Perth and Kinross

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY 2022-2025

'Our Plan for the future'



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CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION, OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

1. Introduction

This Mental Health and Wellbeing (MHWB) Strategy 2022–2025 is the Perth and Kinross Health and Social Care Partnership's new all age strategy that reflects our commitments to everyone in Perth and Kinross in respect of their mental health and wellbeing. This refreshed Mental Health Strategy for Perth and Kinross provides an overview of the work currently underway and identifies Perth and Kinross's 5 overarching commitments and associated actions for the next 3 years, in addition to measuring and evidencing what success looks like for a mentally healthier Perth and Kinross. As good mental wellbeing and health benefits us all, this strategy aims to focus on all aspects of Mental Health including its association with physical health.

This strategy comes at a time of recognition that it is now more important than ever to use the lessons we learned during the Covid-19 pandemic to renew and rejuvenate mental health and wellbeing services, ensuring that the planning, provision, and organisation of services will be underpinned by a person-centred, preventative, evidence-based and human rights approach. Our aim is to develop an inclusive, accessible, unified, and equitable user journey, supporting improved and sustainable wellbeing that is free from stigma or harm for all users, regardless of age, sex, culture, or community group.

This strategy takes full account of the recommendations of the Scottish Government's National Mental Health Strategy (2017 – 2027), which emphasises the need to build capacity within our local communities and reduce the reliance on hospital beds, working with a range of partners to achieve this. It also reflects and builds on the Tayside strategy 'Living Life Well', providing a local response and action plan in respect of the views of individuals and organisations in Perth and Kinross and local data. We will work closely with our partners in Dundee and Angus to develop joint strategic action plans for Tayside-wide services and to rebuild public trust and respect, making sure that people have access to the right information, care, and support, as early as possible in their lives. Locally, we will work collaboratively with individuals, families, professionals, and other organisations to strengthen and improve our mental health services. Together, we will ensure that mental health support is accessible, joined-up, inclusive and shaped by the people the services are designed to support. At the same time, we will work hard to reduce mental health—related stigma and creating opportunities that support good mental wellbeing, as well as promoting equality and diversity in mental health support and services across all ages and community groups.

The planning, provision, organisation, and management of services will be underpinned by high quality person-centred, safe, effective, and evidence-based practice; service development and delivery will be reflected in higher standards of service provision.

This strategy is drafted by Perth and Kinross Health and Social Care Partnership (P&K HSCP) and encompasses the programme of work with over 600 stakeholders that helped to shape the Tayside Mental Health and Wellbeing 'Living Life Well' strategy 2020 – 2025. In addition, over 300 people across Perth and Kinross contributed to the development of this strategy. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to this strategy, many of whom are listed in appendix 3, which includes people with lived experience, their families and carers, members of our Mental Health and

Wellbeing Strategy Group, staff from across Health and Social Care, Perth and Kinross Council, NHS Tayside, Police Scotland, our third sector and independent external partners, and those who kindly took part in our engagement events.

This 3-year mental health strategy is the next exciting phase of change and improvement in Perth and Kinross, building on the momentum of the whole system approach to redesign to date.

2. Why is Mental Health and Mental Wellbeing Important?

The World Health Organisation describes **mental health** as "a state of wellbeing in which every individual realizes his or her own abilities, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to his or her own community." Therefore, **mental wellbeing** is more than the absence of mental illness or disorder; it describes how we are feeling and how well we can cope with day-to-day life at any moment or period of our lives.

Our mental wellbeing as individuals can change from minute to minute, month by month, and year by year. Our mental health is connected to many areas of our lives including life circumstances, employment, education, finance, housing, relationships, and lifestyle choices as both a cause and effect. Impacts to our mental wellbeing are not experienced merely as a consequence of external factors; an individual with enduring mental health difficulties may well also have various co morbidities such as learning disabilities, autism, problematic substance misuse and physical health problems. Good mental health is fundamental for growth, development, resilience, positive relationships, and better physical health.

Improving and maintaining mental health and wellbeing involves using an integrated, multi-agency approach to target the different challenges and co morbidities that impact an individual's mental health and wellbeing. Services need to be person-centred and strongly focussed on prevention and early intervention. This requires equal involvement and ownership from the third, independent and statutory sectors along with service users, families, and carers.

One of our key challenges in this strategy is to meet an ever-increasing demand for support while continuing to manage available resources. This is particularly pertinent now due to the Covid-19 pandemic and its expected after-effects. We are facing an unprecedented increase in demand and complexity of need, with heightened expectations, at a time when public sector finances are pressured, and we face significant recruitment challenges. We therefore need to review our current services and pathways, ensuring that resources are used effectively and efficiently to deliver support that meets identified gaps and needs. Developing strong, collaborative relationships across all sectors and communities, collating quality data and feedback to develop evidence-based services that are overtly strength-based and needs-led, connects services, and reduces duplication will be our first step.

3. Perth & Kinross HSCP Vision

Our vision will put the person at the centre of decisions about their support, treatment, and care, with mental health services working together across all sectors to make sure people can get the right help at the right time. It is a vision where we have a mentally healthy Perth and Kinross, with all people fully enjoying their rights, taking control of their own lives, and having their voices heard,

completely free from stigma and discrimination. The actions and plans in delivering this vision contribute towards the achievement of the 5 P&K Strategic Commissioning Plan 2020-2025 priorities:

- Working together with our communities
- Prevention and Early Intervention
- Person-centred health, care, and support
- Reducing inequalities and unequal health outcomes and promoting healthy living
- Making best use of available facilities, people and other resources

We wish to see a Perth and Kinross where:

- Everyone, regardless of age, sex, culture, race, or sexual orientation can access mental
 health services and receive support equally and fairly, and have their voices heard, all with
 dignity and respect.
- We understand that there is no health without mental health.
- Mental health and related issues can be openly discussed without fear of stigmatisation.
- We prioritise prevention and early intervention of mental ill-health and suicide.
- Supportive relationships are promoted along with increased opportunities to improve physical health and social inclusion.
- Feedback and lived experiences of people, their families, carers, and all staff across disciplines in the mental health field are central to shaping, developing, and informing services.
- Services across all sectors within the community work collaboratively to design and develop support pathways that improve the quality of life, social inclusion, health equity, economic wellbeing and recovery of people who experience mental illness.
- Mental health support pathways are clear with people supported to have the knowledge and confidence to take control and make decisions about their own lives.
- Staff providing mental health care and support feel supported in their roles.
- Supports and services are robust and able to evolve to reflect changing local needs and demands.

Our vision upholds Tayside's ambition that "everyone in Tayside has the right to achieve the best possible mental health and wellbeing and is enabled to do so. That the stark inequalities associated with mental health and substance use conditions, disorders and dependency are reduced and Tayside leads the way in addressing the stigma and discrimination that exist in society and across public services and organisations, related to mental health."

To achieve our vision, we will ensure our services are fit for the future, supporting, and promoting good mental health and wellbeing for all. We will do this through delivering on the five key themes identified by the people of Perth and Kinross over the next three years. These are:

- 1) Good Mental Health for all Early Intervention and Prevention
- 2) Access to Mental Health services and support
- 3) Co-ordinated working and person-centred support

¹ NHS Tayside's 'Living Life Well' Mental Health Strategy 2019-2024

- 4) Participation and Engagement
- 5) Review of Workforce requirements

Throughout the course of this strategy, we will concentrate on the following key priorities which will help drive forward significant change across our Mental Health provision. These are:

- Increase resource and capacity to promote the Suicide Awareness and Prevention agenda.
- Agree an evidence-based model of Mental Health Advanced Nurse Practitioners who will be an integral part of our Community Mental Health Services.
- Improve the response to people presenting in distress through Connected Compassionate Support. The Distress Brief Intervention (DBI) model will be paramount for this to happen.
- Working with existing crisis and distress services we have in Perth and Kinross, explore how
 to define, connect, and enhance our local crisis and distress model to enable individuals
 across Perth and Kinross to access immediate help and support when experiencing mental
 health crisis through collaborative work of key partners across statutory, third sector and
 independent services.
- Develop a Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub in Perth and Kinross that will offer information and support accessible to all everyone, while promoting positive health and wellbeing.
- Ensure that we have a resilient and sustainable workforce that can meet the needs of our population, both now and for the future.

These key priorities will reinforce and complement the actions set out within the action plan. By focusing on these priorities, we will improve access to services, promote early intervention and prevention and ensure that individuals receive the best possible care and support at the right time at a community level across Perth and Kinross.

4. Summary of Commitments

A summary of our 5 mental health and wellbeing strategic themes and our overarching commitments are set out below:

KEY THEME 1: GOOD MENTAL HEALTH FOR ALL – PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION

- We will focus our resources and capacity on what is required and has been working well and not
 on what has been historically in place or doesn't meet the needs of the population. We will offer
 further investment in third sector provision of preventative approaches that positively promote
 wellbeing and good mental health.
- We will continue to work with our partners from health, social work, education, police, fire
 service, housing, third sector and local communities of Perth and Kinross to deliver the
 objectives in relation to reducing inequalities in line with our five strategic objectives within the
 Perth & Kinross Community Plan (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan). In particular, these
 include supporting people to lead independent, health and active lives and promoting a
 prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy.
- We will ensure timely, high-quality information is available to children, young people, adults, families and carers so that they can make decisions about their own mental health care and support, and about mental health services.
- We will ensure the implementation of best practice for early intervention for first episode psychosis, according to clinical guidelines.

