



THE EDINBURGH PARTNERSHIP

North West Locality Community Planning Partnership

Monday 28 February 2022, 10.30am
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Agenda

1. Welcome & Apologies
2. Minutes of Meeting held 10 December 2021 and Action Tracking
3. 20 Minute Neighbourhood Strategy- Presentation by Daisy Narayanan, Head of Placemaking & Mobility and Ian Tame, Programme Manager- 20 Minute Neighbourhood Team
4. Council Structural Changes Update- Andrew Field, Head of Community Empowerment
5. Locality Improvement Plan Priorities- Quarterly Reports
 - a. Employment & Skills
 - b. Social Isolation
 - c. North Edinburgh
6. Neighbourhood Networks Update
 - a. Western
 - b. Forth
 - c. Inverleith
 - d. Almond
7. AOB
8. Date of Next Meeting



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Number	Date	Topic	Action	Action Owner	Expected completion date	Status	Comments
1	05/02/2021	Locality Improvement Plan	Nick to liaise with Council colleagues re linking into schools	Nick			
2	27/05/2021	Presentation by Bridie Ashrowan from EVOC	Bridie to come back to subsequent meeting to update on progress	Julie			
3	04/10/2021	Neighbourhood Networks - Inverleith	Councillor Gordon to highlight issue to Convenor	Cllr Gordon			
4	04/10/2021	AOB	Steve to provide minute	Steve			
5	10/12/2021	My Community North presentation	Lynn and Scott to link re ongoing partnership and funding.	Scott			
6	10/12/2021	Locality Improvement Plan Priorities - Social Isolation	Dawn to share social isolation case study.	Dawn			
7	10/12/2021	Locality Improvement Plan Priorities - North Edinburgh	Mike/Anna to look into training of VSF staff in carrying out assessments	Mike/Anna			
8	10/12/2021	Locality Improvement Plan Priorities - North Edinburgh	Mike/Anna to provide statistics on assessment backlogs as a means of managing expectations	Mike/Anna			
9	10/12/2021	Locality Improvement Plan Priorities - North Edinburgh	Martin to share the 'Affordable Credit' paper.	Martin			
10	10/12/2021	Neighbourhood Networks Update	Almond NN to invite Lisa to future meeting	Percy			
11	10/12/2021	Neighbourhood Networks Update	Councillor Barrie to contact Councillor Gordon regarding the cycleway planting	Cllr Barrie/ Cllr Gordon			

12	10/12/2021	AOB	Steve to raise issues of lack of representation at LCPPs and inconsistency of community council policing reports with appropriate representatives.	Steve			
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NORTH WEST LOCALITY COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

Friday 10 Dec 2021: 10.00 – 11:30

Microsoft Teams

MINUTE

Members present

Dawn Anderson	Pilton Community Health Partnership, Forth & Inverleith Voluntary Sector Forum Representative
Joan Beattie	Inverleith Neighbourhood Network Representative
Percy Fekety	Almond Neighbourhood Network Representative
Martin Higgins	NHS Lothian
Steve Kerr	Western Neighbourhood Network Representative (Co-chair)
Evelyn Kilmurry	City of Edinburgh Council
Mike Massaro-Mallinson	Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership
Liz McIntosh	Queensferry Care, Western & Almond Voluntary Sector Forum rep
Tommy McLean	Corstorphine Community Centre, Western & Almond Voluntary Sector Forum rep
Heather Yang	Volunteer Edinburgh

In attendance

Jacqui Bower	Edinburgh College
Scott Donkin	City of Edinburgh Council
Julie Dickson	City of Edinburgh Council
Lynn Loudon	Edinburgh College

Apologies

Nick Croft	Edinburgh College
Councillor George Gordon	City of Edinburgh Council
Elaine Lennon	City of Edinburgh Council
Councillor Max Mitchell	City of Edinburgh Council
Michele Mulvaney	City of Edinburgh Council
Morag Wilson	Forth & Inverleith Voluntary Sector Forum Representative

1. Welcome and Apologies

As above

2. Minutes of Meeting held 4 October 2021 and Action Tracking

Corrections to the minutes of 4 October:

- under Social Isolation LIP priority update- “Due to some capacity issues the anxiety management course ‘Health and Mind’ will now take place in **January 2022**”
- under Inverleith Neighbourhood Network update- Joan noted that the concerns expressed regarding Edindex and Key for Choice systems had already been dealt with but that she had wanted to bring them to the attention of the Partnership.

