



Meeting Thursday, 12 June 2025

Time 10.00 am

Venue North Edinburgh Arts - 12C MacMillan Square Edinburgh EH4 4AB.

Edinburgh Partnership Board

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THE EDINBURGH PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Thursday 27 March 2025 – 10.00am

The Edinburgh Remakery - 13A Newkirkgate, Edinburgh, EH6 6AD

MINUTE

Board members present

Councillor Jane Meagher (Chair)	City of Edinburgh Council
Councillor Iain Whyte	City of Edinburgh Council
Paul Gillespie	Police Scotland
Douglas Tharby	Edinburgh Association of Community Councils
Bruce Crawford	Edinburgh Voluntary Organisation's Council (EVOC)
Dona Milne (Vice Chair)	NHS Lothian (Vice Chair)
Jean Gray	Viewpoint Housing Association
Emma Matthews	Skills Development Scotland
Will Tyler-Greig	Scottish Government
Gemma Gourlay	University of Edinburgh
Lorraine Simpson	Chamber of Commerce Representative
Paul Lawrence	City of Edinburgh Council

In attendance

Derek McGowan	City of Edinburgh Council
Gillie Severin	City of Edinburgh Council
Chris Adams	City of Edinburgh Council
Daniel Baigrie	City of Edinburgh Council

Flora Ogilvie	NHS Lothian
Caroline Hiscox	NHS Lothian
Stephen Kelly	City of Edinburgh Council
Lindsay Robertson	City of Edinburgh Council
David Porteous	City of Edinburgh Council
Rose Howley	City of Edinburgh Council

1. Welcome and Meeting Protocols

Councillor Meagher welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Declaration of interests

None.

3. Minute

The minute of the Edinburgh Partnership Board of 12 December 2024 was presented for approval as a correct record.

Decision

- 1) To agree the minute as a correct record subject to the addition of the below attendees: Paul Wilson, Laurene Edgar and Lorraine Simpson were in attendance.
- 2) To record Jean Grey's apologies in the minute.
- 3) To otherwise approve the minute of the 12 December 2024 as a correct record.

4. Outstanding Actions

The Outstanding Actions were presented to the Edinburgh Partnership Board.

Decision

- 1) To note the updated actions.
- 2) To agree to close the following Actions:
 - Action 2: LOIP Priority 1 – Loan Shark Charter Mark
 - Action 7: End Poverty in Edinburgh Annual Progress Report 2024
 - Action 9: Community Justice Annual Activity Return 2023/24
- 3) To note, in relation to Action 4, that the Land and Assets Group had been meeting and a terms of reference had been drafted.

- 4) To request an update in relation to Action 1, LOIP Priority 1, Enough Money to Live on, specifically in relation to Childcare.

5. Living well locally – mitigating poverty across Edinburgh through whole system reform

A presentation was provided which covered the following key areas: What we are trying to achieve - Edinburgh Poverty Commission's findings, Our response, Understanding "the what" – a model of relational practice, Understanding "the how" – moving from individual efforts to whole system working and Proposed next steps

Decision

- 1) To note the presentation.
- 2) To share further information with members regarding the Gateshead example of good practice.
- 3) To note the next proposed next steps:
 - i. Agree for initial Partnership resource to work collaboratively with communities and to develop "sense-making" team. Once collaboration underway, further clarity will emerge on resource requirements to support model in longer term.
 - ii. Co-sign a "Statement of intent" that commits to working together on the approach and can be used to engage communities.
 - iii. Build a joint engagement strategy and communications plan
 - iv. Continue engagement with Local Community Planning Partnerships, Neighbourhood Networks, Community Councils to ensure they're involved with ongoing development and work together to clarify roles
 - v. Pull together a programme view of "building blocks" for prevention, e.g. data, third sector funding, evaluation
 - vi. Gather case studies of upstream prevention and the gaps
 - vii. Scope "sense-making" function
 - viii. Sense making in action - tie in the learnings/questions from work already underway to partner corporate support services

6. Edinburgh Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Update

The report set out a proposal for new content to be included on the Edinburgh Partnership website as well as a process for the new Community Planning Partnership Management Group to agree future JSNA topics of interest. The

draft content of the Children and Young People's JSNA which would be taken for final sign-off at the Edinburgh Children's Partnership (ECP) on 22 April, was also included. The deep dive and data appendices were still being finalised but would be included in the version for the Children's Partnership. It was intended that the recommendations from this JSNA, which include a range of recommendations on the Building Blocks of Health which would benefit those of all ages, were used to inform the development of a wider Edinburgh Community Planning Partnership Performance Framework.

Decision

- 1) To approve the draft content of Data and Intelligence to be published on the Edinburgh Partnership Board website, subject to final input from data and intelligence partners.
- 2) To approve the process by which future JSNA topics will be decided, subject to final input from data and intelligence partners.
- 3) To agree in principle the recommendations from the Children and Young People's JSNA, noting that the final overall report will be signed off at the April Edinburgh Children's Partnership meeting.
- 4) To agree that the recommendations from the Children and Young People's JSNA should be used to inform the development of a wider Edinburgh Community Planning Partnership Framework.

7. Proposal for Continuation of Welfare Advice in Edinburgh

This report set out the situation in relation to the provision of welfare advice in Edinburgh. When the current IJB grants end on 30 June there would be a potential gap in the welfare advice landscape. There was good evidence that welfare advice could create significant client financial gain for those who make use of it. Provision of welfare advice was aligned with both national and local poverty reduction strategies. The current situation provides an opportunity to consider how the city can provide efficient and equitable advice going forward, however it is important that any potential changes did not leave a gap in access to advice for local people who were in need of advice

Decision

- 1) To acknowledge the value of the current provision of welfare advice services
- 2) To acknowledge the value of the coordination and delivery of wider partnership work on welfare advice and income maximisation
- 3) To acknowledge that the ending of the IJB Grants presents an opportunity to consider the most effective and equitable provision of welfare advice

- 4) To agree for welfare advice, similar to that currently provided through the IJB grant programme, to be extended using CEC funding, from July 2025 to March 2026 while a longer-term proposal is developed
- 5) To agree the establishment of a Welfare Advice / Income Maximisation Steering Group to support the development of longer-term provision from April 2026

8. Supporting the Third Sector

This paper provided an outline programme for work needed to complete a review of Edinburgh Partnership support to the third sector. The proposal outlined resources required from partners for delivery of the programme to a timeline that includes presentation of initial findings and recommendations by August 2025.

Decision

- 1) To note the work carried out to date and planned next steps in mitigation of potential risks to third sector organisations as a result of changes to the EIJB third sector grants programme
- 2) To agree the proposed programme plan and timeline for a review of Edinburgh Partnership support for the third sector
- 3) To agree the partnership resources required for this review as set out in paragraph 1.7 of the report
- 4) To note that this programme forms a critical enabling workstream for the Edinburgh Partnership Poverty Prevention Programme.