- We will continue to work in collaboration with all partners to promote early attendance for physical symptoms and reduce the risks associated with multi-morbidity.
- We will continue to educate and challenge stigma with employers in order to promote mentally healthy workplace environments (including working from home) as well as encourage local employers to make employment more available to those with lived experience.
- We will ensure that people with mental ill health are offered the same access to housing and support as those not so affected.
- We will improve transition pathways for children moving into adult mental health services.
- We will develop our use of social media, choosing channel and content type best suited to the target audience.
- We will continue to embed the Equality Act 2010 with respect to discrimination on grounds of mental health across all communities and in all areas of life. We will take every opportunity to combat stigma, which acts as a barrier to people seeking support with their mental health and wellbeing and promote social inclusion at every opportunity.
- We will work alongside Perth and Kinross Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy Group, our experts with lived experience, and local and national partners to develop new approaches to challenging stigma and discrimination in mental health, which will include social media campaigns.
 - We will enhance our Suicide Prevention and co-ordination resource and promote training and information across all agencies and services.
- We will undertake a full review of the services currently provided by our partners in the third sector, informed by this 3 year strategy, to further develop innovative service solutions where required. The focus will be the provision of asset based, person centred recovery and support to individuals and their carers. Through the use of additional, specific Mental Health Funding, including Recovery and Renewal funding and Action 15 funding, we will ensure that 3rd Sector Mental Health provision has parity in delivering key areas identified in the action plan.

KEY THEME 2 – ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND SUPPORT

- We will ensure that carers, as key partners, have improved access to support and information
- We will support and enable people to live safely and independently within local communities, developing community-based peer led networks and assets recognising that 'probably the single most important factor contributing to change towards more recovery-oriented services' is the added value of mutual support
- We will continue to design, implement and evaluate supports and services that provide timely,
 accessible, efficient and effective responses to common mental health problems to reduce the
 pressure on GP resources across Perth and Kinross. This will include developing clinical and nonclinical multi-agency teams to provide assessment, advice, support and some levels of treatment
 for people who require mental health, distress or wellbeing support.

- We will improve access and the use of digital technology, particularly for those living in remote and rural locations and combat digital poverty where it exists.
- We will continue to provide supports and services that are proactive, pre-emptive and coordinated with people and their families/carers at the centre, using our resources as efficiently and effectively as possible and seek to decrease crisis presentations.
- We will establish a culture of anticipatory care planning within our community teams to promote and support self-management and enable best management of crises.
- We will implement a localised support for Perinatal Mental Health as part of the Tayside wide
 pathway for perinatal mental health service to ensure the person receives care at the right level
 for their need. We will provide awareness sessions/training on infant mental health for all staff
 working with mothers and their babies.

KEY THEME 3 – COORDINATED WORKING AND PERSON-CENTRED SUPPORT

- Our approach to care and support (in hospital and in the community) will be holistic, embedding "Good Conversations" training for staff, keeping the person at the centre and recognising the invaluable role of families and carers
- We will optimise the use of digital and mobile technologies to enable people to self-manage their health, to enable monitoring, diagnostics, advice and access which aims to enhance ongoing care and decision making closer to home wherever possible.
- We will improve transition pathways between tiers of care, between age related support services and between statutory supports and the third sector, ensuring they are as seamless as possible.
- Through collaboration and co-production, we will embed the Triangle of Care ethos within our support services, such as hospital discharge. The Triangle of Care is a 'therapeutic alliance' between the service user, Carer and lead professional to ensure a fully integrated person centred approach.
- We will work with statutory and third sector services to establish clearer and more robust referral and communication systems between services, reducing the need for repetition.
- We will regularly review academic and analytical studies that provide the evidence base for what makes a difference to suicide rates and use this evidence to improve practice and make positive and effective service change.

KEY THEME 4: PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT

- We will continue to work with our partners across all sectors to share learning opportunities in relation to mental ill health and mental disorders and our referral pathways.
- We will strive to be as inclusive as possible in our reach and ensure that individuals or groups, whose voices are not traditionally as strongly heard or represented, are identified, and involved. We will deliver a range of participation points to facilitate this.

- We will develop an Annual Mental Health and wellbeing conference, whereby information and knowledge is shared across a variety of services and progress is highlighted.
- We will evaluate the current level of mentoring and peer support mechanisms within Perth & Kinross to ensure that we have adequate provision.
- Develop clear information for patients, carers, and families to ensure that carers and families are involved and listened to by professionals in treatment and care planning.

KEY THEME 5: REVIEW OF WORKFORCE REQUIREMENTS

- We will continue to review our workforce requirements, taking into account service redesign, to
 ensure the correct levels of staffing, with the right mix of skills, are available where required. We
 currently have a 1 year interim workforce plan to deal with immediate issues and we are
 developing a 3 year workforce plan to ensure sustainability across our workforce.
- Future workforce planning will continue to take into consideration Perth and Kinross' Health and Social Care's Strategic Plan and NHS Tayside's Clinical Strategy commitments to enable people to stay in their own home for as long as possible, supported by person centred community services.
- We will continue to invest in and support the health and wellbeing of our staff through training, information sharing and supervision to continuously improve the quality and safety of care
- We will ensure all staff understand their responsibilities in relation to the principles underpinning the suite of adult protection legislation, namely Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003, Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000 and Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007.

5. Strategic Context

This strategy supports and works alongside a number of local strategies and plans:

- Perth & Kinross Strategic Commissioning Plan 2020 2025 sets out our commissioning plan
 in relation to how we would support people living in Perth and Kinross to lead healthy and
 active lives and to live independently as possible, with choice and control over their care and
 support. It aims to improve the wellbeing and outcomes of people, to intervene early and to
 work with the third and independent sectors and communities, to prevent longer-term
 issues arising.
- Tayside Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy sets out 9 commitment areas, which responds to the Independent Inquiry's Trust and Respect report.
- 'Trust and Respect', Final Report of the Independent Inquiry into Mental Health Services in Tayside includes 51 recommendations to improve the accessibility, safety, quality and standards of care of mental health services across Tayside.
- Perth & Kinross Carers Strategy 2019-2022 For Young and Adult Carers "A Life Alongside Caring" sets out how we will support unpaid carers of all ages in Perth & Kinross in managing their caring roles for as long as they wish, while enjoying good health and a life alongside caring.

- Perth & Kinross Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP) Strategy & Delivery Plan 2015-2020 provides a 5-year plan to tackle the adverse impact of drug and alcohol use.
- Perth & Kinross Keys to Life Strategy 2020 2025 sets out how we will support people with learning disabilities to have a healthy life, experience choice and control, independence and active citizenship.

This strategy also embraces a number of national strategic and legislative frameworks including:

- Scottish Government's Mental Health Strategy 2017 2027 calls for a preventative and early
 intervention approach to mental health, recognising that there are a broad range of factors
 required to collectively improve wellbeing. Its vision is to ensure that people can get the right
 help at the right time, expect recovery, free from discrimination and stigma.
- National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes enables service users and carers to have a clear understanding of what they can expect in terms of improvements in their health and wellbeing.
- **Getting It Right for Every Child (GIRFEC)** is the national approach towards improving outcomes and supporting the wellbeing of our children and young people by offering the right help at the right time from the right people. It supports them and their parents to work in partnership with the services that can help them.
- **Suicide Prevention Strategy 2013-2016** aims to ensure help and support is available to anyone contemplating suicide and those who have lost a loved one to suicide.
- **Equality Act 2010** provides legal protection for people against direct and indirect discrimination in services and public functions, work, education and transport.
- Human Rights Act 1998 provides legal protection from violation of people's rights. It includes, amongst others, the right to life; the prohibition of torture (which includes inhumane or degrading treatment); the right to respect for family and private life; and the right not be discriminated against.

6. Equalities

In accordance with the Public Sector Equality Duty (General Equality Duty), Perth & Kinross Health and Social Care Partnership, and Perth & Kinross Council Education and Children's Services have a duty to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, and victimisation and to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic.

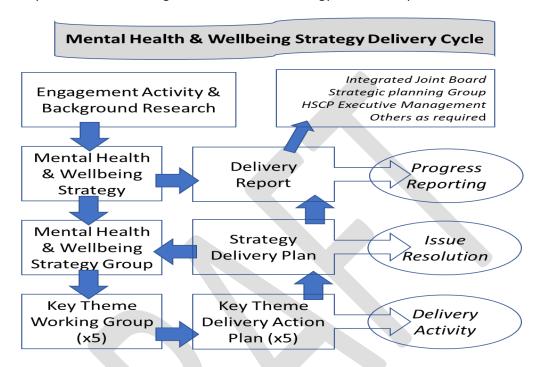
It is an inherent HSCP behaviour that services and supports are available to everyone that needs them.

The Fairer Scotland Duty provides that we must actively consider how we can reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socioeconomic disadvantage when making strategic decisions.

The protected characteristics include age, race, sex, disability, colour, ethnic origin, religion or belief sexual orientation or gender re-assignment but also, in Perth and Kinross, social isolation is a factor that has to be considered due to the rural localities that are in the authority area.

7. Monitoring, Reviewing and Reporting on the Strategy

The journey to deliver the strategic outcomes of the strategy follows this path:



The responsibility of implementing and monitoring this strategy sits with the Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy Group, which feeds into the Strategic Planning Group.

Engagement Activity & Background Research to develop the content of this strategy is explained in Chapter 2.

Mental Health & Wellbeing Strategy is this document.

Mental Health & Wellbeing Strategy Group is an established group, consisting of key stakeholders from statutory, third and independent sectors, carers, and people with lived experience. The Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy Group reports into the Strategic Planning Group.

Key Theme Working Groups consist of members of the Mental Health & Wellbeing Strategy Group, with other interested volunteers, who own delivery of the key themes from the strategy.

Key Theme Delivery Action Plans will be developed and delivered by each of the Key Theme Working Groups to progress implementation of the necessary elements of the key theme. Further details of each of these are in Chapter 4. During the delivery cycle, these might evolve to deliver further improved mental health outcomes.

Strategy Delivery Plan will contain summarised activity and milestones from the five Key Theme Delivery Action Plans. This will be used for monitoring progress against delivery of the strategy and will be reviewed and managed at the mental health & wellbeing strategy group meetings.

Delivery Reports will be issued to share progress with delivery of this strategy, how this supports progress against the Strategic Commissioning Plan and includes performance data for mental health services. Recipients will include the Integrated Joint Board; Strategic Planning group; HSCP Executive Management team as well as others, as required or as directed.

The Strategic Planning Group will have representation from each Strategy Group, including the third and independent sectors, service users and carer representation, and will feed into the Integration Joint Board.

This strategy focuses on the key actions we will deliver in Perth and Kinross and should be read alongside the Tayside strategy for our wider approach and action plan, which requires us to work together with NHS Tayside and our Tayside partners to implement and deliver.