3. North Edinburgh LIP priority - Communities North Portal update by Lynn Loudon, Edinburgh College

Lynn and Jacqui spoke to a presentation on the [‘My Community North’](#) website hub. The main aim of this website is to help locals find the information, activities and support that they need. In terms of a community launch Jacqui advised that Lynn had suggested the portal be showcased at the Edinburgh College open days.

Joan asked about maintenance of the site going forward. Lynn advised that there is a small pot of funding that will cover maintenance for a couple of months and that she would link in with Scott regarding further funding opportunities.

Dawn commented that it can be difficult for small organisations to update lots of websites so Pilton Community Health Project (PCHP) have everything in the directory area of the site and people can contact them directly. Dawn asked what happens about maintenance out-with term time and also whether the student employed to look after the site could potentially scan other sites and social media to pick up information from other organisations. Lynn explained that the student who maintains the site is contracted to do so and this covers term and non-term time. In terms of scanning sites, she suggested a plug-in might be useful for this.

Scott explained that he was involved from the inception of the project, that it provides hyper local information and it is based in community research. He commented that it has been a useful, hands on learning experience for the students involved. He said annual maintenance and development of the site will cost around £6k per year and he will work with Lynn on continuing the partnership.

Lynn explained that in terms of feedback, community organisations would be invited to the college open days in February and in March, these would also involve the general public so there could potentially be a wealth of feedback opportunities. Evelyn asked LCPP members to share with their networks in the meantime.

Decision

1. Lynn and Scott to link re on-going partnership and funding.

4. Locality Improvement Plan Priorities- Quarterly Reports

Employment & Skills

Nick had provided a detailed report in advance of the meeting. He had issued apologies for the meeting, so the verbal update was deferred for discussion at the next LCPP.

Social Isolation

Mike had provided a detailed report in advance of the meeting. He explained that other members of the sub-group also present at the LCPP were Tommy, Dawn, Liz and Scott.

Since the last quarter there has been a focus on trialling a short walk referral service from GP practices, in partnership with Volunteer Edinburgh. This will start with Blackhall Medical Centre but is slightly delayed as the information governance approval is taking longer than anticipated.

Work has continued on supporting the development of a drop-in wellbeing hub and community space at The Gyle shopping centre through links with local community organisations, Health and Social Care Partnership teams. Thrive are also looking to expand their Mental Health Information Station model from the City Centre into the Gyle venue.

Promotion of the Police Scotland (PS) 'I Am Me' Keep Safe initiative is on-going. A number of small businesses have signed up with interest from Morrisons and Tesco also. PS are training a number of 'champions' for the scheme, including young people, who will be able to undertake the initial premises assessment.

A suitable venue has been identified to run an anxiety management course in West Edinburgh, facilitated by Health in Mind. This is already in place in North East Edinburgh and feedback was that participants had difficulty in committing to the 8-week course. Work is being done to reconfigure the course to a shorter series or one-off workshops. Tommy confirmed that one-off workshops would go ahead with a potential start date of February or March 2022.

Mike ran through the milestones for the next quarter –

- Short walk service trial up and running from Blackhall Medical Centre
- Complete health walk/green prescribing case study and promote to other GP practices
- Explore closer working with local Scottish Ambulance Service crews as a way to identify and support social isolated people
- Explore closer working with drug and alcohol teams e.g. outreach to temporary accommodation across the locality to link people in temporary accommodation with local activities
- Continue to support the development of community spaces and activities including at least one trial local mental health information station trial through Thrive e.g. at the Gyle
- Strengthen links with Neighbourhood Networks and identify how we can best support the priorities they have identified

- Continue to support the roll out of the Keep Safe scheme • Further develop links with Theme 2: Employment & Skills workstream
- Promote the Edinburgh Community Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund in NW locality and support development of Expressions of Interest that reduce social isolation

Tommy commented that there had been a lot of interest in the 'Keep Safe' campaign from small businesses and he hoped that they would be contacted soon so that momentum wouldn't be lost. Dawn added that both she and Liz had made attempts to contact the Ambulance Service but had not received any response as yet. She added that she has a case study to share on social isolation. Dawn explained that PCHP are running a Women's Winter Wellbeing course and much like the Anxiety Management course in NE they are finding low and inconsistent numbers, consideration is being given to opening up the course citywide.

Finally, Mike advised that for the up-coming six months he will be moving into an acting up position and Anna Duff will move into NW from SE. She will take forward the work of the priority.

Decision

2. Dawn to share social isolation case study.

North Edinburgh

Dawn advised that the Covid Response and Recovery group will meet on Friday 17 December to agree priorities to be taken forward in the next quarter. She referred to the announcement of the Scottish Government Mental Health Funding and advised that this would be looked at so that the member organisations could dovetail and make the best use of the funding available.