9. Edinburgh's Local Housing Strategy – Draft Strategy

The report set out the draft Local Housing Strategy (LHS) for Edinburgh, which covered housing across all tenures and related services. The strategy was accompanied by a Consultation and Engagement Report which summarises the engagement carried out so far along with a draft Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA). The draft LHS was subject to a period of formal consultation, before seeking final approval from Committee in May 2025.

The Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee has considered this report on 25 February 2025 and it was shared with the Edinburgh Partnership Board for information only.

Decision

To note the content of the report and the update provided.

10. Edinburgh Children's Partnership Annual Report 2023-24

This was the first annual report against the progress made by the Edinburgh Children's Partnership Children's Services Plan 2023-2024. The Edinburgh Children's Partnership (also referred to as the Partnership) directs the strategic planning, development and delivery of children and young people's services on behalf of the Edinburgh Partnership. The Children's Partnership has representatives from the City of Edinburgh Council, NHS Lothian (NHS), the voluntary sector (through EVOC), Scottish Children's Reporter Administration (SCRA), Edinburgh College, Skills Development Scotland, Edinburgh Leisure and Police Scotland.

This annual report will cover where and how the above actions have been taken forward against the Partnership's measurements of effectiveness:

- An increase in the number of families supported through a whole family GIRFEC early help plan.
- An increase in the number of children, young people and families making progress against the goals in their GIRFEC plan.
- An increase in the number of children, young people and families who are satisfied with the support they receive.
- A reduction in children living in poverty.
- A reduction in contacts requesting a statutory social work service – meaning that families are supported within local communities by those who already know them and can provide early intervention at a very early level.
- A reduction in the number of children and young people with a child protection plan.
- A reduction in the number of children and young people looked after outside of their family.
- A reduction in crisis mental health intervention being required.
- An increased number of professionals within the partnership receiving multi agency trauma informed practice awareness training

Decision

To note the report circulated and the update provided.

11. Senior Phase Curriculum Pathways

The report summarised the successes in developing BGE & Senior Phase vocational pathways through partnership working and asks the Edinburgh Partnership Board to support the continuation and expansion of this work.

Decision

- 1) To support the development of partnerships between the businesses and city institutions and the education curriculum team, leading to the co-creation of pathways delivering qualifications and employment opportunities for all of Edinburgh's young people.
- 2) To support the Alignment of the curriculum pathways strategy to the City of Edinburgh Council's wider economic development strategy and workforce planning.
- 3) To note that officers from the Education Service would liaise with officers associated with the Edinburgh and South East City Region Deal and Skills Development Scotland to establish systematic links with employers in support of senior phase learning pathways.

12. Edinburgh Partnership Community Planning Management Group - Draft Terms of Reference

The draft terms of reference for the Edinburgh Partnership Community Planning Management Group were circulated.

Decision

To note the draft terms of reference.

13. Vice Chair

Councillor Meagher thanked Dona Milne for her contribution as Vice Chair of the partnership and wished her well for the future.

It was noted that nominations for Vice Chair, representing an organisation other than the City of Edinburgh Council, would be sought at the next meeting of the Edinburgh Partnership Board.

14. Dates of Future Meetings

To note the next meeting would be held on 12 June 2025

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Rolling Actions Log

Edinburgh Partnership Board

12 June 2025

No	Date	Report Title	Action	Action Owner	Expected completion date	Actual completion date	Comments
1	12.12.23	Update – LOIP Priority 1 – ‘Enough Money to Live On’	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The board will take a strategic look at Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) support for parents, to enable them to work and learn. 2) A session will be held in February, to look at provision and pressures on ELC in relation to the Council's Poverty Prevention Board. 3) To consider Energy Poverty at a future meeting of the board and note the work of 	Chief Executive Lead Officer: Gillie Severin gillie.severin@edinburgh.gov.uk	Ongoing		<p>Actions 1 and 2 closed on 12.12.24</p> <p><u>Actions 3 and 4 Update June 2025:</u></p> <p>This work will be considered as part of the Poverty Commission interim report and will be brought to the EPB board in the autumn for discussion and agreement on collective priorities.</p> <p><u>Update March 2024</u></p>

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			<p>Home Energy Scotland.</p> <p>4) To note that some of the 'red' marked actions in the report have not started yet. Some of these are owing to resources and some require broader cultural shifts across partners.</p>				<p>A group of key stakeholders met in February to discuss childcare provision in the city. As a first step it was agreed to carry out a mapping exercise to better understand the landscape of provision. This will inform discussion about gaps and opportunities and how to better achieve a collaborative approach. The group will reconvene in April and a progress report will be submitted to the Board in June.</p>
2	11.06.24	Community Learning and Development Partnership Plan	The Community Learning and Development (CLD) Plan has been agreed upon as presented. A progress report on the CLD Plan will	Executive Director of Children, Education and Justice Services	September 2025		<p>December Update:</p> <p>To bring the CLD 1 year Implementation plan to EPB in due</p>

No	Date	Report Title	Action	Action Owner	Expected completion date	Actual completion date	Comments
			be provided annually to the EPB.	Lead Officer: Linda Lees linda.lees@edinburgh.gov.uk			course.
3	11.06.24	Land and Asset Update	The Director of Public Health for NHS Lothian will liaise with the new Chief Executive of the City of Edinburgh Council to discuss a co-chair role and establish the Terms of Reference for advancing the work.	Director of Public Health, NHS Lothian / Chief Executive, City of Edinburgh Council Lead Officer, Dona Milne Dona.Milne@nhs.scot	Ongoing		Recommended for Closure This group has been meeting and the Terms of Reference had been drafted.
4	03.09.24	Becoming A Trauma Informed Partnership	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To agree members would complete initial awareness training by December 2024. 2) To request links in the report be checked and updated if required to enable members to complete training. 	Executive Director of Children, Education and Justice Services Lead Officer: Rose Howley rose.howley@edinburgh.gov.uk	TBC		
5	12.12.24	Edinburgh Partnership Transformation	1) To request the terms of reference for the management group were	Chief Executive Lead Officer: Gillie Severin	June 2025		Point 1 Recommended for

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		and Improvement Programme – Progress Update 12 December 2024	<p>brought to the next Edinburgh Partnership Board Meeting.</p> <p>2) To request information on the expectations of Community Councillors were outlined.</p>	gillie.severin@edinburgh.gov.uk			<p>Closure</p> <p>The Terms of reference was circulated at the March EPB.</p> <p>Communication with Community Councils is ongoing.</p>
6	27.03.25	Living well locally – mitigating poverty across Edinburgh through whole system reform	To share further information with members regarding the Gateshead example of good practice.	<p>Chief Executive Directorate - Lead Officer Lindsay Robertson</p> <p>lindsay.robertson5@edinburgh.gov.uk</p>	June 2025		<p>Recommended for Closure</p> <p>Overview of Gateshead work available here, link has been shared with members.</p> <p>https://www.changingfuturesnorthumbria.co.uk/rethinking-public-service.</p>



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Director of Public Health Annual Report 2024

12th June 2025

1. Executive Summary

The 2024 NHS Lothian Director of Public Health Annual Report provides up-to-date information about the Lothian population and their health, using recently updated census data, alongside routine health data and the results of our recent public health survey. Demographic changes in recent years – notably an ageing population, declining birth rate and smaller households - are likely to continue. We have also seen an increase in poor mental health, particularly amongst young adults and we continue to see the poorest people in our communities living longer in ill-health.