Performance Framework

In order to monitor and evaluate the impact of this Strategy, we have developed a suite of Performance Measures. These measures will be regularly reported to the Executive Management Team and used to determine how well the Strategy is progressing in terms of its stated goals and objectives.

CHAPTER 2: PERTH & KINROSS FEEDBACK AND FIGURES

1. How this Strategy has been Developed

Our understanding of Perth and Kinross's mental health and wellbeing needs, and the development of this strategy is centred on the following:

- Engagement and consultation with our local communities, including people with lived experience of mental health problems, their families, and carers.
- Engagement and consultation with staff working across health and social care, including the third and independent sectors.
- Reference to relevant local and national policies, strategies, and plans, listed within section 5 of Chapter 1.
- Assessment of local demographics, data, statistics, and feedback set out below.

2. Demographics

The population of Perth and Kinross is ageing with a greater life expectancy than the Scottish average. The percentage of the population in the least and most deprived Quintiles is also increasing at the expense of the middle quintiles.

1.1 Population

Across Perth and Kinross, in 2019, we had a population of 151,950 people, spread out equally across each of three locality areas.

- 1. North Perthshire Locality (Blairgowrie, Aberfeldy, Pitlochry and Blair Atholl)
- 2. Perth City Locality
- 3. South Perthshire Locality (Kinross, Auchterarder and Crieff)

Table 1: Perth and Kinross Locality Profiles

| | | | | | Population in | SIMD quintile |
|------------|------------|--------|----------|--------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Locality | Population | % Male | % Female | % over 65 | Most Deprived | Least deprived |
| North | 51,353 | 49% | 51% | 26% | 3% | 14% |
| Perth City | 50,521 | 49% | 51% | 21% | 16% | 26% |
| South | 50,076 | 49% | 51% | 24% | 0% | 29% |

Source: HSCP Locality Profiles Reports December 2020

Life expectancy across Perth and Kinross Is 79.1 for males compared favourably to 77.1 in Scotland and 82.8 across Perth and Kinross for females compared to 81.1 in Scotland.

This varies by locality, more so against Perth City residents.

| | North | Perth City | South | Perth & Kinross | Scotland |
|------------------------|-------|------------|-------|-----------------|----------|
| Male Life Expectancy | 80.1 | 77.7 | 81.7 | 79.1 | 77.1 |
| Female Life Expectancy | 82.9 | 81.9 | 84.0 | 82.8 | 81.1 |

The population distribution across age groups shows the majority of people are aged between 18 and 65 but with greater numbers of those aged 65 or older than those aged 18 or under.

The population structure has been changed over the years. In North Perthshire and Perth City localities, the population shifting to an increasingly older distribution with a reducing younger population whereas in South Perthshire, the population increased in all categories but more so in the older categories.

Source: Locality Population totals (as used by PHS / LIST)

1.2 Deprivation

The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) ranks all datazones in Scotland by a number of factors, Access, Crime, Education, Employment, Health, Housing and Income.

Based on these ranks, each datazone is then given an overall deprivation rank, which is used to split datazones into Deprivation Quintiles with quintile 1 being the most deprived and quintile 5 the least.

The most recent SIMD ranking was carried out in 2020. Results from this have been compared against the 2016 SIMD Quintiles which shows that across all localities, those in quintiles 3 and 4 have shifted to the extremities.

In South Perthshire, those in the least deprived quintile has increased with a 9% population shift.

Those in the lowest two quintiles have increased, especially in North Perthshire at 3.0% and by 3.2% in Perth City.

3. Local Data

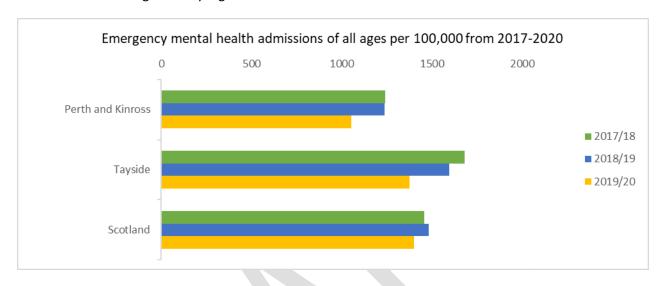
The Scottish Government estimates that 1 in 3 people have a mental health condition in Scotland.²

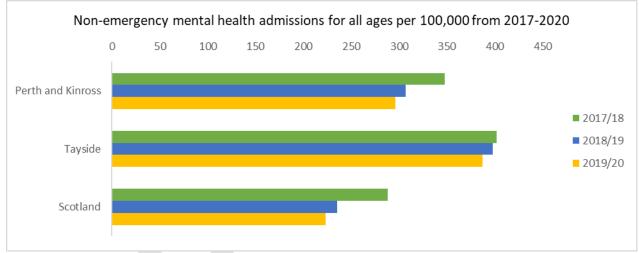
Local data obtained from Public Health Scotland shows that 17.63% or 1 in 5.7, had been prescribed drugs for anxiety, depression, or psychosis during 2019/20.

² Scottish Government website, https://www2.gov.scot/Topics/Health/Services/Mental-Health, updated on August 29 2019

For Tayside, it is 20.2%, or 1 in 5.0, and for Scotland, 19.7% or 1 in 5.1. Variances exist across the localities, ranging from 18.99% (1 in 5.3) for Perth City, to 16.15% in South Perthshire (1 in 6.2). North Perthshire had 17.74% (1 in 5.6).

Further data show that while both the annual mental health rate of hospital emergency and non-emergency admissions are lower in Perth & Kinross than in Tayside, numbers of non-emergency admissions are still significantly higher than in Scotland.





The number of deaths from suicide follows a similar trend, in that Perth & Kinross has a higher rate than the rate for Scotland, but less than that of Tayside. Perth & Kinross also has a higher rate of compulsory treatment orders than both Tayside and Scotland. Perth & Kinross however, has a lower population rate of prescribed drugs for anxiety, depression and psychosis than Tayside and Scotland.

Vulnerable People Reports from the P&K HSCP Early Intervention and Prevention Team between March 2019 to early May 2021 suggest that many different factors can impact suicidal behaviour such as bereavement, relationship issues, alcohol/drugs, financial and housing pressures, depression, and other medical conditions. We will commit to improve our understanding of the available data we collate will enable us to better target vulnerable groups to reduce the rate of suicides and mental health admissions.

There are many factors that may result in higher rates of compulsory treatment orders (CTOs), but it is not necessarily a negative indicator as CTOs provide increased protections for patients who may not be able to fully participate in decision-making about care and treatment. In hospital settings, the higher rates of CTOs may be an indicator that people are being admitted to hospital when they are more unwell and therefore less able to engage in decision-making about their care and treatment.

There may also be a correlation to Perth and Kinross's higher proportion of older adults, with CTOs used to make decisions about the care and treatment of adults who lack capacity due to dementia. In community settings, CTOs have been used proactively to support people to remain in the community, breaking patterns of repeated readmission/ discharge, and resulting in better recovery outcomes.

4. 2019 Mental Health and Wellbeing Consultation

We carried out a consultation from October – December 2019 and received 318 responses from individuals, carers, families and professionals across Perth and Kinross.

In general, the ways in which people felt services could be improved can be grouped into three main categories:

- 1) Receiving the right support at the right time.
- 2) Accessible information and clear pathways around the range of mental health support available and how to access them.
- 3) Services need to be person-centred and focus on early prevention and intervention.

We have already begun a program of work, set out within our Action Plan in Chapter 4, to ensure that we are committed to delivering the following:

- That people will have access to a range of support options through the spectrum from prevention and early intervention to crisis and distress support.
- That information about support is more readily available and easily accessible.
- That we are working more collaboratively and closely with our partners across all sectors to provide a collective solution to mental health and wellbeing support.

5. Summary of Key Strategic Findings

We took all feedback into account. Together, with the available data and what we have learned during the pandemic, it tells us that collectively in Perth and Kinross we need to:

- Work more collaboratively, using a joined-up approach across statutory, independent and third sector services to plan and deliver services.
- Make support and services accessible, expanding our range of delivery that promotes early intervention and prevention, taking into account the impact of Covid-19.
- Ensure that people who need help are never left without at any point. To make sure that people, carers, and families who use our services are given a voice, are heard and respected in relation to both their own care and in planning services.

- Provide person-centred care, improving people's end to end journey, at all ages, from lower level interventions that support general mental wellbeing to crisis level mental health support by creating clear pathways.
- Increase accessibility and support through targeted provision in geographical areas and vulnerable populations with high mental health need.

This strategy is developed based on these findings and our action plan sets out the steps we will take to work towards achieving the above goals.



1. Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic

1.1 Impact across Scotland

The pandemic has affected people around the world in many ways. Social restrictions, extended periods of 'lockdown', school closures and social distancing have led large numbers of people across Perth and Kinross and Scotland to feel more isolated, anxious, and lonely this past year. Research from the Mental Health Foundation about how the pandemic has affected Scottish adults revealed more than 8 in 10 have experienced stress because of the pandemic.³

Research carried out by YouGov in November 2020, a new study from the Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland found that a third of those who had experienced a mental health problem before the pandemic said their condition had worsened since March 2020. One in four people in the study also felt that the pandemic will be damaging to their mental health over the next year.

Overall, studies in relation to impacts of the pandemic on children and young people's mental health and wellbeing suggest increased levels of distress, worry, loneliness, and anxiety.⁴ Vulnerable children and young people, particularly those with challenging home environments are more likely to experience negative mental health and wellbeing.⁵

Similarly, Age UK research shows that many older people have experienced increased and at times devastating levels of anxiety. Feelings of loneliness, isolation and fear have been common, as well as many seeing their own health deteriorate due to reduced mobility and physical activity while staying at home for long periods of time.⁶

1.2 Impact across Perth & Kinross

Local equalities group discussions identified isolation as a key issue in asylum seeking young people, ethnic minority communities, Eastern European community, the Syrian refugee families, and the deaf community during this time. The Gypsy/Traveller community also experienced stress and strain on their mental health as they were required to stay put during their traditional shifting period. People with HIV and blood borne viruses faced further disadvantage due to stigma. Perth and Kinross Council's strategic Equalities forum have also received reports from LGBT groups on the impact that the pandemic has had on their members. It is recognised that reduced access to support

³"Resilience across Scotland during the coronavirus pandemic", Mental Health Foundation Scotland, September 2020

⁴ "Impacts of lockdown on the mental health wellbeing of children and young people", Mental Health Foundation Scotland, September 2020

⁵ "Coronavirus (Covid-19): Mental Health Transition and Recovery Plan", Scottish Government, Oct 2020

⁶ "The impact of Covid-19 to date on older people's mental and physical health", Age UK, October 2020

and lockdown has contributed to social isolation and an impact on overall mental wellbeing. With this in mind additional funding will be allocated to 3rd sector organisations to address isolation and the wider impact on Mental Health.