Dawn referred to the [Population health and inequalities in Edinburgh report](#) which uses up to date data incorporating Covid information. There was some discussion about the diminishing funnel of being able to refer into the statutory sector, resulting in the Third Sector holding on to people who they can't adequately help. Mike had previously shared that assessment figures are extremely high and junior staff are being trained in how to carry out assessments. Liz advised that the question of whether voluntary sector staff could also be trained up to assist with the backlog had been raised and Mike was going to look into this as well as providing statistics that might help to manage expectations.

Dawn advised that Mike had linked her in with the Locality Manager of the Tower Cluster. Third Sector colleagues are now dropping into their huddles. Tommy added that the Three Conversations model is moving forward in the Third Sector and that all partners should have an awareness of it. He suggested this as a possible theme for a future LCPP.

Granton Information Centre have highlighted that loan sharks are prevalent again and that awareness of this should be raised particularly in low income, high unemployment areas. Martin explained that an Affordable Credit paper had been produced as part of LOIP priority 1 'Enough Money to Live On' and he would share this.

Decision

3. Mike/Anna to look into training of VSF staff in carrying out assessments
4. Mike/Anna to provide statistics on assessment backlogs as a means of managing expectations
5. Martin to share the 'Affordable Credit' paper.

5. Neighbourhood Networks Update

Western

Steve advised that Western NN had received an inspiring and helpful presentation from Ben Sibbald of the Royal Zoological Society Scotland (RZSS). He had extended the offer to engage with the wider community and those present were keen to engage further with Ben. It was suggested that the RZSS CEO attend a future LCPP meeting.

Neighbourhood Environment Projects were covered, including looking at why some projects have been inactive for a while. A dedicated meeting will take place in January to look at this list of projects and devise a hierarchy.

Community Grants Funding was covered with an update on having a youth engagement fund – Youth Decides. A project was approved for a local nursery which fits with the social isolation priority.

The NN will be looking to highlight projects that they'd like to come forward for funding.

Tommy added that an information workshop was held in conjunction with Almond NN for local organisations on funding. It was well received by those able to attend and hopefully will attract applications from new organisations. Tommy acknowledged the excellent presentation by Elaine Lennon. There had been agreement that the workshop should be held annually.

Social Isolation projects were discussed and the NN will approach the voluntary sector forum (VSF) to work together on this.

In terms of work with the zoo Tommy said that it's a good idea to have the CEO attend the LCPP and an operational officer will attend the next VSF meeting. Tommy commented that it would be helpful to try to coordinate contact with the zoo as they will have a wide audience including geographical communities, communities of interest etc. He explained that the zoo are interested in what they can offer the local community, it is not about increasing visitor numbers.

Forth

Scott provided an update in Fred's absence. He advised that a few grants were awarded. He explained that Edinburgh Agro Ecology (EAE) have been awarded a 25-year lease of 100 acres land within Lauriston Castle. This will support community growing, improving biodiversity and support for community engagement. There will be 150 allotments provided and activity around a vegetable box scheme. They will work with the Covid Response and Recovery Group, the local community and wider. As this crosses with the Almond area Scott advised Almond NN to invite Lisa from EAE to a future NN meeting.

Decision

6. Almond NN to invite Lisa to future meeting

Inverleith

The last meeting took place on 6 December. Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre presented. They have a community growing area available. Joan advised that the NN had been allocated an area of land on the cycleway for planting but the lead for the project has now left the group. Councillor Barrie will contact Councillor Gordon regarding the cycleway planting.

Joan explained that a number of participants on the NN from Drylaw feel that projects are being done 'to' them rather than 'with' them. And that there needs to be better communication. Carol Marr from library services had suggested reaching out to people using library services.

Joan declared her interest as treasurer of The Friends of Inverleith Park. She explained that the group have concerns around the 2030 City Plan. The depot has not been designated as a green area. There has been no decision on the drainage area. The group are concerned about the plans going forward without decisions having been made.

Decision

7. Councillor Barrie to contact Councillor Gordon regarding the cycleway planting

Almond

Percy advised that the last meeting of the Almond NN took place on 10 November. Dave Sinclair gave an update on various NEPs projects. A member of the new Transport Concept and Design Team will attend the next meeting in January.

Percy mentioned a number of new initiatives due to commence covered under the social isolation priority. A mapping exercise had been undertaken to populate group activities but Cramond Kirk were reluctant to share information under GDPR. Liz added that the individuals running the groups had concerns about their details being shared. Percy announced that there is £13k left in the CGF and smaller groups are being encouraged to apply.

The next meeting will take place on 26 January 2022.