The report also highlights the importance of whole-population, primary prevention interventions, with a strengthened focus on the building blocks of health. It makes the point that whole population interventions (such as universal education, vaccination, legislation to address the commercial determinants of health and improvements to the public realm) avoid an increase in inequalities as there are no barriers to engagement in terms of money, time and effort on the part of the population. While there is also huge value in targeted and early-intervention approaches, there is a risk that such approaches may not successfully engage all of those who they are designed to benefit.

The final section of the report outlines work on prevention within health and care, with a specific recognition of the role of primary care, and their opportunity, working alongside community and voluntary sector partners, to intervene early to improve health and wellbeing, as part of a wider system approach to prevention.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Board is recommended to:

- i. Note the key demographic information
- ii. Note the report's prevention priorities, and consider opportunities for their integration into wider Community Planning work, including the Living Well Locally Neighbourhood Prevention Networks:
 - Healthy Places
 - Climate and Sustainability Action
 - Local Healthcare
- iii. Consider consistent use of prevention terminology, in-line with that being adopted by NHS Lothian (prevention; early intervention; and mitigation)

3. Main Report

The full report is available here: <https://services.nhslothian.scot/publichealth/wp-content/uploads/sites/105/2025/03/Director-of-Public-Health-Annual-Report-2024-v1.0-1.pdf>

The attached slide set, developed from the report, will be presented to the Edinburgh Partnership Board.

4. Contact

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NHS Lothian Director of Public Health Annual Report 2024

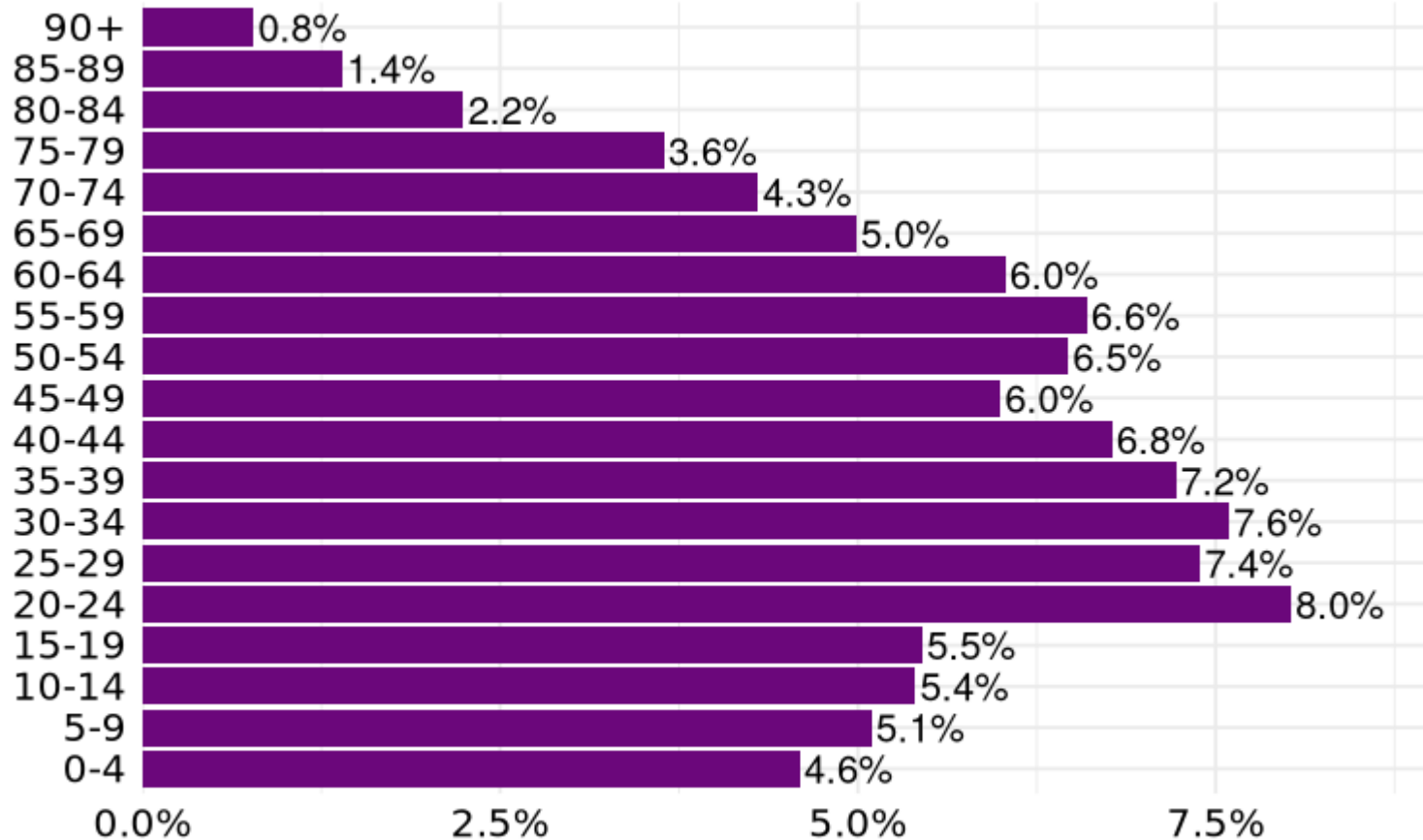
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Current population of Lothian