A carers survey carried out by PKAVS Carers Centre in June 2020, which received 321 responses, showed that most carers (approx. 87%) felt that their emotional health and wellbeing were affected during lockdown. Two thirds of these carers also provide emotional support as part of the care they provide to the person they look after.

Across Perth and Kinross, services have reported an increase in demand for mental health support, particularly in emotional support and general mental wellbeing. This follows a national trend and issues with social isolation, increased anxiety and depression have all been reported. The start of the pandemic introduced a major shift from working with people face-to-face to providing mainly digital and telephone support. This change has been challenging for both people trying to access support and services trying to adapt and find new ways to meet support needs. Some of the key challenges include engaging with people who prefer or require face-to-face contact, people who have limited access to, or confidence in using, IT, and the reliability of digital connections.

At the same time however, we have also seen significant positives emerge from this shift. These include an increase in the numbers of people being supported as services could engage with more people using the additional time workers would have spent travelling. Services have found increased engagement with people who prefer the ease and accessibility of online support as well as increased equity in accessing support for people living in rural Perth and Kinross as digital support removed physical or geographical restrictions face to face support had for some.

1.3 Perth & Kinross Mental Health Services Response

In 2020, we responded to changes in the demand of mental health services by providing additional funding to third sector services that needed to adapt to meet the needs of their service users as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. This included psychosis support, transition support, carer support, music/art therapies, activity support, 1-1 support, emotional support, and IT costs. This ensured that more people were supported during this challenging time, increasing resilience, and reducing isolation. We continue to provide additional help to services transitioning out of national restrictions. In 2021, we continue to allocate funding to third sector services through funding such as Action 15 monies and Remobilisation monies to meet their continued increased demands for support. The allocation and use of funding are monitored to ensure that resources are used as effectively as possible, helping to sustain the positive community work that has been carried out so far during the pandemic. We also check that outcomes delivered by projects meet the needs of service users and supports our key strategic priorities within this strategy.

Like many other services, we also adapted how we delivered support within our own teams to continue to meet the needs of the public as best we could. For example, our Older Peoples Mental Health Teams have supported in-patient services throughout the pandemic and the Locality Integrated Care Service provided an enhanced integrated and coordinated approach for people with physical and mental health needs. Similarly, our carers project team set up a temporary sitting service with re-tasked workers to provide carers with regular short breaks over a period of 6 weeks, supporting their mental health and wellbeing.

Overall, we have seen changes in demand for mental wellbeing support at all levels across Perth and Kinross. Many services have had to modify and adapt their services so that we could still meet mental health support needs. Examples of these include establishing temporary befriending services, developing new resources, putting on online classes, providing out-of-hours support, support with food – all within social distancing guidelines. However, we recognise that while services have tried to adapt as well as they could during these unprecedented times, digital and tele-support cannot fully replicate all face-to-face support. This has inevitably led to an increase of emotional stress and anxiety in those who require or prefer face-to-face support, such as those who do not have a suitable environment at home to access support from.

Our experiences from above tell us that to provide better person-centred care, we should offer people a choice of supports and services that are available both digitally and in person where possible.

2. Mental Health Support and Delivery

2.1 Third and Independent Sector Community-based Mental Health and Wellbeing Support

We commission a number of third sector organisations to deliver mental health services including:

- Counselling services
- Peer support
- Technology-based support
- Independent advocacy
- Direct access community support and training
- Specialist support for people with psychosis
- Community crisis intervention
- Supported accommodation
- Befriending support
- Community-based activities

We work closely in partnership to support both commissioned and non-commissioned services that provide mental health and wellbeing support. We recognise the vital role the third sector play in delivering a wide range of information, support, and services for people with mental health problems, their families, and carers, as well as supporting people within the community, diverting the need for statutory services intervention.

Social exclusion, injustice, stigma, and discrimination are significant barriers to accessing mental health information and support. We continued to invest in awareness raising activities to reduce stigma around mental health problems and suicide and to work with the third sector which deliver a range of awareness raising activities, ranging from campaign work to talks at schools to holding events. Through our Suicide Prevention work, we organised training to professionals and the public and delivered awareness events around suicide.

We continue to provide funding through the Choose Life budget towards suicide prevention activities within the third sector. In 2020, we partnered with Dundee University to develop and

deliver webinar training sessions relating to Crisis, Distress and Suicide awareness aimed at up skilling people including carers, family members and professionals who deal with mental health issues regularly but have not received specific training. Approximately 200 individuals attended these sessions.

A key aim over the next three years is to develop a Mental Health and Wellbeing Integrated Service. This should be a robust, evidence based model that is needs-based for Perth and Kinross. It should comprise of a range of statutory and third sector services that will work collaboratively together to provide preventative and crisis support for mental health in Perth and Kinross. This would sit within the community and improve accessibility to mental health and wellbeing support.

We have also been working across NHS Tayside to develop and implement the distress brief intervention programme (DBI). A Distress Brief Intervention is a time limited and supportive problem solving contact with an individual in distress. This service will offer an improved response to people in distress via trained third sector staff within 24 hours. This service is based on the 'ask once get help fast approach' and has two levels:

- Level 1 is provided by trained front-line staff to provide a response, signposting and offer of referral.
- Level 2 is provided by commissioned and trained third sector staff that contact the person within 24 hours of referral and provide community-based support, wellness, and distress management planning.

Mental Health Pathway

The overall model for mental health services across Perth & Kinross uses a tiered structure, depending on the level of therapeutic intervention required. This encompasses many services and continues to evolve as new or existing supports develop.

The November 2021 version of the pathway is shown in appendix 2 and shows the large number of services that support people across Perth & Kinross with mental health issues.

We will continue to review and update this pathway to reflect what is available in Perth & Kinross within this structure. This will ensure that services provide as full a range as possible so that individual needs can be satisfied and that a holistic Community Mental Health Service is embedded across the whole of Perth and Kinross.

The five tiers of support within the pathway are:

Level 1 – Self-referral and community-based prevention & early intervention support

Level 2 - Primary care wider mental health support and wellbeing

Level 3 – Community based specialist mental health support

Level 4 – In patient services

Level 5 - Crisis and out of hours care

2.2 Statutory Mental Health Services

Perth and Kinross Health and Social Care Partnership have responsibility for providing adult and older adult mental health services in our communities.

Some of the key services we deliver include:

| Adult Community Mental Health Team | This includes our Clinical Services, Mental Health Officer service and our Social Work Early Intervention and Prevention service. We will be recruiting additional specialist mental health staff within P&K HSCP's Early Intervention and Prevention team to effectively manage mental health queries and to offer support to families after a suicide. GPs will be able to utilise this route for support and referrals. |
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| Older Adult Community Mental Health Team | This includes our Clinical Services, Mental Health Officer service and Social Work service. |
| Social Prescribing | This is based on a prevention and recovery model where people are supported to have the tools they need to manage their own health. In the past two years, we recruited 6 Social Prescribers across Perth and Kinross to support individuals with a variety of issues, including support with improving and maintaining mental health and wellbeing, socialising and integration into local community groups. |
| Mental Health Support within GP Surgeries | Within GP clusters across the whole of Perth and Kinross, we have introduced Registered Mental Health Nurses who perform a focussed triage service and offer a mental health assessment, along with short term interventions for those with mild or moderate mental health issues. |
| | To support these Mental Health Nurses, we recruited Support Workers to work within GP surgeries, specifically to assist individuals requiring further support related to self-management of symptoms and health behaviour changes. We also funded a chaplaincy-based listening service based within GP surgeries. |
| | Additionally, we are currently exploring options into which we can recruit a GP who will link in with the wider mental health agenda and provide support and education to other GPs around mental health. |
| Inpatient Services (hosted by NHS Tayside) | Adult mental health and learning disability inpatient services are currently delivered from three hospital sites across Tayside: Murray Royal Hospital in Perth and Kinross, Carseview Centre and Strathmartine Hospital both in Dundee. Ongoing discussions with our Tayside partners and stakeholders are taking place regarding the direction of, and further developments to, inpatient services. |
| Learning Disability Complex Care and | We are currently undergoing a transformation programme to develop a model of care comprising of several targeted and specialist services |

Technology Enabled Care Support

to provide high quality, sustainable support for people with complex care requirements. While most of the work and cohort of service users have a learning disability and/or autism, complex mental health issues are included within this programme. The model includes, amongst others, technology enabled care ('TEC'), or otherwise called an overnight responder service, which monitors and responds virtually to calls through the TEC unit. It also includes core and cluster models which will enable people to have their own tenancies and receive appropriate support in a less artificial environment.

We also work closely with our colleagues in Health and Education and Children's Services (ECS) to ensure that mental health support is consistent and available across all ages. Early intervention should begin from pre-pregnancy, the early years, in childhood and adolescence. Supporting good emotional and mental wellbeing during these early years is a positive start for adulthood and a strong predictor of life satisfaction in adult years. To get it right for every child, we use a whole family approach to service provision, recognising the importance of good relationships to all aspects of a child's life.

Primary Care

In the past years we continued to receive investment from the Scottish Government under Action 15 funding to increase the workforce to give access to dedicated mental health professionals to all A&Es, all GP practices, and increased mental health provision within prison and healthcare and custody services. To date, we have successfully funded posts within statutory and third sector mental health services to increase accessibility to mental health support. We have funded services to expand their support into rural areas. We are awaiting confirmation from Scottish Government as to whether Action 15 funding will continue after March 2022.