6. AOB

Heather queried the lack of representation from Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service since meetings moved online. It was established that invitations are being sent and received. Inconsistency of reports to community councils was also raised. Steve advised that he would take both of these issues forward. Heather also asked why poverty wasn't on as a standing agenda item. Evelyn explained that poverty and inequality runs through all of the LIP priorities and is reflected in all of the work of the LCPP.

Steve thanked everyone for their input and participation and Evelyn advised that George had also passed on his thanks and best wishes to all members.

Decision

8. Steve to raise issues of lack of representation at LCPPs and inconsistency of community council policing reports with appropriate representatives.

7. DONM

Early February, and further dates TBC.



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NW Edinburgh Locality Community Planning Partnership

LIP Quarterly Progress Report – Quarter 1 2022

Date of LCPP Meeting for consideration: 28 February 2022

Lead officer: Nick Croft – Edinburgh College

Priority theme: Outcome 2 – Employment, Skills and Education

Actions completed in the last quarter (since the last progress report):

- 1. Support schools to develop life skills/similar programmes suitable for each cluster** – Schools continue to deliver a wide variety of internal life skills programmes and events, linked to Curriculum for Excellence. The College has met with each high school post 16 group to discuss projects to be funded by £3,000 from the Edinburgh College Development Trust and Thomas Telford Trust. Initial discussions to date have focussed improving support to School / College partnership pupils (<https://www.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/courses/for-school-pupils>), improving support to prospective college students for the 22/23 academic session. SDS, school, third sector and college staff have been involved to date.
- 2. Develop flexible training / taster sessions with employers for young people and wider community** – Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce continue to employ extra DYW coordinators to College working with local schools to improve the range of options for work based training and taster sessions. Capital City Partnership continues to deliver their programme for young people's improved employability (<https://www.joinedupforjobs.org/service-providers/joined-up-for-young-people>).
- 3. Develop a suite of options for school leavers – including Edinburgh College, volunteering etc** – Up to date figures on participation measures in Edinburgh can be found at: [Monthly Participation Snapshot for Edinburgh](#). Please access data for NW Edinburgh via the Sub Authority Data. Recruitment to August 2022/23 college academic sessions has started and the initial level of applications from NW are good. Update from Volunteer Edinburgh: (i) NEST funding secured (2022-25) for continuation of Voluntary Work Coach service; (ii) YPG funding for small pilot to work with CAMHS (NHS Lothian) in supporting young people with complex mental health problems to engage in volunteering and improve employability, and (iii) about to start local delivery of national roll-out of training to DWP staff on role of volunteering for JCP customers - training designed by DWP and national network of volunteer centres Over the past few months, Venture Scotland has been recruiting for several upcoming programmes starting in spring 2022. The programme is for any young people between the ages of 16-30 who are based in the City of Edinburgh and would like to the support to make positive changes to their wellbeing. The programme is a long-term, outdoor-based personal development programme that runs two days a week and includes activity days, residentials, and skills and wellbeing days. Referrals from any organisation in NW Edinburgh are very welcome. North Edinburgh Childcare Training Services have secured funding from the Community Based Adult Learning Investment Programme to support young people age 16-24 into employment in childcare. The initiative involves supporting young people to ensure that their CV is sector specific, arranging interviews and work trials with relevant employers on their behalf and helping them to prepare effectively



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by providing them with a basic insight into the childcare workers role and what is appropriate/ inappropriate within a childcare setting. Once in employment, North Edinburgh Childcare's Training Service will support them to progress directly onto their Modern Apprenticeship Programme (fully funded by Skills Development Scotland) providing them with the opportunity to undertake the qualification required to register as a Childcare Practitioner with the Scottish Social Services Council. To find out more, please contact Audrey O'Neill on 0131 311 6931 or email audrey.oneill@northedinburghchildcare.co.uk.