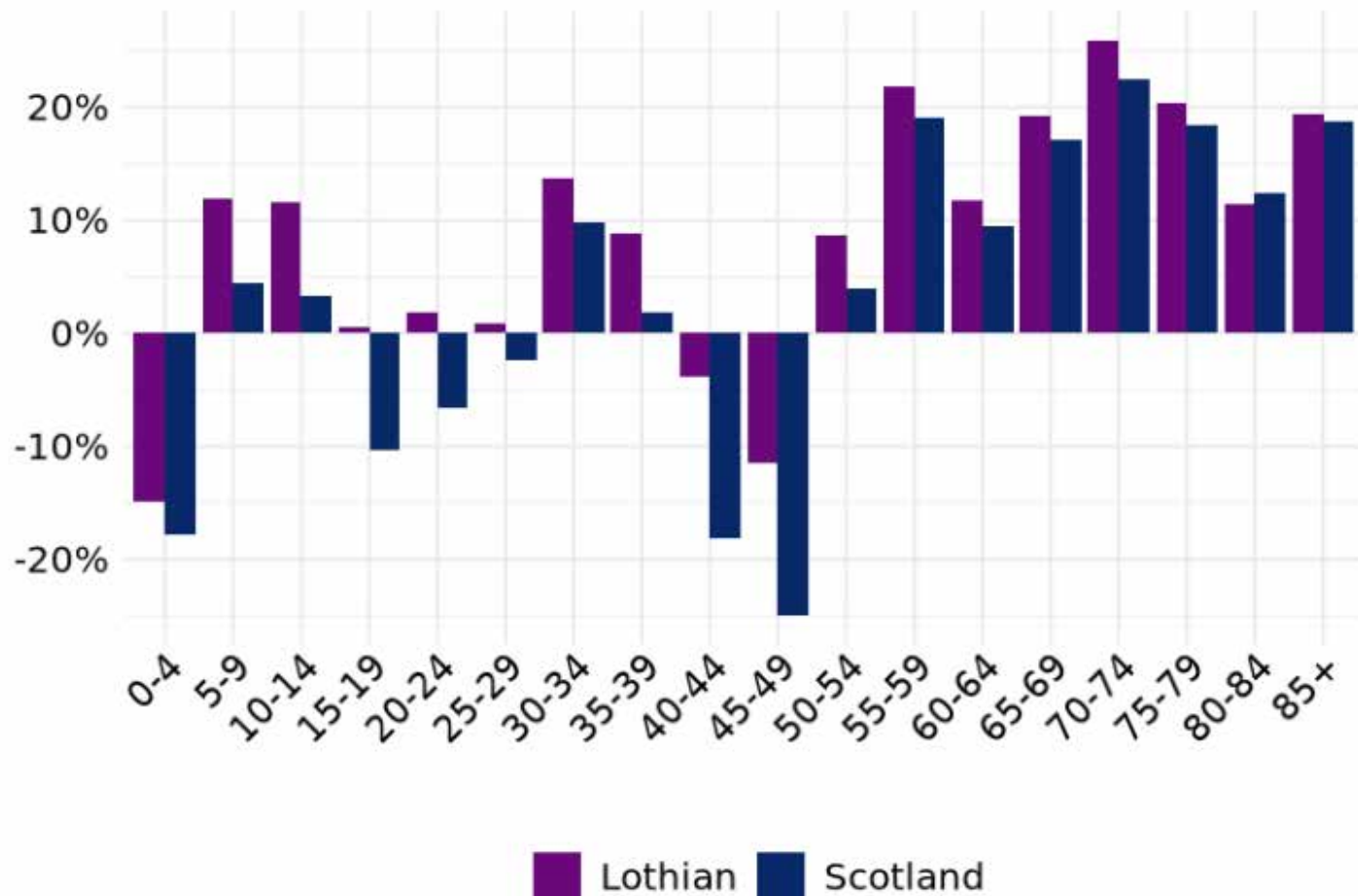
Population of Lothian across age groups in mid-2023



- Mid-2023 population estimate (based on 2022 census) = 919,060
- Women comprise slightly over half of Lothian's population (51%)
- 89% of the population are white
- There is variation in the distribution of deprivation across the 4 local authorities

Population change

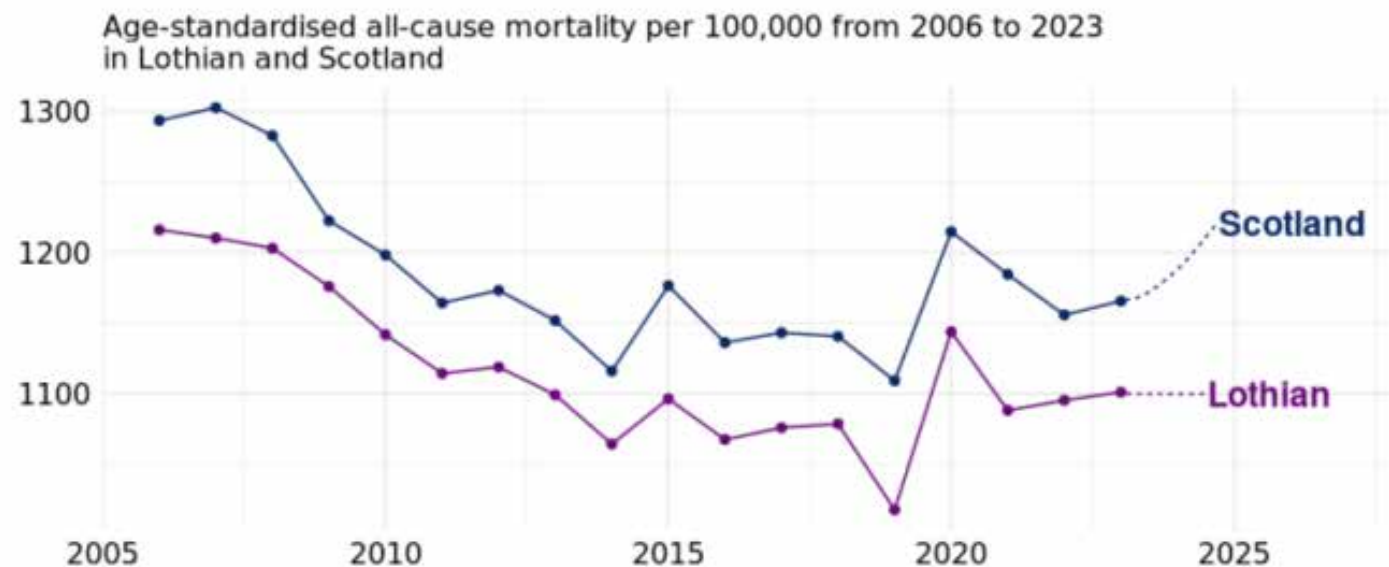
Change in age group population in Lothian and Scotland between 2011 and 2022, Census



- Between 2011 and 2022 Lothian's population increased by 70,000
- Particular growth in people aged 55 and over, 51,043 more people
- Little change in people aged 15-29 and people aged 0-4 years decreased by 6,317

Mortality

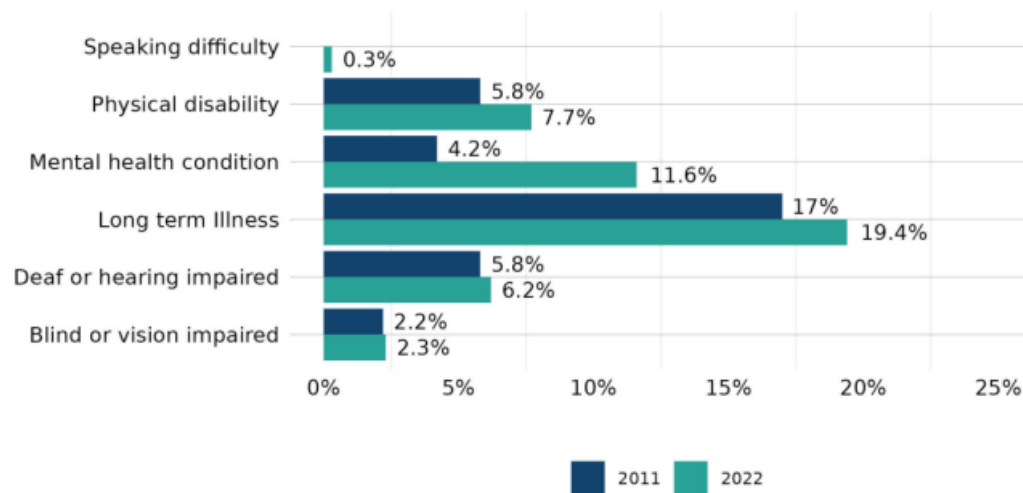
- The leading causes of mortality in Lothian are cancers, cardiovascular disease and respiratory diseases.
- Both all-cause mortality and early all-cause mortality remain consistently lower in Lothian when compared to Scotland.
- Similarly, life expectancy in both females (aged 81.7) and males (aged 77.8) are higher in Lothian than trends shown nationally.