Urgent Care and Crisis Pathways

We are currently undertaking a review of our crisis pathways alongside NHS Tayside and our partners in Dundee and Angus to improve accessibility of crisis support. We have funded third sector services that provide urgent intervention and support to severely distressed individuals within the community, including those who are feeling suicidal. These services, which work with individuals across the age spectrum, provide a vital and effective alternative to statutory interventions and as such this has been identified as a key priority for this strategy. We plan to explore how we could enhance and develop this crisis support model further so that it is robust and works collaboratively with key partners and enable individuals across Perth and Kinross to access immediate help and support when in mental health crisis.

One of the key aims for reviewing our mental health pathways is to ensure that those with urgent need for mental health services are able to access support. People who present in distress or crisis should have a range of options of help and support to reduce the need to admit a person to hospital.

Through NHS 24's redesign programme, the '111' service provides urgent care advice and mental health support day or night. This is through links with local out of hours services as well as Breathing Space, which offers a listening service ranging from low to high levels of mental health need. The

redesign programme also aims to improve access to mental health services including those in mental health distress, through more effective and timely assessment, working collaborating with partners across health, social care, and justice.

The 'Memorandum of Understanding' (MOU) in development between the Scottish Government, NHS Boards will also support the redesign of other services to reduce GP workload and free up GPs' capacity to focus on their expert medical generalist role. The redesigned services will focus on urgent and unscheduled care and developing the roles of other clinical and non-clinical professions working in the practice to support physical and mental health.

2.3 Case Studies

CASE STUDY 1

X was referred to a Social Prescriber because his mental health had significantly deteriorated since the beginning of the pandemic and he was feeling lonely and isolated. While before he would enjoy swimming at the local Fitness and Leisure Centre, he could no longer do this due to the national lockdown. This change to his routine created anxiety and removed his usual coping mechanisms, particularly as he no longer had contact with his family. He also had suicide ideation and was on the Autistic Spectrum.

X was provided with a combination of support from the Social Prescriber, his Social Worker, MoveAhead (a local service which supports people with mental health needs to access opportunities and services within the community) and the Lighthouse (a crisis support charity based in Perth). First, X was offered regular wellbeing calls from his Social Prescriber. He then agreed to have a needs assessment with a Social Worker, who worked with him to identify his outcomes and how to meet these. He received ongoing support to develop self-help coping strategies from MoveAhead. He was also offered access to a 'safe place' within the Lighthouse where he felt he could talk openly about how he was feeling without being judged or 'a burden on others'.

X felt appreciative of the support he received which he felt helped to avert escalation into a crisis situation.

CASE STUDY 2

Z had not left her home for 13 months as she was struggling with depression, loneliness and lack of motivation, which worsened during the Covid-19 pandemic. She was referred to a Social Prescriber who was able to speak to her in Urdu, Z's primary language, and helped Z to join local online community groups which were facilitated by Perthshire Welfare Society and Perth City Social Prescribers. Z enjoyed the refreshing opportunity to connect with community and to engage with other individuals and was keen to continue to participate in the online social group.

CASE STUDY 3

S had experienced a traumatic life changing event and had consistently poor mental health for many years after, struggling with chronic depression and anxiety ever since then - having sought help in many traditional forms of therapy but enjoying little long-term benefit from them. She sought peer support help from Mindspace and attended a few virtual Recovery College courses. The Peer Support Workers taught S about acceptance, compassion and encouraged a sense of hope that S can

dramatically improve her mental health and recover, so that S felt capable of moving forward with a renewed sense of hope. S felt no longer alone in her struggle with poor mental health through the support that she received and learnt coping strategies to manage and improve her mental health, "I get it', They get it', 'We get it', - Three little words sum up what I thought when I noticed that I was not the only one going through this."

CASE STUDY 4

Y appeared at the Lighthouse in a distressed state and it became apparent very quickly to staff that if Y was in imminent danger of attempting suicide. As Y was not able to verbally interact initially, staff offered Y the sensory room, adjusting the lights and music and provided a weighted blanket to calm their mind. Y calmed down over the next 4 hours, slept a little, and started to talk. Staff were then able to accompany Y to an emergency GP appointment to assist with medical issues. A telephone assessment was booked via telephone with Carseview in Dundee, which the Lighthouse facilitated. By the end of the day, Y had a network of support set up and was able to return home to the care of their parents.

NB The Lighthouse for Perth is a local non-profit service offering crisis support for anyone aged 12+ who is at risk of self-harm or suicide.

CASE STUDY 5

B contacted the Lighthouse, who was known as someone who regularly self-harms, to say they were struggling with their thoughts and had self-harmed. They refused to go to A&E due to past negative experiences, so a taxi was sent to bring them to the Lighthouse. The first-aid trained staff cleaned and dressed the wound, while reassuring and listening to B. Staff were able to convince B to be taken to A&E where the wound was properly treated. B returned to The Lighthouse and showered, was provided a change of clothes and lunch. B commented that they had never had such a positive experience following a self-harming episode and normally they would have been in a manic state for at least 24 hours. B has not self-harmed since and instead contacts the Lighthouse when they feel in danger of self-harming again.

CASE STUDY 6

R contacted the Neuk, a non-commissioned third-sector service that we work closely with, after being given a flyer from Police Scotland; R was regularly someone who would call emergency services. R was having suicidal thoughts and had been self-harming over a period of 5 months. R had been in the army for many years and related a lot of their issues around post traumatic experiences. R preferred to avoid contact with people and it had been around 14 years since they had last attended/spoken to anyone in a social setting. The Neuk therefore sent a taxi to collect R from their home and supported them with weekly 1-2-1 sessions and invitations into group activities. R was supported to put together an ongoing plan and to develop coping strategies; the wellness recovery action plan (WRAP) was used to record this. R was supported with their alcohol consumption which they identified they were using as a coping mechanism. They were also supported to attend Andy's Man Club meetings at the Neuk and was connected to the peer mentoring service and through this became involved in some outdoor activities.

Episodes of self-harming reduced coinciding with support R was receiving around their alcohol use and R was supported to have an improved social network.

3. Finance

We have developed below an indicative outline financial framework for PKHSCP Community Mental Health Services as a starting point to support the development of an affordable Community Mental Health Strategy. This sets out the current recurring budget for dedicated Mental Health services delivered by PKHSCP to the residents of Perth & Kinross. The recurring budget includes additional investment of £881k as a result of the Scottish Government Mental Health Strategy and the associated Action 15 Funding Commitment.

Current Budgeted Position

| Service | Funded From | Recurring |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| | | Budget |
| | | £000 |
| Community Mental Health Nursing | IJB Core Budget / MH Action 15/ PCIF | 2,693 |
| Community Support | IJB Core Budget / MH Action 15 | 1,507 |
| Voluntary Sector Community Support | IJB Core Budget / MH Action 15 | 916 |
| Permanent Placements | IJB Core Budget | 879 |
| Statutory Social Care Support inc MHO's | Non-IJB / MH Action 15 | 806 |
| Prison Healthcare Mental Health | IJB Core Budget / MH Action 15 | 711 |
| Tayside Wide Services | MH Action 15 | 239 |
| Day Services & Respite | IJB Core Budget | 160 |
| Choose Life | Perth & Kinross Council | 113 |
| | Total Current Budget | 8,024 |

Investment

| | | | Add | itional Bud | get Require | ed £000 |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| Theme | Priority | Investment | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | Total |
| | | | | | | 2022:2025 |
| Access to Mental Health | MH Advanced | Advanced Nurse | 257 | - | - | 257 |
| Services and Support | Nurse | Practitioners | | | | |
| | Practitioners | | | | | |
| Review of Workforce | Resilient and | Additional | 342 | - | - | 342 |
| Requirements | Sustainable | Community Mental | | | | |
| | Workforce | Health Resource | | | | |
| Good Mental Health for | Resilient and | Primary Care Mental | 123 | - | - | 123 |
| All – Early Intervention | Sustainable | Health & Wellbeing | | | | |
| and Prevention | Workforce | Nurses | | | | |
| Co-ordinated Working & | Resilient and | Social Work | 111 | | | 111 |
| Person Centred Support | Sustainable | Assistants | | | | |
| | Workforce | | | | | |
| Good Mental Health for | Suicide | Suicide Prevention | 61 | - | - | 61 |
| All – Early Intervention | Awareness & | | | | | |
| and Prevention | Prevention | | | | | |
| Access to Mental Health | Distress Brief | Distress Brief | 41 | - | - | 41 |

| Services and Support | Intervention | Intervention | | | | |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|---|-----|-------|
| | Model | | | | | |
| Review of Workforce | Resilient and | Mental Health Lead | 25 | - | - | 25 |
| Requirements | Sustainable | GP | | | | |
| | Workforce | | | | | |
| | Sub-Total Addition | Sub-Total Additional Budget Required | | - | • | 960 |
| | Inpatient Mental H | ealth ANP Funding | (122) | - | ı | (122) |
| Identified Funding | Suicide Funding | | (61) | - | 61 | - |
| Offsets | DBI Funding | | (41) | - | 41 | - |
| | Total Additional Budget Required | | 736 | - | 102 | 838 |

The Financial Framework does not include the significant Mental Health Services and Support provided by GP's across Perth & Kinross.

The provision of a Crisis hub is an identified priority of this strategy. This service is currently being delivered within Perth and Kinross by The Neuk utilising funding external to the Health and Social Care Partnership. It should be noted that there is a financial risk to the Partnership that if the current provider were to lose this income there would be a need to fund an equivalent service at an estimated annual cost of £340k.

The essential investment required to implement the 6 key priorities set out in the Strategy have been included. Additional investment of £1,807k is planned over the next 3 years.