4. **Develop partnership approach to supporting pupils placed on reduced timetables** – No update since the last meeting.
5. **Develop North Edinburgh comms app as community database for available jobs/training/volunteering** – All major employability providers in NW Edinburgh have now uploaded service details to CCP website and have joined the JU4J Forum at: [Joined Up for Jobs](#) and <https://www.joinedupforjobs.org/service-providers/joined-up-for-young-people>.
6. **Maximise local employment opportunities e.g. Granton Waterfront Project, including social enterprise space / community benefits** – Building works at the Granton Train Station are now well underway, with potential SMEs locating into the building once complete. GWD is also consulting on its community benefit programme - [Granton Waterfront Community Benefits - City of Edinburgh Council - Citizen Space](#). DWP are launching their UK wide [Way to Work Programme](#) to try and get 500,000 into jobs in sectors facing large numbers of vacancies..
7. **Develop local "Jobs Fairs"** – Granton Waterfront Development Project and Police Scotland organised a community engagement event to plan for the [North Edinburgh Community Day - Community Planning Meeting Tickets, Tue 23 Nov 2021 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#). £2000 from the Edinburgh College Development Trust was also awarded to North Edinburgh Arts to employ a PT events coordinator. The event is planned for May 2022.
8. **Better use of learning estate i.e., college, libraries, community centres, voluntary sector spaces** – The temporary location of Muirhouse Library Services at the College's Granton campus was launched on 11 October 2021. Local communities, college students and nursery children continue to access this provision and new youth club provision is now in place at the Granton Campus.
9. **Improving progression pathways** – Capital City Partnership has completed the commissioning of both new contracted provision and their main NEST grants programme. This is as follows:

Blended Employability Service

Four lots have been awarded as part of the Blended Employability Service, with the lead partner as follows:

- Lot 1 – Targeted Employability Service – Community Renewal
- Lot 2 – Supported Employment Service (All in Edinburgh) – Enable Scotland
- Lot 3 – Complex Needs Employability Service (EnCompass) – Access to Industry
- Lot 4 – In-work Employment Support Service – Enable Scotland

All contracts will begin on 1 April and more information on each service will be added to the JUfJ website.

Network of Employability Support and Training (NEST)

50 applications were received for funding and a total of 14 bids were put forward for approval at Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee on 20 January 2022. Again, all contracts will



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begin on 1 April and more information on each project will be available on the JUFJ website. Recruitment for College August 2022 start is underway via their new website ([Welcome to Edinburgh College | Edinburgh College](#)). Around 2000 students per week are currently on campus. GWD Project published, and is now actively consulting, on their new 'Learning Strategy' - <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/28867/learning-strategy>.

Milestones expected to be achieved in the next quarter

1. Continued improved coordination of employability services to 16+ age range.
2. Delivery of the Community based Adult learning Programme in NW Edinburgh.
3. Engagement with schools to deliver actions 1, 3 and 4 progressed significantly.
4. Further work required on developing KPIs and up to date related performance data

Barriers/challenges (physical, partnership, financial etc)

1. CV19 Pandemic impacts on the reduction in face to face / on site educational engagement and learning has had a negative impact on learners. Important to recommence, within guidelines, the resumption of more face to face / on site learning.
2. Significant increases in the cost of living will impact on people's ability to re skill and / or up skill through training opportunities.

Wider factors/influencers (i.e. legislative changes)

EU Withdrawal impacts on Edinburgh are affecting hospitality, construction and technical export sectors the most.

DWP will be launching their 'Way to Work' initiative in early 2022, to encourage more people on Universal Credit to apply for jobs in sectors which are facing labour supply shortages -

<https://jobhelp.campaign.gov.uk/way-to-work/#:~:text=Way%20to%20Work%20is%20a,them%20progress%20into%20a%20career>.

Community engagement undertaken

School engagement.

Direct community engagement on community jobs fair proposals.



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Case study examples – please complete for any examples of success/good practice that has been achieved to date under this priority

None to date – intend to capture and report case studies after the end of the financial year 2021/22.

For LCPP delivery group to complete

Date considered:

Is the priority on track? Y/N

Any decisions to be taken? (i.e. change of actions, escalation)

Feedback to lead officer (if any)



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Date of LCPP group for consideration: 28th February 2022

Lead officer: Anna Duff (EHSCP)

Priority theme: Theme 1 – Social Isolation

LIP quarterly progress report

A. Actions completed in the last quarter (since the last progress report)

- 1) *Community commissioning to disburse the [Edinburgh Community Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund](#) in NW locality*

Since the last report, there has been a collective effort across 3rd sector organisations and the Health and Social Care Partnership to trial community commissioning in Edinburgh. This process is being facilitated by EVOC and will disburse the £1.255M Scottish Government Community Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund allocation for the city by the end of March 2022.

These efforts are entirely in line with the social isolation priority. Much time has gone into development and networking throughout December. Expressions of interest were submitted to EVOC by mid-January (requests for amounts over £10,000 are publicly available [here](#)). NW locality meetings took place on 2/2/22 and 11/2/22. These have been well attended with a high level of engagement and discussion with the next scheduled for 28/2/22. When the process has concluded at the end of March a significant number of new activities across the locality that contribute to reducing social isolation will be in place.