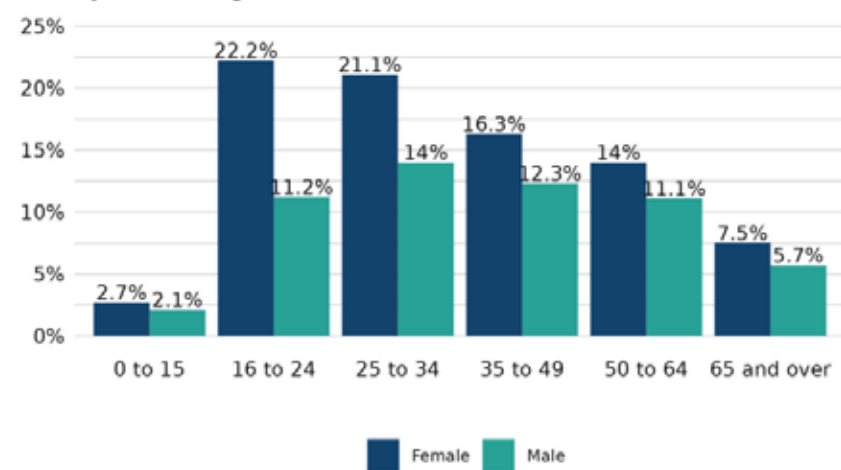
Self-reported health status

- Nearly 1 in 5 people in Lothian report they have a long-term illness
- Between 2011 and 2022, there was an increase from 4.2% to 11.6% in those reporting mental health conditions (trend also seen nationally). This is highest in females between 16-34.

Percentage of people who reported specific health conditions, 2011-2022, Lothian



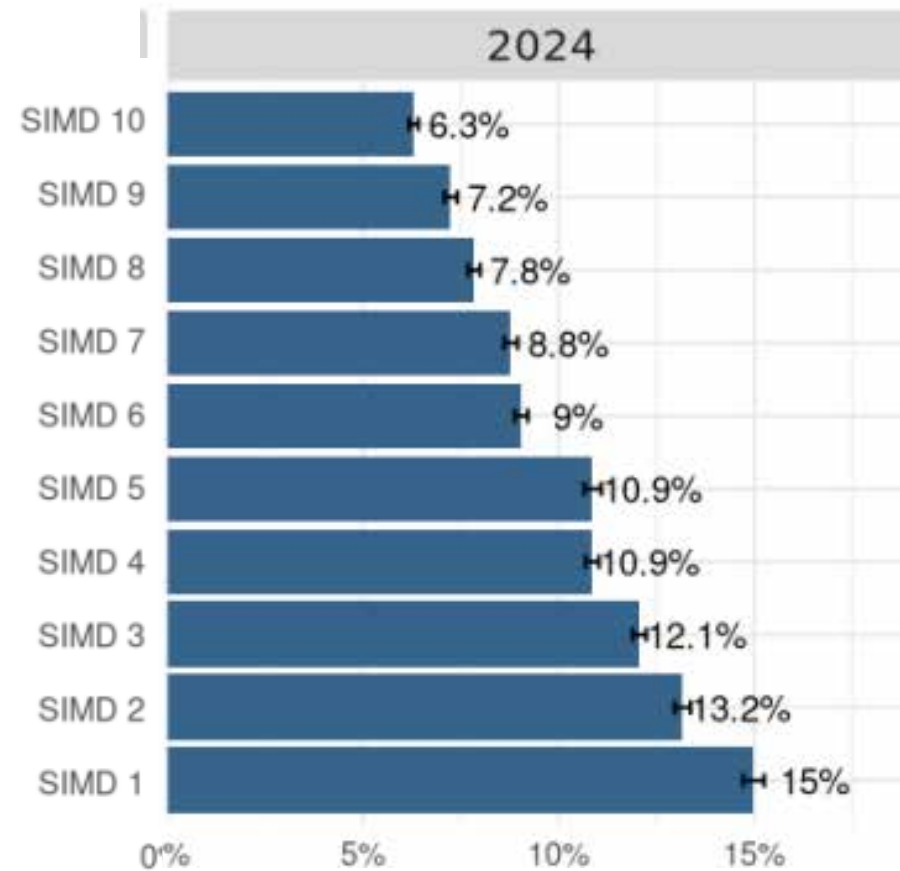
Percentage of people who reported a mental health condition by sex and age, 2022, Lothian



Missingness in healthcare

- Understanding the factors that contribute to non-attendance helps to make a systematic shift from punitive to supportive service design and delivery.
- Of the 2.8 million NHS Lothian outpatient appointments in 2023/24, around 8% were not attended.
- Characteristics of those more likely to miss appointments
 - Males
 - Younger people
 - People from Black and Asian ethnic groups
 - People who waited longer to access outpatient care
 - People with many appointments or previously missed appointments
 - People living in more deprived areas

Age-sex standardised DNA rates per SIMD decile in NHS Lothian



The case for prevention

- Prevention in public health terms is about keeping people healthy and reducing the risk of ill health, injury or early death.
- It is cost effective and critical in delivering long-term sustainability of health and care services.
- Prevention will improve population health outcomes and reduce health inequalities.

Three types of prevention activity exist:

- **Primary prevention** stops the problem occurring in the first place. Activity includes acting on the building blocks of health, such as income, employment, housing and education, or interventions such as vaccination.
- **Early intervention** focuses on identification of problems to support early intervention and treatment. This includes screening for breast, bowel or cervical cancer, and early years health visitor checks.
- **Mitigation** aims to make sure an ongoing health problem is well managed to avoid crises and reduce the harmful consequences, such as foot care for people with diabetes.

NHS Lothian: an Anchor Institution

- NHS Lothian's responsibilities extend beyond the delivery of high-quality health and social care. We use our influence in spending decisions, capital investment and disposals, and our status as the biggest employer in the region to impact positively the health of the local population.
- Examples of ongoing work as an Anchor Institution
 - Work with NHS Lothian Charity to expand our in-hospital income maximisation service model. In two years, £2,400,000 has been gained for people using these services.
 - Support for work placement programmes, a new approach to supporting people who have been furthest from employment into work, and more efficient recruitment

Prevention through healthy places

- Public Health Partnership and Place teams work locally with partners on the building blocks of health, and seek to influence policy and decision-making at a local level with a particular focus on work with community planning partners

Local Place - priorities for action

- **Influence Local Development Plans:** Collaborate with local authorities to influence planning policies that promote healthy built environments, including walkable green spaces.
- **Policy Advocacy:** Support policy changes at national and local levels to regulate alcohol, tobacco, gambling and food products high in sugar, salt and fat.
- **Reducing Exposure to Health-Harming Commodities:** Influence local policies around licensing, advertising and other controls on harmful products.