There are however a number of finance and funding challenges facing Community Mental Health Services which will require to be considered. These include:-

- increasing demand for care including the impact of the Covid 19 Pandemic and the impact of an ageing population;
- increased costs of recruitment and retention leading to upward pressure on workforce costs;
- capacity within Primary Care to respond effectively at an early stage;
- impact of funding constraints on Local Authorities combined with significant unfunded pay and price pressures across Social Care leading to the requirement to meet significant savings targets.
- extent to which a shift in resources can be delivered from bed based services;
- availability of transitional/bridging funding to enable upfront investment in community bases services whilst longer terms plans to deliver a shift in the balance of care;

The development of a wider Tayside Financial Framework for Mental Health Services will be to key to considering these challenges on a Tayside wide basis. In particular the extent to which a shift in resources can be delivered from bed-based services will be key to determining the affordability of the Community Mental Health Strategy in Perth & Kinross. It has been well documented that Tayside has a significantly higher level of Inpatient General Adult Psychiatry beds per head of population than the whole of the rest of Scotland.

In responding the pressures of the Covid 19 Pandemic the Scottish Government has set out significant additional investment through the Mental Health Recovery and Renewal Fund. At this

stage this is non-recurring funding only and has thus far been prioritised for Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services and Psychology Services both of which are out with the scope of this strategy. Other priorities identified thus far by the Scottish Government for the remaining funding are Primary Care Services.

The Scottish Government have indicated their intention to convert this short-term funding into long term investment. The level of additional funding and the flexibility given to utilise funding to meet locally determined priorities will be a major determinant of our ability to deliver an affordable Community Mental Health Strategy for Perth & Kinross.

We recognise that effective use of financial resources is critical to the ongoing delivery of mental health services across Perth & Kinross.

We also recognise that we must change the way services are delivered, especially using the learning gained from the pandemic, which has significantly informed this strategy.

To achieve this, we will:

- Monitor the Health & Social Care budget to clearly understand how the funding for mental health is being utilised.
- Continue to ensure that appropriate governance is used to allocate funding provided by the Scottish Government for mental health, to the best possible benefit for Perth & Kinross, but within the caveats that are attached to the use of the funding.
- Seek to benefit from any funding allocations available to Perth & Kinross Health and Social care Partnership such as those from NHS Tayside.
- Agree a monitoring/reporting process with the services who receive funding to ensure that it provides value for money and delivers agreed objectives and outcomes.
 It is acknowledged that not all 3rd sector services are fully funded by statutory organisations and the collective use of resources will help to ensure the best possible outcomes for our communities.

CHAPTER 4: STRATEGIC OUTCOMES AND ACTION PLAN

| KEY THEME 1: GOO | DD MENTAL HEALTH FOR ALL – PREVENTION AND I | EARLY INTERVENT | TION | |
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| Key Outcomes | How we will achieve this | Responsibilities and timescales | How we will measure how well we are doing | National Health & Wellbeing Outcomes delivered |
| 1.1 People receive the right support at the right time, with children and young people having the best possible start. 1.2 Reduced | We will work with our partners from health, social work, education, police, fire service, housing, third sector and local communities of Perth and Kinross to take every opportunity to combat stigma and discrimination and to promote social inclusion, equality and diversity, particularly increasing opportunities for those who are currently marginalised. We will develop and distribute timely, high-quality | MHWB strategy, third sector organisations, community group reps, service users, carers – Mar 2022 Third sector, | Increased awareness and accessibility to information and improved support reported across different community groups. Increased engagement across all community groups. Number of people reporting of improved | People are able to look after and improve their own health and wellbeing and live in good health for longer. (1) People, including those with disabilities or long term conditions, or who |
| stigma and inequalities in relation to people with mental health and substance misuse issues. | information relating to the range of support and self- help material that people can readily access from a range of formats when they need. This information will be made available to children, young people, adults, families and carers so that they can make decisions about their own mental health care and support, and about mental health services. | MHWB strategy group, service users, carers – Mar 2022 | accessibility and clarity of available information. Number of people reporting that they know where to access information and support. | are frail, are able to live, as far as reasonably practicable, independently and at home or in a homely setting in their community. (2) |
| | We will implement best practice for early intervention for first episode psychosis according to clinical guidelines. | MHWB strategy group, NHS Tayside – Mar 2022 | Number of people who use health and social care services reporting that they have positive experiences of those services, and have their dignity respected. | People who use health and social care services have positive experiences of |

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|--|-----------------|---|--|------------------------------|
| We will collate data to review, evaluate and improve | Suicide | • | Reduced rates of completed suicides in | those services, and have |
| practice to reduce suicide rates. We will also | Prevention | | P&K. | their dignity respected. (3) |
| enhance our Suicide Prevention and co-ordination | Coordinator, | • | Increased training activity of key | |
| resource and promote training and information | Suicide | | stakeholders in relation to Suicide | Health and social care |
| across all agencies and services to raise awareness | Prevention | | Awareness and prevention. | services are centred on |
| of, and prevent, suicides across Perth and Kinross. | Steering Group, | • | Reduced Serious Adverse Events | helping to maintain or |
| | MHWB strategy | • | Increased training and awareness events for | improve the quality of life |
| | group – Aug | | public and staff across all sectors. | of people who use those |
| | 2022 | • | Increased number of suicide prevention and | services (4) |
| | | | awareness resources shared across P&K. | services (4) |
| We will work with employers on how they can act to | MHWB strategy | • | Increased employability for those with lived | Health and social care |
| protect and improve mental health and well-being of | group, Human | | experience | services contribute to |
| their staff, continuing to educate and challenge | Resources – | • | Feedback from people with lived experience | |
| stigma together to promote mentally health | Sept 2023 | | through employability network | reducing health |
| workplace environments. | | • | Promote MH awareness amongst | inequalities (5) |
| | | | employers. | Dagayara ara yasad |
| | | | | Resources are used |
| We will work in collaboration with all partners to | MHWB strategy | • | Increased number of opportunities. | effectively and efficiently |
| promote early attendance for physical symptoms | group, third | • | Attendance at activities. | in the provision of health |
| and reduce the risks associated with multi- | sector | • | Number of people reporting that there is a | and social care services (9) |
| morbidity, creating more opportunities for people to | organisations, | | good number of opportunities of activities | |
| improve their physical health and raising awareness | service users, | | available that can help them to improve | |
| of the value that good physical health has for | carers – Mar | | mental wellbeing. | |
| improving mental wellbeing. | 2022 | | | |
| We will work with our colleagues in the housing | Housing | • | Reduction in number of individuals who are | |
| departments to address homelessness and to | services, | | homeless or live in unsuitable housing. | |
| explore wider environmental and social impacts, | welfare rights, | • | Number of people reporting that they have | |
| ensuring that people with mental ill health are | MHWB strategy | | a good experience of the services that | |
| offered the same access to housing and support as | group, service | | support them. | |
| those not so affected. This also includes improving | users, carers – | • | Increased accessibility to information and | |
| the availability of suitable supported housing, such | Mar 2022 | | awareness around services. | |
| as for those with severe and enduring mental health | | | | |
| conditions. | | | | |

| We will work with the Alcohol and Drug Partnership and third sector organisations to take forward a programme of work aimed at reducing stigma and discrimination towards mental health and substance use problems and suicide. | ADP, third sector, MHWB strategy group, service users, carers – Aug 2022 | Number of people reporting that they feel there has been a reduction in mental health and drug/alcohol-related stigma. Number of intergenerational learning opportunities around mental health and substance misuse. Engagement with peer support. |
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| We will develop a range of opportunities to improve mental health and wellbeing throughout different stages of life in collaboration with all partners, service users and families. Service delivery will be underpinned by trauma-informed practice. | Psychological services, MHWB strategy group – Aug 2022 | Increased trauma-informed practice training availability. Increased number of employers in P&K who have attended trauma-informed practice training through NES STILT training. Number of health and social care and third sector services who are providing training and supervision to staff which is commensurate with their areas of practice. |

| KEY THEME 2 – ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND SUPPORT | | | | |
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| Key Outcomes | How we will achieve this | Responsibilities and timescales | How we will measure how well we are doing | National Health & Wellbeing Outcomes delivered |

| 2.1 Improved access to a range of mental health & wellbeing supports and services by | We will improve access and the use of digital technology for greater flexibility, particularly for those living in remote and rural locations, including upskilling people in using technology to access digital resources and to combat digital poverty where it exists. | Third sector, MHWB strategy group, service users, carers – Mar 2022 | Increased availability of equipment across services Availability of digital training sessions and number of participants. People are able to look after and improve their own health and wellbeing and live in good health for longer. (1) |
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| fully embedding the principle of Person Centred Care and support. | We will provide mutually agreed anticipatory/recovery care plans to all those who require Mental Health service support. | NHS services, service users and carers – Mar 2022 | Number of ACPs. Number of services with good practice embedded through the Care Programme Approach. Number of health staff receiving training through the Scottish Recovery Network. People who use health and social care services have positive experiences of those services, and have their dignity respected. (3) |
| 2.2 People can make informed choices about supports that they can access. | We will implement a localised support for Perinatal Mental Health as part of the Tayside wide pathway for perinatal mental health service to ensure the person receives care at the right level for their need. We will provide awareness sessions/training on infant mental health for all staff working with mothers and their babies. | Tayside including P&K Health Services – Apr 2021. | Number of referrals received. Number of clients reporting improved outcomes. Number of people supported. Health and social care services are centred on helping to maintain or improve the quality of life of people who use those services (4) |
| | We will develop a clear and concise treatment pathway showing how to access services easily and effectively for all service users through collaboration and co-production. | Third sector, MHWB strategy group, service users, carers – Mar 2022 | Number of service users and carers reporting that pathway for support and services are accessible and clear. Number of people reporting that they have a good experience of the services that support them. Health and social care services contribute to reducing health inequalities (5) People who provide |

