

**Meeting:** Health and Wellbeing Board

**Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Wards affected:** All

**Report Title:** Draft South Local Care Partnership strategy to tackle health inequalities

**When does the decision need to be implemented?** For information

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## 1. Purpose of Report

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- 1.1. This strategy has been drafted, following review of our population health, to set an approach to tackle health inequalities in the South Local Care Partnership (LCP) area.

## 2. Reason for Proposal and its benefits

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- 2.1. There are significant policy and data drivers to tackle inequality in our locality and of an opportunity to come together and explore ways to make a difference to inequalities that, despite effort by many, are becoming more sustained.
- 2.2. The preferred approach for the LCP is to support organisations, departments, groups and teams to identify the health inequalities in all their work so they can be addressed.
- 2.3. Learning and evaluation will be an important part of this work to enable a range of impact measures to be identified to assist future planning.
- 2.4. Collaboration and partnership must include those from, and representing communities in the South LCP area, to ensure actions have positive impact.

## 3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

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1. Members are asked to note the draft strategy to tackle health inequalities and to feed in any comments before the document is finalised by the South Local Care Partnership.

## 4. Appendices

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Appendix 1: Draft South Local Care Partnership strategy to tackle health inequalities

## 5. Background Documents

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Background documents are referenced and linked in the Strategy.

## Supporting Information

### 6. Introduction

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6.1. The South Local Care Partnership (LCP) of Devon Integrated Care System brings together public sector and community organisations to have a strategic view and prioritise work across its area. Its area spans the unitary authority area of Torbay and part of the Devon County Council area that includes most of Teignbridge District Council and half of South Hams District Council areas. The rationale for this is based on the footprint of the services provided by Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust which provides community and acute physical health and social care.

6.2. A Population Health sub-group of the LCP has undertaken to:

- i. Develop and identify a shared vision for population health.
- ii. Provide clarity on inequalities within the South LCP, recognising the difference between health inequalities and healthcare inequalities and how these link to ambitions of the One Devon Partnership Integrated Care Strategy and 5 Year Joint Forward Plan and the 10 year NHS Plan.
- iii. To use the intelligence generated to ensure that population health, health and healthcare inequalities, prevention, and early intervention, are centre stage in thinking, planning and actions across the South LCP.

6.3. This strategy has been drafted to support that work.

### 7. Options under consideration

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7.1. The Strategy sets out a number of areas for concerted action.

### 8. Financial Opportunities and Implications

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8.1. None

## 9. Legal Implications

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9.1. None

## 10. Engagement and Consultation

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10.1. Stakeholders have been engaged as part of the development of this strategy.

## 11. Procurement Implications

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11.1. None

## 12. Protecting our naturally inspiring Bay and tackling Climate Change

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12.1. This strategy acknowledges social and ecological boundaries that frame a way for people and the planet to thrive, as it makes connection between the many determinants of health.

## 13. Associated Risks

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13.1. Risks are associated with the growing gap in health inequalities if no further action is taken.

## 14. Equality Impact Assessment

Protected characteristics under the Equality Act and groups with increased vulnerability	Data and insight	Equality considerations (including any adverse impacts)	Mitigation activities	Responsible department and timeframe for implementing mitigation activities
Age	<p>18 per cent of Torbay residents are under 18 years old.</p> <p>55 per cent of Torbay residents are aged between 18 to 64 years old.</p> <p>27 per cent of Torbay residents are aged 65 and older.</p>	<p>Age profiles are highlighted as part of the population profile that has informed the development of this strategy.</p> <p>Ageing, frailty and isolation is a priority PLUS theme for this strategy. Work is already underway to promote healthy ageing.</p> <p>Young people and adults with SEND is a priority PLUS theme.</p>		
Carers	<p>At the time of the 2021 census there were 14,900 unpaid carers in Torbay. 5,185 of these provided 50 hours or more of care.</p>	<p>Unpaid carers is a priority PLUS theme as identified by the population health profile.</p>		
Disability	<p>In the 2021 Census, 23.8% of Torbay residents answered that their day-to-day activities</p>	<p>Young people and adults with SEND is a priority PLUS theme as identified by the population health profile.</p>		

	were limited a little or a lot by a physical or mental health condition or illness.			
Gender reassignment	In the 2021 Census, 0.4% of Torbay's community answered that their gender identity was not the same as their sex registered at birth. This proportion is similar to the Southwest and is lower than England.	None identified.  Demographic data from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessments in Torbay and Devon have informed the Strategy.		
Marriage and civil partnership	Of those Torbay residents aged 16 and over at the time of 2021 Census, 44.2% of people were married or in a registered civil partnership.	None identified.  Demographic data from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessments in Torbay and Devon have informed the Strategy.		
Pregnancy and maternity	Over the period 2010 to 2021, the rate of live births (as a proportion of females aged 15 to 44) has been slightly but significantly higher in Torbay (average of 63.7 per 1,000) than England (60.2) and the South West (58.4). There has been a notable fall in the numbers of live births since the middle of the last decade across all geographical areas.	Demographic data from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessments in Torbay and Devon have informed the Strategy.		

Race	In the 2021 Census, 96.1% of Torbay residents described their ethnicity as white. This is a higher proportion than the South West and England. Black, Asian and minority ethnic individuals are more likely to live in areas of Torbay classified as being amongst the 20% most deprived areas in England.	Demographic data from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessments in Torbay and Devon have informed the Strategy.		
Religion and belief	64.8% of Torbay residents who stated that they have a religion in the 2021 census.	None identified.  Demographic data from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessments in Torbay and Devon have informed the Strategy.		
Sex	51.3% of Torbay's population are female and 48.7% are male	Demographic data from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessments in Torbay and Devon have informed the Strategy.		
Sexual orientation	In the 2021 Census, 3.4% of those in Torbay aged over 16 identified their sexuality as either Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or, used another term to describe their sexual orientation.	Demographic data from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessments in Torbay and Devon have informed the Strategy.		
Armed Forces Community	In 2021, 3.8% of residents in England reported that they	None identified.		

	had previously served in the UK armed forces. In Torbay, 5.9 per cent of the population have previously served in the UK armed forces.	Demographic data from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessments in Torbay and Devon have informed the Strategy.		
<b>Additional considerations</b>				
Socio-economic impacts (Including impacts on child poverty and deprivation)		Deprivation is a key focus of priority via the NHS England Core20PLUS5 framework.		
Public Health impacts (Including impacts on the general health of the population of Torbay)		Demographic data from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessments in Torbay and Devon have informed the Strategy.		
Human Rights impacts		None identified.		
Child Friendly	Torbay Council is a Child Friendly Council, and all staff and Councillors are Corporate Parents and have a responsibility towards cared for and care experienced children and young people.	Care experienced children, young people and families are part of the population health profile.		

## 15. Cumulative Council Impact

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15.1. None

## 16. Cumulative Community Impacts

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16.1. None