Prevention through climate action

- Increasing community resilience to climate change can protect people from the effects of severe weather, infectious disease and other health impacts of climate changes.

Climate emergency and environmental sustainability - priorities for action

- Continue to take action to **reduce the greenhouse gas emissions** associated with the provision of healthcare services and support the resilience of our communities against the impacts of climate change.
- Continue to **design services located close to where people live**, or be digitally inclusive, to reduce the need for people to travel, and ensuring sustainable transport options are provided.
- Continue to **advocate for the importance of stable, affordable, good quality homes** that are appropriately insulated to enable people to stay warm without excessive spending on fuel.

Prevention through local healthcare

Examples of local preventative healthcare in Lothian:

- *Waiting Well* - ensuring that a person's health does not deteriorate while waiting for surgery or treatment.
- Community pharmacies – local access to healthcare such as Pharmacy First and smoking cessation.
- Deep End GP movement – ensuring our most deprived communities can access the healthcare they need.

Accessing local preventative healthcare - priorities for action

- Continue work on reducing inequalities in access to healthcare through developing our understanding of did not attend data and 'missingness', and developing actions to support engagement with healthcare services.
- Work across services to develop and deliver a person-centred approach to Waiting Well, and our prehabilitation services.
- Harness role of community pharmacy in provision of preventative healthcare through development and implementation of the Pharmaceutical Care Services Plan

Recommendations to the EPB:

The Board is recommended to:

1. Note the key demographic information
2. Note the report's prevention priorities, and consider opportunities for integration into wider Community Planning work, including the Living Well Locally Neighbourhood Prevention Networks:
 - Healthy Places
 - Climate and Sustainability Action
 - Local Healthcare
3. Consider consistent use of prevention terminology, in-line with that being adopted by NHS Lothian (prevention; early intervention; and mitigation)



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Edinburgh Partnership Poverty Prevention Programme

update:

Living well locally – addressing poverty across Edinburgh through whole system reform

Edinburgh Partnership Board
June 2025

Progress to date

When the Edinburgh Partnership Board last met in March we agreed:

- to embed a place-based partnership approach across city, with city partners and the third sector working together better to reshape the way we support citizens
- to facilitate a move from individual exemplars of relational practice to local ecosystems that work and grow together
- to foster system change through continual learning and incremental change, with a dedicated “sense-making” team helping to drive this forward

Since then, we have:

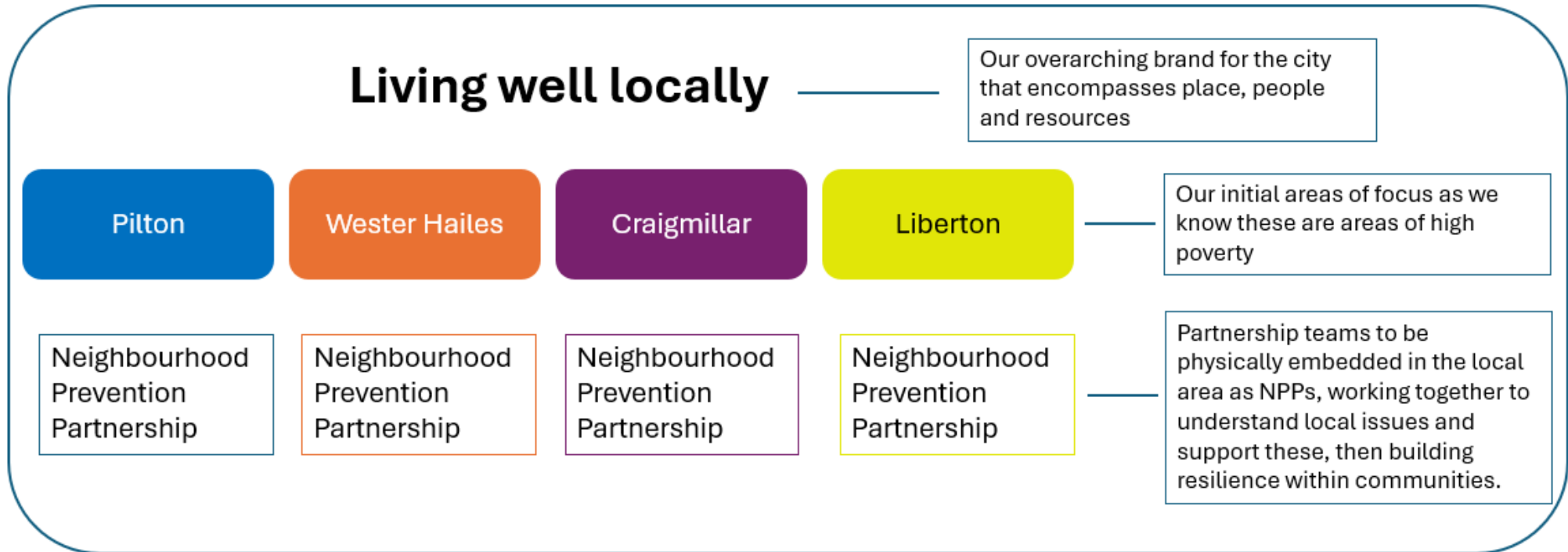
- held a workshop with representatives from the Edinburgh Partnership organisations to clarify what the above means in practice and agree how we can best work together - this pack is based on the outputs from that session
- held several workshops on third sector funding and delivered the first phase of the third sector resilience fund
- visited South Ayrshire Council to understand their model of radical place leadership
- attended a “Relational Policy-Making” Roundtable at Edinburgh Futures Institute to explore what is needed to shift to policy making which supports liberated workers and citizens to continuously experiment and learn together
- continued to engage with services and organisations working in a relational way, e.g. Craigmillar Medical Practice
- sought opportunities to grow collaborative, relational practice, e.g. session with Libraries management team

By the next time the Partnership Board meets we want to have:

- established a Neighbourhood Prevention Partnership working group, starting in Pilton
- established initial team to capture baseline analytics in Pilton, from which to establish sense-making framework
- began development of community engagement plan aligned to NPP to begin the wider ecosystem work
- clarified how this will be driven and governed by community planning framework
- submitted a proposal to Scottish Government on Fairer Future funding
- clarified and agreed resource asks from all partners on the above
- clarify what is meant by Living Well Locally – what does it encompass?

Step one: working better together

A working group consisting of representation from City of Edinburgh Council, NHS Public Health, Police Scotland, University of Edinburgh, Lothian Association of Youth Clubs (LAYC) propose the following approach:



This approach will enable key services to work better together in local communities to address local need and prevent escalation.