| We will design, implement, and evaluate supports and services that provide timely, accessible, efficient, and effective responses to common mental health problems to reduce the pressure on GP resources across Perth and Kinross. We will explore how to better invest in mental health crisis support, to provide supports and services that are proactive, pre-emptive and coordinated with people and their families/carers at | MHWB strategy group, NHS Tayside – Aug 2022 Third sector, MHWB strategy group, service users, carers – | Reduced pressure on GP resources. Reduced statutory services admissions for crisis support. Reduced SAEs. Number of people reporting that they have a | unpaid care are supported to look after their own health and wellbeing, including to reduce any negative impact of their caring role on their own health and wellbeing (6) Resources are used effectively and efficiently |
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| the centre, using our resources as efficiently and effectively as possible and seek to decrease crisis presentations. We will work with families and carers/families of those using substances to help improve information and support by providing the opportunity for representation of service users and carers at working groups. | ADP, third sector, MHWB strategy group, service users, carers – Aug 2022 | Number of people reporting that they have a good experience of the services that support them. Number of joint awareness raising sessions and targeted programmes of work. Services users, families and carers report feeling that they are more involved in the planning and decision-making of services designed to support them. | in the provision of health and social care services. (9) |
| We will work with schools and colleges to embed mental health and wellbeing into the curriculum, to raise awareness of mental health problems, substance Misuse issues and suicide and encourage people to respect mental health issues, talk to each other, and to seek support from a young age. | ECS, CAMHS – Mar 2023 | Availability of Counselling services in all P&K secondary schools. Number of young people in school reporting being able to discuss mental health. Number of young people in school reporting knowing where to get help for wellbeing and mental health. Number of young people in school reporting knowing how to support their mental health. | |

| We will increase access to free training in mental health awareness for employees in public facing organisations and members of the public by working together across all sectors to provide shared knowledge and information sessions. | Third and independent sector, statutory services, services users, carers – Aug 2022 |
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| 3.1 Support pathways will be clear and robust, with a system of joined-up | We will improve transition pathways between tiers of care, between age related support services as well as between statutory supports and the third sector, ensuring they are as seamless as possible. This includes transition pathways for children moving into adult mental health services. | MHWB strategy group, ECS, CAMHS, service users, third sector, carers – Mar 2022 | Number of service users and carers reporting that transition processes are smooth across all ages from young to older people. | People who use health and social care services have positive experiences of those services, and have |
| that: (i) supports staff working across | We will integrate a holistic approach to care and support within both community and hospital settings, embedding "Good Conversations" training for staff, keeping the person at the centre and recognising the invaluable role of families and carers. | | Number of people reporting that they have a good experience of the services that support them. | their dignity respected. (3) Health and social care services are centred |
| community and statutory mental health & wellbeing services, and | We will explore and develop creative solutions to improve waiting times, working with our partners to ensure that alternative support options can be available where possible so that people insomuch as possible are never left without communication or support at any point. | Third sector, MHWB strategy group, service users, carers – Mar 2022 | Reduced waiting times taking cognisance of the impact of the Covid-pandemic. Number of people reporting that they have a good experience of the services that support them. | on helping to maintain or improve the quality of life of people who use those services. (4) |
| (ii) ensures that service users, their families and carers receive the best possible support. | We will explore and develop a Mental Health and Wellbeing Integrated Service with third sector services. | Third sector, MHWB strategy group, service users, carers – Mar 2022 | Number of people reporting that they feel services are better connected. | Health and social care services contribute to reducing health inequalities (5) |
| | We will work with Tayside health partners and other key stakeholders to develop effective workflow management systems to reduce referral-to-intervention times. | Health services, service users, third sector, carers – Aug 2022 | Reduction in referral-to-intervention times. | People who use health and social care services are safe from |

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| We will work with statutory and third sector services to | Health services, | • | Number of people reporting that they | harm. (7) |
| establish clearer and more robust referral and | MHWB strategy | | feel services are better connected. | |
| communication systems between services, reducing the | group, service | | | People who work in |
| need for repetition and embedding the 'Ask Once' | users, third | | | health and social care |
| principle. | sector, carers – | | | services feel engaged |
| | Mar 2022 | | | with the work they do |
| We will improve how we collate and analyse data, to | Health services, | • | Improved data collation, monitoring and | and are supported to |
| review academic and analytical studies to provide the | MHWB strategy | | evaluation. | • • |
| evidence base for what makes a difference to suicide rates | group, ECS, | • | Ongoing data collection, to be shared at | continuously improve |
| and poor mental health, to improve our ability to identify | CAMHS, service | | the MHWB strategy group. | the information, |
| patterns and enable us to continuously improve practice | users, third | | | support, care and |
| and to make positive and effective service change. | sector, carers – | | | treatment they |
| | Mar 2022 | | | provide. (8) |
| Through collaboration and co-production, we will embed | Carers Strategy | • | Number of carers reporting that they are | |
| the Triangle of Care ethos within our support services, such | Group, MHWB | | involved in hospital discharge. | Resources are used |
| as hospital discharge. This 'Therapeutic Alliance' between | strategy, third | • | Number of carers reporting that they are | effectively and |
| the service user, professional and carer will promote | sector, carers, | | involved in decisions around the person | efficiently in the |
| safety, support recovery, and sustain well-being. | service users – | | they care for when possible. | • |
| | Aug 2022 | | | provision of health |
| Through continued input into the Tayside wide care | Health services, | • | Number of people reporting that they | and social care |
| pathway work streams, we will ensure appropriate services | MHWB strategy | | have a good experience of the services | services. (9) |
| and support mechanisms are developed for the people of | group, CAMHS, | | that support them. | |
| P&K. These pathway work streams are: | service users, | | • • | |
| Crisis and Home treatment service pathway | third sector, | | | |
| Emotionally Unstable Personality Disorder pathway | carers – Mar | | | |
| Learning Disability and Autism Pathway | 2022 | | | |
| Inpatient service re-design Pathway | | | | |
| Rehabilitation Pathway | | | | |
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| We will embed Social Work Assistant resource within our Adult Community Mental Health Teams to improve integrated working and better accessibility for service users. | Portfolio Lead for Mental Health, Head of Social Care. | Recruit 3 Social Care Officers, this will provide 1 for each team Improved patient experience as a holistic approach can be delivered. |
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| We will improve the support currently offered to those bereaved through suicide and ensure that they are provided with a compassionate and caring response. | Spiritual care service MH Strategic Lead | Enhance current provision within the spiritual care service Improved family experience following the death of a loved one |

| Key Outcomes | How we will achieve this | Responsibilities and | How we will measure how well we | National Health & Wellbeing |
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| | | timescales | are doing | Outcomes delivered |
| 4.1 Decisions will | We will work with our partners across all sectors, | Portfolio lead for | Number of service users, carers, | People who use health and |
| be made through | service users and carers to develop a joint, | Mental Health, third | family members involved in, and | social care services have |
| collaborative | coordinated approach to information sharing, | and independent | feeding into, working groups. | positive experiences of those |
| working and co- | problem solving, and decision making. | sector, service users, | | services, and have their |
| production by all | | carers – ongoing | | dignity respected. (3) |
| Mental Health and | We will work with the community planning | Portfolio lead for | Number of service users, carers, |] |
| well-being | partnership to undertake community engagement and | Mental Health, CPP - | family members involved in, and | Health and social care services |
| providers across | inform the strategic planning, commissioning, | ongoing | feeding into, working groups. | are centred on helping to maintain or improve the |
| Perth and Kinross. | operational management and delivery of evidence- | | | quality of life of people who |
| 4.1 Service users | based mental health services, rehabilitation and trauma informed care led by IJBS | | | use those services. (4) |

| and carers will be integral to the decision-making process and shaping of the mental health and wellbeing services | We will work with our health partners, service users, and carers in developing clear information for patients, carers and families to ensure that carers and families are involved and listened to by professionals in treatment and care planning as far as possible. Ensure that Independent advocacy can support people to have their say and feel their voices are heard. | Health services, MHWB strategy group, Carer Strategy Group, CAMHS, service users, third sector, carers – Mar 2022 | • | Number of information resources Training opportunities to improve access to independent advocacy services | Health and social care services contribute to reducing health inequalities. (5) People who provide unpaid care are supported to look after their own health and wellbeing, including to reduce |
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| that are designed to support them. | We will evaluate the current level of mentoring and peer support mechanisms within P&K to ensure there is adequate provision. We will develop an Annual Mental Health and wellbeing conference, whereby information and knowledge is shared across a variety of services and progress is highlighted. | MHWB strategy group, CAMHS, service users, third sector, carers – Mar 2022 MHWB strategy group, CAMHS, service users, third sector organisations, carers – Mar 2022 | • | Number of mentoring and peer support mechanisms within services available across P&K. Feedback from conference | any negative impact of their caring role on their own health and wellbeing. (6) People who work in health and social care services feel engaged with the work they do and are supported to continuously improve the information, support, care |
| | We will work with our partners across all sectors, service users and carers to be as inclusive as possible in our reach and ensure that individuals or groups whose voices are not traditionally as strongly heard or represented, are identified and involved in relation to mental health. | Portfolio lead for Mental Health, third and independent sector, service users, carers – ongoing | • | Number of service users, carers, family members involved in, and feeding into, working groups. Number of service users from different community groups accessing services. | and treatment they provide. (8) |

| Key Outcomes | How we will achieve this | Responsibilities and timescales | How we will measure how well we are doing | National Health & Wellbeing Outcomes delivered |
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| 5.1 Ensure that those services delivering help and support to our communities have | We will undertake a workforce review of Community Mental Health Teams using the 6-step methodology | Clinical and Professional Team Managers (CPTMs) - Apr 2022 | Complete baseline measurement of current workforce provision | Health and social care services are centred on helping to maintain or improve the quality of life |
| adequate resources including staffing and training needs. | We will increase capacity within the Primary Care Mental Health Nursing workforce | Portfolio lead for Mental Health and Locality Managers – Sept 2021 | Identify and secure additional funding for these posts Recruit through recognised processes into these posts. | of people who use those services. (4) Health and social care services contribute to reducing health inequalities. (5) People who work in health and social care services feel engaged with the work |
| | We will develop the Advanced Mental Health Nursing Model across Perth and Kinross which will form an integral part of our Community Mental Health services. | Portfolio Lead for Mental Health, Clinical Lead for Mental Health, Locality Managers, CPTMS -Sept 2021 | Gather data around current requirements for AMHNP | |
| | We will increase capacity within the PKC Early Intervention and Prevention Team to support those with Mental Health problems. | Portfolio lead for Mental Health, Locality and Service Managers – Mar 2022 | Identify and secure additional funding for these posts Recruit through recognised processes into these posts. | they do and are supported to continuously improve the information, support, care and treatment they provide. (8) |

