSOA2021



South Tyneside has relatively high proportions of population groups with complex needs

South Tyneside has significantly higher rates of violent crime related hospital admissions, deaths from drug misuse and alcohol related hospital admissions compared to England.

The rate of homelessness: households in temporary accommodation is significantly lower than the national average.



Collaboration and Partnership Working

- Alliancing
- Working across the health and care system
- Working at place to influence wider determinants of health – transport, skills, environment, housing
- Working at locality, regional and national level to influence policy and practice
- Devolution – reform of public services, education and skills, multiple disadvantage



Influencing Policy and Strategy Development

- Advocating for health in all policies e.g. Council Vision and ambitions, Health and Wellbeing Strategy, etc
- Providing evidence and intelligence to inform policy and strategy recommendations e.g. all age accommodation, living better lives, community safety plan
- Challenging decisions or policies that will impact on inequalities or disproportionately affect the most vulnerable
- Promoting evidence-based interventions to achieve better outcomes - investing in prevention
- Creating the case for return on investment, evaluation on impact and outcomes
- Using health equity and impact assessment tools



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Our Health and Wellbeing vision:

"Work in partnership to improve the health, wellbeing and quality of life for children, adults and families and reduce health inequalities, to help people live longer and healthier lives."

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CROSS CUTTING THEMES

Fair delivery of service

Evaluate and understand and mitigate inequalities in access, delivery, uptake and impact

Public involvement and community engagement

Continually engage and partner with the public and communities to co-produce services fit for their purposes

Health Improvement

- Raise awareness of key lifestyle factors that can improve health and wellbeing e.g. healthy diet, oral health, physical activity
- Provision of interventions to change behaviours to reduce health harms and lives lost to ill health – e.g. stop smoking, substance misuse services, sexual health
- Promoting the importance of vaccinations and routine screening programmes e.g. Flu, Cervical, Bowel and Breast screening, Ante natal and newborn
- Training and building skills in the workforce and communities
- We deliver this programme through 3 strands
 - Best start in life
 - Living Well
 - Ageing Well



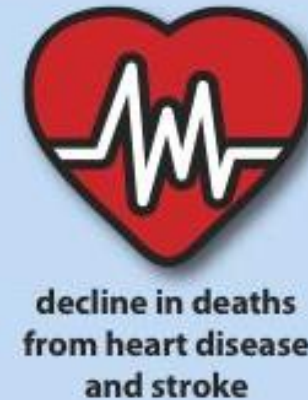
Health Protection and Surveillance

- Working with health and care partners to prevent the spread of infectious diseases
- Collating evidence and intelligence on new and emerging threats
- Monitoring trends and outbreaks e.g. measles, whooping cough, Covid
- Emergency Preparedness – developing plans and responses that are tested to minimise impact and harm as a result of a health protection incident
- Providing assurance, advice and guidance



Provide and Commission Services

- Services are evidence based, needs informed, outcome focussed, delivering high quality, effective and equitable provision
- Public Health are required to commission several services either as a mandatory service or to discharge the function of protecting the health of the local population e.g.
 - 0-19 service (health visitors and school nurses)
 - Sexual health
 - Stop smoking and Tobacco Control
 - Drug and Alcohol Treatment services for young people and Adults
 - NHS Health checks
 - Public Health Training
 - Flu vaccinations for Staff and vulnerable groups



Domestic Abuse Duties

- Statutory duties within the Domestic Abuse Act (2021) including
 - Strategic Leadership for Domestic Abuse across the system
 - DPH Chair of the Domestic Abuse Partnership Board
 - Oversight of the JSNAA, Strategy and Action plan for the Borough – published every 3 years as per MHCLG requirements
 - Management of the Domestic Abuse Grant to undertake above statutory duties
- Management of in-house domestic abuse service Restart
- Responsible for commissioning safer accommodation – refuge and dispersed properties
- Delivering a whole system of change – working with all partners
- Advocating for the voice of the victim/ survivor and children, tackling perpetrators and ensuring the right support and safety measures are available for any victim



Domestic Abuse

- Domestic abuse is a significant issue in South Tyneside, with **2,894 victims** and over **5,100 incidents recorded in 2024/25**
- High levels of **repeat victimisation** show that many people experience ongoing harm
- Domestic abuse is linked to **homelessness, mental ill health, poverty, trauma and multiple disadvantage**
- It is recognised as both a **public health** issue, a **community safety** issue and a **safeguarding** issue
- South Tyneside has a statutory **Domestic Abuse Strategy** aligned to the Domestic Abuse Act 2021
- The response is based on a **whole-system** approach delivered through a multi-agency Domestic Abuse Partnership Board
- The approach includes support for **victims/ survivors, children and young people, and perpetrators**
- There is a strong focus on **prevention**, awareness, culture change and a person-centred,



Domestic Abuse Priorities

- Continue to **strengthen the whole-system response** across housing, health, police, education and voluntary sector partners
- Maintain and develop the **Restart Integrated Domestic Abuse Service** as the core delivery model
- Further embed the **Integrated Domestic Abuse Hub** as a single point of access for support
- Continue to **improve links** between domestic abuse support and mental health, substance misuse, housing and welfare services
- Strengthen the **safe accommodation and housing response**, including refuge, emergency accommodation and sanctuary schemes
- **Expand support for children and young people**, including early intervention and school-based prevention work
- Continue **workforce development** and training across key services - **and Members**
- Grow the **Domestic Abuse Champions** network and awareness activity
- Sustain a focus on prevention, recovery and reducing repeat harm



PH Priorities for 2026/27

Expand Alcohol Brief Intervention provision, in line with the alcohol strategy

Sport England Placebased Expansion delivery

Suicide and serious self harm thematic review

Domestic Abuse Service delivery and quality assurance

Dual diagnosis pathway (mental health and addictions) established

Embed the new 0-19 C&F contract and deliver the Good Level of Development Action Plan

Stop smoking service expansion and vapes

Develop a Community Cohesion Strategy

Implement the Multiple Disadvantage programme of work

Develop a stronger drugs, alcohol, substances offer into schools

Prepare for external peer review of public health functions

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