- 2) *Improving connections between Health & Social Care teams and local 3rd sector (enabling the Three Conversations in NW locality)*

The HSCP is moving to adopt the “3 Conversations” principals for service provision. This is a person-centred approach that requires HSC practitioners to be aware of a whole range of services across the statutory and third sectors in their local area, so they can connect people with a “package” of support that is tailored to them. This approach has been tested with selected innovation sites, including some teams in NW, but since January 2022 is being rolled out to all HSC teams in the locality. To support this approach, since December 2021, a series of introductions between HSC teams in the locality and 3rd sector organisations who offer local services have been taking place, and on 10/02/22 a NW locality event was hosted by EVOC and the HSCP to bring HSC practitioners together with around 60 different 3rd sector organisations.

Contributes to shared outcomes framework...	
Activities	Short-term outcomes
Raise awareness of existing opportunities to connect	People are able to access support that is right for them
Increase social prescribing, including green prescribing	



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3) *Developing Green Prescribing in NW*

Social isolation group members attended an event on 20/01/2022 by the RSPB and NHS Lothian where results of the green prescribing trial in NE locality were shared. Following this event, the NW public health practitioner will meet with one of the leads for this trial w/c 21 February to discuss possibilities of replicating this work in NW; there are a number of organisations in NW already offering “green” activities for social connection that are interested in this.

Contributes to shared outcomes framework...	
Activities	Short-term outcomes
Increase social prescribing, including green prescribing	People are able to access support that is right for them

4) *Volunteer facilitated short walk service from GP practices for socially isolated patients at risk of becoming frail and/or housebound*

While awaiting approval from NHS Lothian Information Governance plans have been modified slightly. GPs at Blackhall practice ask patients to contact Volunteer Edinburgh directly, and text the contact link to their patient. In this way no patient data is directly shared by the practice, so this can take place while waiting for information governance sign off, but it is likely to result in lower take up of the offer overall than a direct referral. In the event that Information Governance sign off is achieved we will revert to the preferred model of GPs doing direct referrals. Volunteer Edinburgh have also shared paper flyers of the service for patients with the practice this week (w/c 7/2/22).

Contributes to shared outcomes framework...	
Activities	Short-term outcomes
Reduce impact of barriers to participation (inc. financial, digital inclusion, frailty)	People feel confident to take part in varied activities and meet people
Increase social prescribing, including green prescribing	

5) *Increase anxiety management & wellbeing provision in West Edinburgh*

Three workshops facilitated by Health in Mind have been scheduled in West Edinburgh for April. These will be similar to the Wellbeing Toolkit sessions offered by Health in Mind at their Nicholson Square venue. Two sessions will be held in the evening, and one session will be held in the daytime. These sessions are open to anyone over 18.

Andy's Man Club have agreed to trial a new weekly group in West Edinburgh; a suitable venue is being identified and they hope to start in as soon as one is available. Andy's Man Clubs are held across the UK on Monday Evenings and are open to any man aged over 18.



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Contributes to shared outcomes framework...	
Activities	Short-term outcomes
Support the remobilisation of services and activities following the COVID19 pandemic	A wide range of activities that promote physical and mental wellbeing are available in NW
Promote “everyday” techniques to improve mental wellbeing and resilience	People are able to access support that is right for them

B. Milestones expected to be achieved in the next quarter

- A number of new opportunities for social connection funded through the CMHWB Fund will be agreed (end of March 2022).
- Continue to support the development of community spaces and activities including at least one local mental health information station through Thrive e.g., at the Gyle
- Continue introductions between HSC teams and local 3rd sector
- Continue to support the roll out of the Police Scotland Keep Safe scheme
- Develop links with Theme 2: Employment & Skills workstream

C. Barriers/challenges (physical, partnership, financial etc)

Significant pressure and waiting lists across health and social care services has knock on effect on third sector organisations, many of them also stretched.

Ongoing workforce disruption across most agencies (absence due to COVID self-isolation, impact of Brexit on employment market).

D. Wider factors/influencers (i.e., legislative changes)

The current UK economic and policy environment and scheduled fuel price rises in April 2022 will result in an increase in the number of households across the locality needing both crisis and ongoing support. This may impact on availability and capacity for development work.

E. Community engagement undertaken

Ongoing, regular participation of subgroup members through the NN, VSFs and Community Councils. Full participation in current community commissioning process for the Community Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund.