| Recruit a sessional GP to provide and enhance Primary Care/Mental Health strategic support across P&K Develop business case and recruit Suicide Awareness | Portfolio lead for Mental Health, Head of Health, Clinical Lead for Mental Health, Associate Medical Director – Mar 2022 | Support developments of new community models of care for mental health and wellbeing. Support access to mental health support within communities which addresses current inequalities in provision including reaching hard to reach groups in a way which is relevant for them. To promote education and continuing professional development in relation to mental health and wellbeing in the community and increase educational opportunities and participation in training. Suitable candidate in post |
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| and Prevention Co-ordinator | Mental Health, Locality Service Managers – Sept 2021 | |
| Develop model for integrated Mental Health and Substance Misuse provision. | Portfolio Lead for Mental health, ADP strategy group, CPTMs - Apr 2022 | Improved access to services for individuals Feedback from service users |
| Review the potential role for AHPs to work in primary care mental health and in consultancy posts through good practice models across Scotland. | Portfolio Lead for Mental Health, Professional Lead AHP's, Head of Health. | Expansive workforce providing different skills. Improved patient experience using patient feedback tools. |

| We will increase the Mental Health Officer (MHO) resource across Perth and Kinross | Portfolio Lead for Mental Health, Head of Social Care. | • | Improved waiting times for service users to be seen by and MHO. Improved communication between disciplines Improved staff wellbeing due to additional resource and capacity |
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| Develop and recruit a Senior Nurse for Mental Health post. This will lead on the local Clinical Care Governance portfolio for Mental Health as well as quality Improvement | Strategic Lead for Mental Health | • | Improved Governance arrangements and reporting Up to date Evidence based approaches being shared amongst all services Direct link into NHS Tayside Workstreams relating to Listen Learn Change Action Planning |

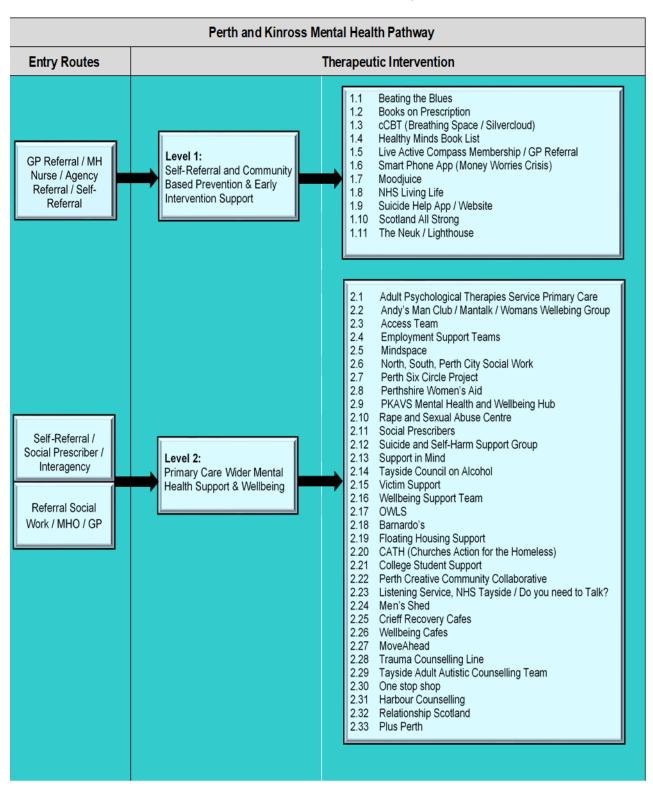
Appendix 1: Jargon Buster

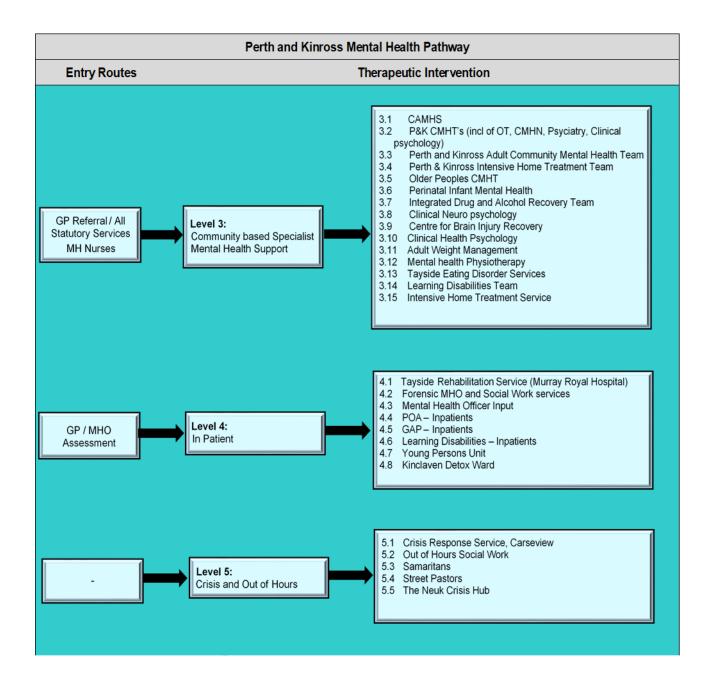
| 111 service | NHS non-emergency advice service |
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| 6 step methodology | Practical approach to workforce planning used by the NHS |
| ACP | Anticipatory/recovery care plan |
| ADP | Alcohol and Drug Partnership – authority area based, |
| | responsible for co-ordinating local strategy delivery |
| AHP | Allied Health Professional |
| AMHNP | Advanced Mental Health Nurse Practitioner |
| C&YP | Children and Young People – generally those of school age |
| CAMHS | Child and Adolescent Mental health Services – provides |
| C/ ((V)) 15 | specialist treatment for C&YP who (may) have mental health |
| | difficulties |
| 'Carer Positive Award' | Presented to employers in Scotland who have a working |
| Carer rositive Award | environment where carers are valued and supported |
| Community Planning Partnership | Umbrella name given to a group of services that come |
| (CPP) | |
| (CPP) | together within an authority area to take part in community |
| CPTM | planning Clinical and Professional Team Manager, Individual |
| CPTIVI | Clinical and Professional Team Manager – Individual |
| | responsible for monitoring professional competence of health |
| Citie O Harris Land and a cities | care professionals |
| Crisis & Home treatment service | A Pathway of care that supports individuals in Mental Health |
| pathway | Crisis to ensure appropriate treatment/care. |
| Crisis Pathways | Supports for service users who are experiencing a crisis in |
| | their personal situation |
| СТО | Compulsory Treatment Order |
| DET | Digital Enabled Technology |
| Digital Technology | The practical use of digital or computerised devices to support |
| | independent living |
| DBI | Distress Brief Intervention – a time limited and supportive |
| | problem solving contact with an individual in distress |
| ECS | Education & Children Services |
| Emotionally Unstable Personality | A psychiatric diagnosis which effects approximately 1 in 100 |
| Disorder pathway | people. |
| GP Cluster | A group of GP practice in a close geographical location |
| HSCP | Health and Social care Partnership – the amalgamated health |
| | care and social care service, based in a local authority area |
| Independent Advocacy Services | Support to help individuals have their voices heard and the |
| | information they need from the care or health system |
| IJBS | Integrated Joint Board – responsible for planning and |
| | overseeing services of health care and social care in a |
| | seamless service |
| Inpatient service | On-going review to support the most appropriate |
| re-design Pathway | interventions for those who require adult mental Health In- |
| - | patient services. This will take cognisance of evidence-based |
| | interventions and available resources. |
| | Interventions and available resources. |
| Learning Disability and Autism | |
| Learning Disability and Autism Pathway | A Pathway supports individuals with Learning Disability and/or Autism to ensure appropriate treatment and/or care. |

| МНО | Mental Health Officer |
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| MHWB | Mental Health and Wellbeing |
| MNPI | Maternity and Neonatal Psychological Interventions -service |
| | for families under the care of maternity and neonatal services |
| National Mental Health | Covers the promotion of good mental health, improving |
| Improvement & Suicide | quality of life, tackling mental health inequalities, supporting |
| prevention framework | people in distress or crisis, promoting recovery, preventing |
| | self-harm and suicide |
| NES | NHS Education for Scotland |
| P&K | Perth and Kinross Authority Area |
| Perinatal Mental Health | Problems which occur during pregnancy or in the first year |
| | following the birth of a child. |
| Person Centred Care | A framework that puts the service user at the heart of |
| | decisions and delivery of care for their needs |
| PKAVS | Perth & Kinross Association of Voluntary Service |
| PNIMH | Perinatal and infant mental health service |
| Quality Indicators | A set of performance metrics to monitor standards of service delivery |
| Quintiles | Five equal groups into which a population can be divided according to the distribution of values of a particular variable |
| Rehabilitation Pathway | Support structure to facilitate recovery from physical and non-physical conditions |
| SAE | Significant Adverse Event - Significant Adverse Event Reviews (SAERs) are carried out following events that have resulted in unexpected death or harm. |
| Scottish Recovery Network | An initiative designed to raise and support awareness of recovery from mental health problems |
| Social Prescribers | A position focusing on helping individuals decide what they would like to do to improve their own health, wellbeing and independence |
| Statutory Services | Public services required by law with legislations in place, set for them by the government |
| (NES) STILT | Scottish Trauma Informed Leaders Training – programme to support leaders of organisations developing trauma informed services |
| Tayside | Overarching region comprising of Perth and Kinross, Angus and Dundee authority areas |
| Third Sector | Umbrella term covering a range of different organisations that do not belong to either the public or private sectors |
| Trauma informed practice | Approach of raising awareness amongst staff about the wide impact of trauma and to prevent re-traumatisation in service settings that are meant to support and assist healing |
| Triangle of Care | Co-ordinated care plan agreed between the service user, carer and the professional supports |
| Young People | Minors, generally up to school age but can include older by exception |

Appendix 2: Pathway

This is the Perth & Kinross Mental health Services Pathway, as at November 2021.





Appendix 3: Contributors

Thank you to all these individuals who contributed to the development of this strategy, with apologies to anyone who has unintentionally been missed off the list.

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