By co-ordinating better on the ground, we will see increased efficiency and reduced duplication, leading to quicker, better outcomes for citizens and savings for the organisations involved.

Neighbourhood Prevention Partnership – a closer look



Physically co-located in the neighbourhood they serve



Operating rhythm that facilitates responsive and collaborative working



Prevention focused – creating the right conditions to prevent problems in the community before they occur or mitigate them as early as possible



Embedding relational and trauma informed practice to create a no wrong door approach

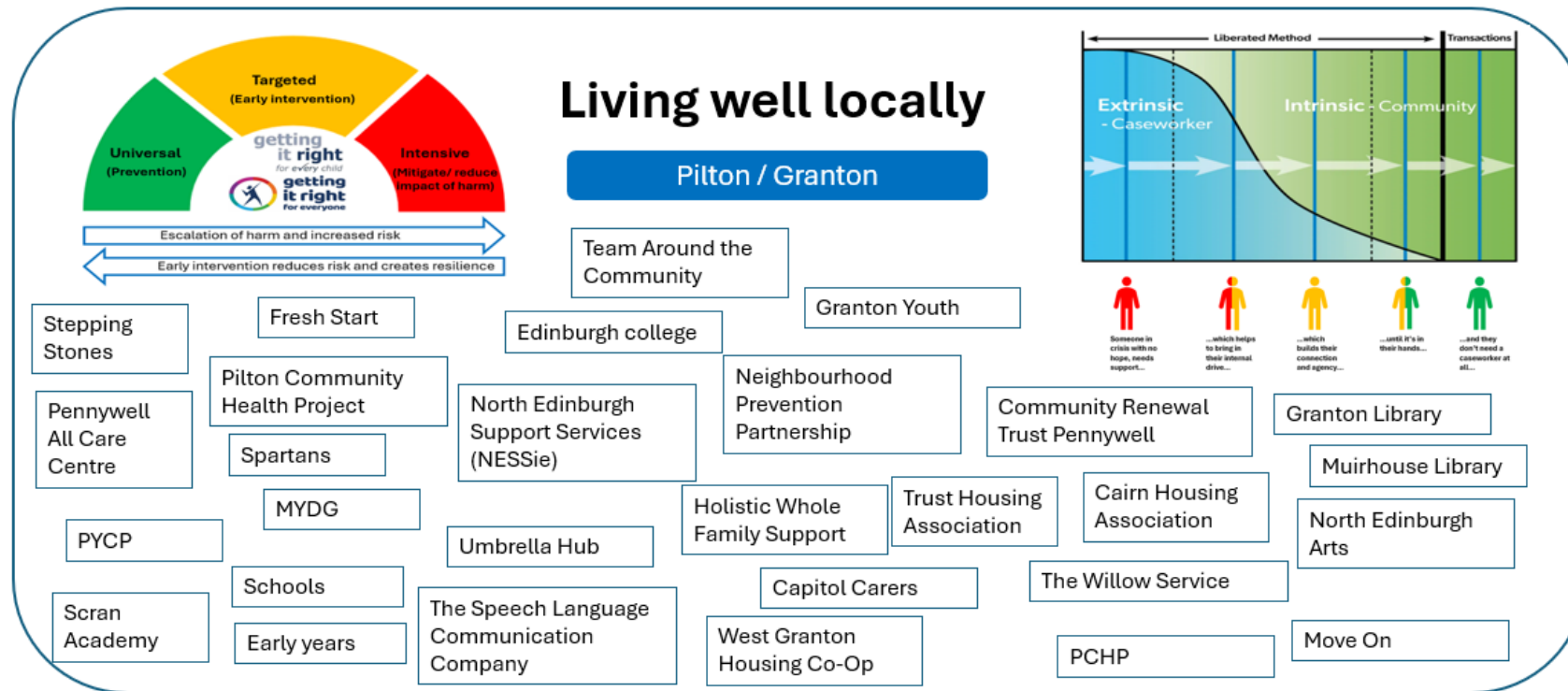


Embedding continuous learning and evaluation (human learning systems) to ensure the NPP can respond to the changing needs of the local community and feed into wider sense-making