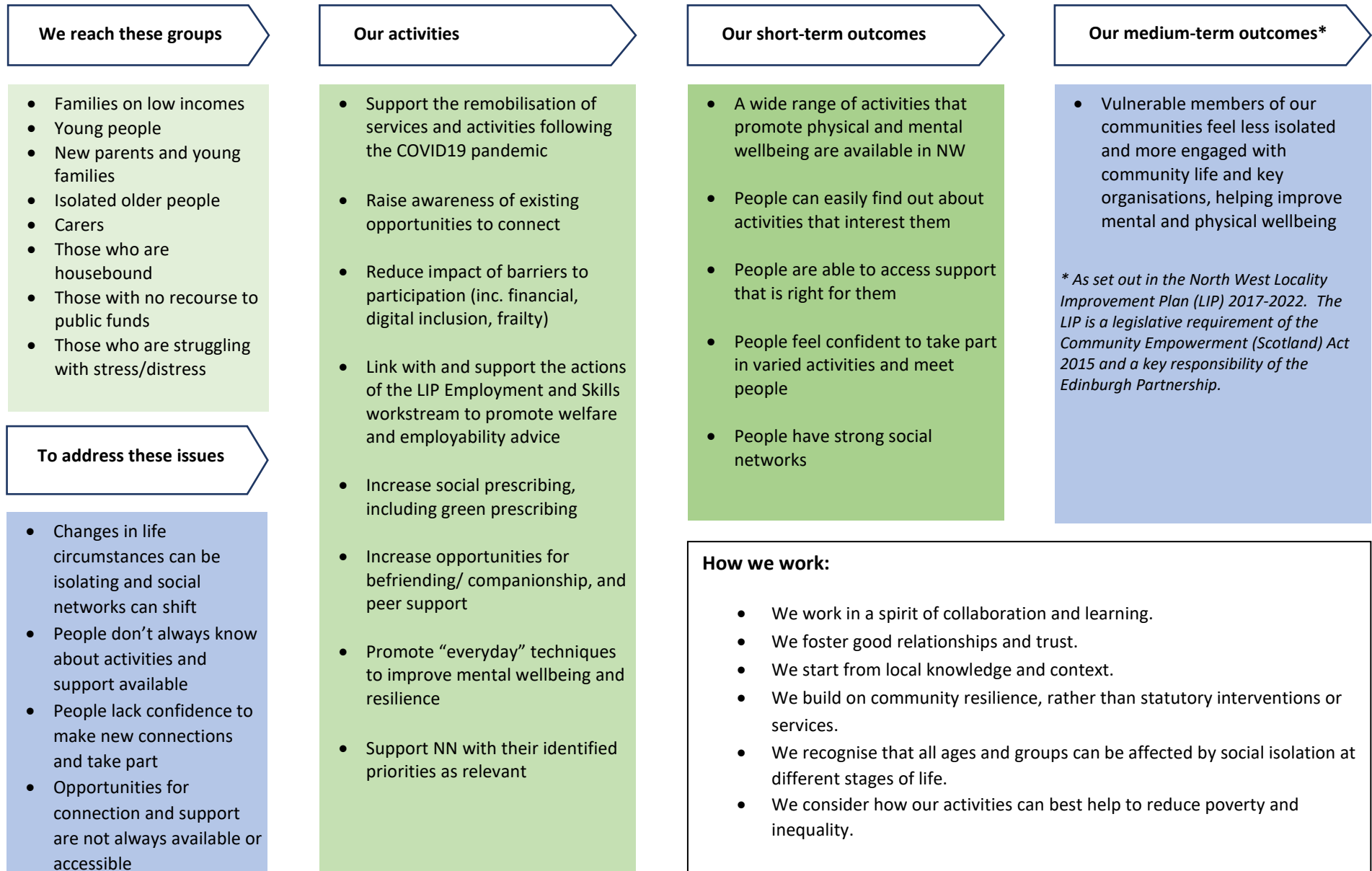
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F. Case study examples – please complete for any examples of success/good practice that has been achieved to date under this priority

See activities noted above.

DRAFT

NWLCPP: Reducing Social Isolation in NW Edinburgh, shared outcomes framework (version 29.09.21)



For LCPP delivery group to complete

Date considered:

Is the priority on track? Y/N

Any decisions to be taken? (i.e. change of actions, escalation)

Feedback to lead officer (if any)



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LIP Quarterly Progress Report

Date of LCPP group for consideration: Monday 28th February 2022

Lead officer: Dawn Anderson / Morag Wilson (NVSF) (Supported by CEC Lifelong Learning)

Priority theme: 3. North Edinburgh

Actions completed in the last quarter (since the last progress report)

Overarching High level outcome: *'Develop a robust mechanism for engaging with the community to articulate and develop plans to combat poverty and inequality in North Edinburgh'*

The COVID Response and Recovery Group – (R2), continues to demonstrate robust partnership approaches to help tackle issues associated with poverty and inequality.

Following a call for notes of interest in the Scottish Government's Communities & Wellbeing Fund, managed via EVOC, the R2 leads helped coordinate a response from North service delivery partners. This has generated applications totalling almost £214k. Applications include:

- **Granton Community Gardeners**
Deliver a 12 month capacity building project that will engage local people in no less than 40 workshops/group sessions with an average of 6-8 participants
- **Pilton Equalities Project**
PEP would like to employ a skilled Mental Health Worker to open two new wellbeing groups in the North Edinburgh community for older people aged 65 and over. We would intend for these groups to be advertised in the community for older people who have been particularly affected by the pandemic,
- **Granton Youth**
A holistic service comprising of three specific/overlapping elements to support/improve the mental health and wellbeing of young people and their families. Looking at three key areas mental/physical/social health, through; • Non time-limited counselling

Full details of all expressions of interest can be found at <https://www.evoc.org.uk/about-evoc/evoc-news/community-mental-health-wellbeing-fund/expressions-of-interest-2/>

North Edinburgh Web Platform

Following the previous NW LCPP, the link to the platform has been shared and the R2 Joining the Dots Group will also discuss this in more detail at their next meeting. This will



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focus on members making use of the what's on aspect of the site to ensure residents are kept abreast of the wide ranging services and activities operating in the area.

Edinburgh College and Lifelong Learning are also discussing a more formal launch of the site which will likely take place in Edinburgh College alongside the 'pop up' Muirhouse Library.

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Neighbourhood Network Support

Lifelong Learning has temporarily secured further support to assist with the continued development of the four Neighbourhood Networks. Carol Marr will join Elaine Lennon and will provide dedicated support to Almond and Western NNs with Elaine focussing on Forth & Inverleith NNs.

Milestones expected to be achieved in the next quarter

- Work will continue to identify appropriate funding and resources to help tackle existing and emerging issues associated with tackling aspects of poverty and inequality of outcome.
- A decision is expected on the applications for Scottish Government Communities & wellbeing Fund.

Barriers/challenges (physical, partnership, financial etc)

Overarching:

There is potential for widespread issues associated with fuel poverty as a result of rising utility prices. The rise in National Insurance may also affect households, especially those already associated with in work poverty.

Website

Continued need to identify funding for ongoing maintenance and development – c.£6k per annum

Wider factors/influencers (i.e. legislative changes)

N/A



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Community engagement undertaken

Progress associated with the work of the R2 activity continues to be reported through the Forth NN.

Case study examples – please complete for any examples of success/good practice that has been achieved to date under this priority

Supporting Poverty Crisis in Partnership

The North West Locality Operational Group (LOG) became aware of difficulties Craigroyston Community High School was experiencing in early January including high levels of food poverty; financial poverty within family homes; increasing levels of violence from both young people and parents and increasing levels of domestic abuse within young people's homes. The Head and Deputy Head of CCHS attended a LOG meeting and a follow up meeting with the LOG chairs where they were able to detail the challenges being faced by young people and what support it was felt they could benefit from.

Between the LOG chairs, immediate action was able to be put in place:

- North West Social Work Practice Team Manager was able to link in the school with the social work practice team and put in place an offer of Safe Together training to support around domestic abuse;
- EVOC led in linking in with welfare rights agencies such as Granton Information Centre and One Parent family Scotland to see about providing welfare rights information for parents within the school
- Stepping Stones Chief Executive linked in with the response and recovery group (R2) and was able to pull together an immediate offer of support to tackle the food poverty that was being experienced. This included; daily deliveries of hot soup and bread from Empty Kitchens; food parcels from PEP Equalities, LIFT, Fresh Start and PCHP; 2000 meals to be distributed to school from North Edinburgh Arts over a 1 month period; 80 hot meals each Friday afternoon plus take home meal packs from Scran Academy and Financial Assistance from The Old Kirk and Muirhouse Parish.

To follow on from the immediate response, Morag was able to link the school in with partners to talk about a longer-term approach to tackling food poverty for pupils. There is also on-going discussion about how the new work streams funded through the Community Mental Health Fund will be able to offer targeted support to parents and pupils and see an increased level of provision within the community.

The feedback from CCHS has been positive and they have voiced how supported they feel and how excited they are that there are tangible actions taking place.



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This is the most pressing crisis issue for the area right now – a further meeting will take place with the DHT at the school after the mid-term break to work on a longer term, dignified and sustained local support programme, and the Respond and Recovery members will be involved.

For LCPP delivery group to complete

Date considered:

Is the priority on track? Y/N

Any decisions to be taken? (i.e. change of actions, escalation)

Feedback to lead officer (if any)



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