Shared performance and data models

Step two: building local ecosystems

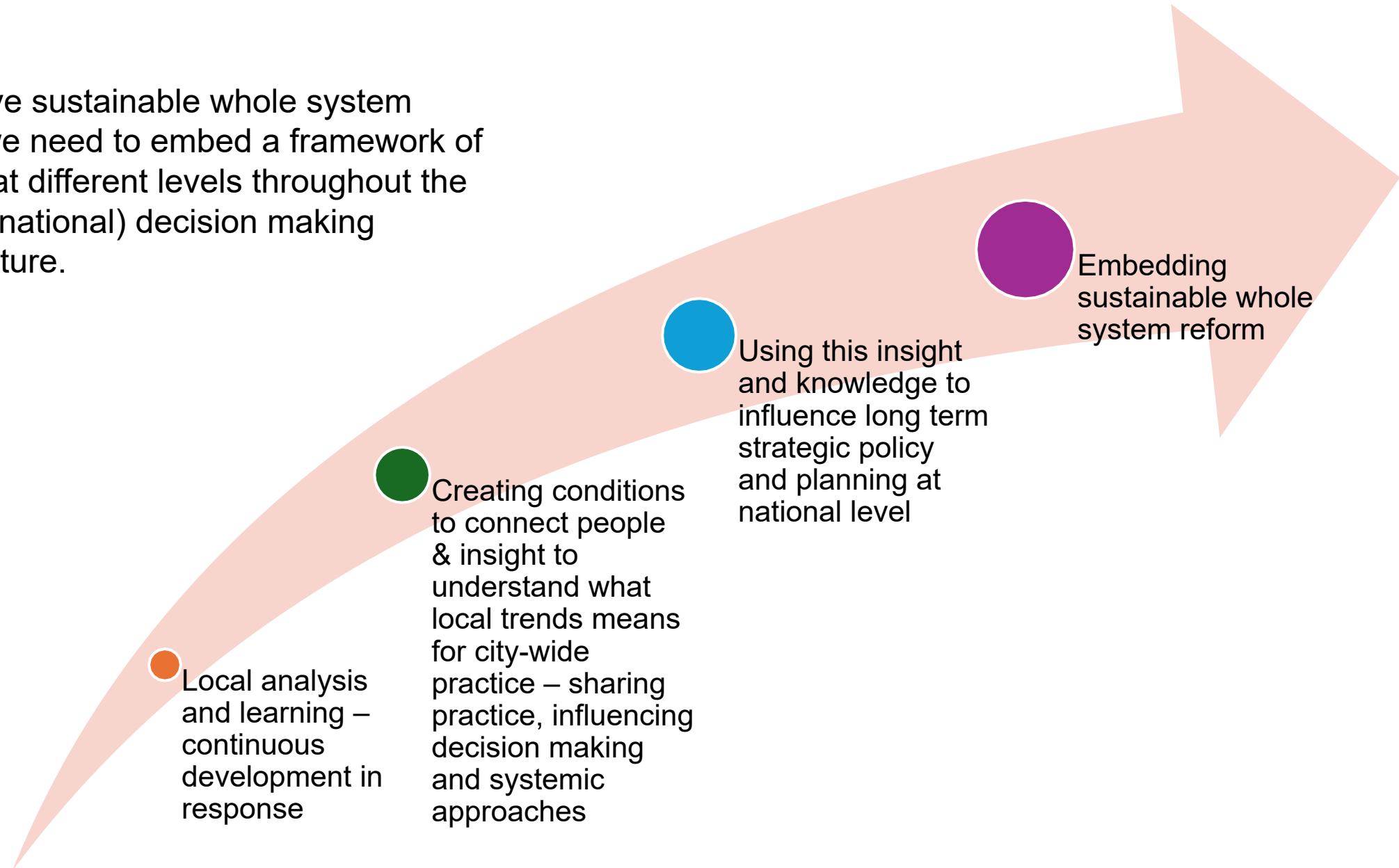


*This is just a snapshot, not a depiction of all services/orgs working in the area.

- To support a full system approach, we need to recognise the variety of roles and organisations across the spectrum of universal/targeted/intensive support in each area. Each have a role in supporting individual and community empowerment and resilience.
- We need to identify what this looks like in each area, then offer the groups and organisations the opportunity to come together to design and build each area's plan to Live Well Locally. Embedding a learning approach that enables ongoing evolution locally and facilitation of wider system change. We recommend starting this in Pilton/Granton, where there is already existing infrastructure to build upon. The learnings from this can then be taken out to the wider city in a phased approach.
- Local Improvement Plans linked back to a single city plan (LOIP) will be a useful tool help make this happen.

Step three – connecting across the city

To achieve sustainable whole system reform, we need to embed a framework of learning at different levels throughout the city (and national) decision making infrastructure.



Next steps

- Establish a Neighbourhood Prevention Partnership working group, starting in Pilton
- Establish initial team to capture baseline analytics in Pilton, from which to establish sense-making framework
- Develop community engagement plan aligned to NPP to begin the wider ecosystem work
- Clarify how this will be driven and governed by community planning framework
- Submit a proposal to Scottish Government on Fairer Future funding
- Clarify and agree resource asks from all partners on the above
- Clarify what is meant by Living Well Locally – what does it encompass?

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Community Safety and Justice Partnership review

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Partnership met on the 20th May 2025 with the aim of reviewing the current partnership arrangements. This report sets out the key elements of the discussion and the next steps.
- 1.2 The session heard from Professor Lesley McAra of Edinburgh University, in her role as a member of the Independent Working Group on Antisocial Behaviour that reported to the Scottish Government in February 2025. The report is available [here](#).
- 1.3 Members present discussed the findings of the report, at national and local policy level, in the context of the report recommendations which are:
 - 1.3.1 That an oversight board, chaired independently, be formed to support a whole system approach to drive change; commissioning work/organisations to support change and meet identified actions (below); develop a framework for strategic deployment of resources; provide leadership to the sustainable delivery of upstream prevention and achieve effective partnership working.
 - 1.3.2 That the current legislation, definition and guidance is reviewed and revised. This review should consider what support and training will need to be provided and how any new legislation will be implemented.
 - 1.3.3 A systematic review of data and information gathering, analysis and exchange to enable more effective flow of data, better information gathering, new systems for reporting antisocial behaviour and a clearer understanding of what antisocial behaviour is and what should be reported and to where and to whom.
 - 1.3.4 The development of a preventive framework outlining the supports and resources within public services to achieve upstream prevention, encompassing tests of change and scaling up evidenced based, existing preventative activities to be rolled out across the country.
 - 1.3.5 That all Local Authorities review and update their current Antisocial Behaviour Strategic arrangements and Strategies, to ensure a dedicated focus and spend on the prevention and addressing of antisocial behaviour. Local Authorities should publish a dedicated Antisocial Behaviour Strategy as required by the Antisocial Behaviour (etc) Scotland Act 2004, rather than include Antisocial Behaviour within wider strategies such as Community Safety.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Board is recommended to agree the following actions:
- i. A self assessment exercise is completed by CSaJ partners with a report back to the Edinburgh Partnership in September 2025.
 - ii. The funding model for the CSaJ Partnership is reviewed with an update to be included in the September 2025 report to the Edinburgh Partnership.
 - iii. Following this the city's Antisocial Behaviour Strategy is refreshed with a report back to the Edinburgh Partnership in December 2025.
 - iv. Terms of Reference are developed and submitted for agreement by the Edinburgh Partnership in December 2025.

3. Main Report

- 3.1 The discussion at the review session included key points such as:
- 3.1.1 Preventative services strategy and delivery
 - 3.1.2 The role of the partnership in achieving key aims
 - 3.1.3 The role of statutory frameworks such as Alcohol and Drugs Partnerships, Community Justice Partnerships, Youth services
 - 3.1.4 The role of supporting and enabling services such as restorative justice, mediation services, and substance misuse services
 - 3.1.5 Drivers of antisocial behaviour including poverty
 - 3.1.6 Generational antisocial behaviour
 - 3.1.7 Antisocial behaviour terminology
 - 3.1.8 The fragility of funding models for services in the 3rd sector
 - 3.1.9 The role of contextual safeguarding in Edinburgh
 - 3.1.10 The role of secure housing and communities in preventing antisocial behaviour.
- 3.2 There was a good discussion about models that work well to tackle and prevent antisocial behaviour, including a model introduced in Glasgow City Centre by the Violence Reduction Unit. The role of 'signal' crimes was discussed in the topic of placemaking and design, along with the European concept of 'Urban Security' being adopted rather than 'Antisocial Behaviour' as the common language.
- 3.3 The group also discussed interaction and communication with communities, social attitudes to offending, and the need to gather and analyse data more effectively to inform policy development.



- 3.4 There was broad agreement that the role of Community Justice should be more prominent in the partnership, and that there was potential for the group to become more focussed on outcomes rather than just receiving reports on activities that have been carried out.
- 3.5 The structure and capacity of community safety services was discussed, with acknowledgement that work needed to be undertaken to understand core and strategic service delivery, and ownership of different strands of work. These include night time safety, hate crime, bonfire night work, street assist and taxi marshal services.
- 3.6 The group considered whether a combined community safety and justice group was appropriate, or whether separate groups would be more effective in overseeing the themes. Community Justice colleagues highlighted the role of self-assessment in that area as being helpful.
- 3.7 Funding of the partnership was also discussed, with confusion over what funding was available and for what purpose. Crucially, it was unclear who had responsibility for the budget available.
- 3.8 There was acknowledgement that the work begun to update the Antisocial Behaviour Strategy, which ran out last year, had stalled and needed to recommence.
- 3.9 The group agreed the recommendations above as the next steps in understanding the appropriate structure and oversight for Community Safety and Justice in Edinburgh.

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