

partnership matters

briefing



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Welcome to Glasgow City HSCP's 'Partnership Matters' briefing, to keep you more up to date with some of what's happening across our HSCP with partners. [Current and past briefings](#) continue to be available on our HSCP's website, and they can be accessed from work and personal devices. We hope that you find our briefing useful. Any comments or suggestions for future topics are welcome, and they can be shared by contacting us at GCHSCP_Communications@glasgow.gov.uk.

Parkhead Hub strengthens its place at heart of community with second network event

The Parkhead Hub further cemented its role at the centre of community life in the east end of Glasgow on 21 May, as hundreds of people came together for its second Community Network Day.

Building on a successful first year at the Hub, the event brought together local people, services and organisations for a day of activity, advice and connection – highlighting the growing impact of the building as a focal point for health, wellbeing and community support.

Across the day, the Hub welcomed a steady flow of visitors, with people of all ages taking part in a wide range of activities while connecting with services offering advice, support and opportunities to get involved locally.

Around 50 stallholders – spanning NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHSGGC), Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP), third sector organisations, educational and skills bodies and grassroots community groups – transformed the space into a vibrant, welcoming showcase of what's available in the east end and across the city.

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From crafting and children's play to books, mindfulness activities, bike maintenance and even free haircuts, the event combined a relaxed, informal atmosphere with practical support, reflecting the Hub's focus on health and wellbeing in its broadest sense.

Visitors were able to speak directly with organisations including mental health services, employability support, carers' groups and recovery networks – highlighting the wide reach of the Hub, which has already supported almost 9,500 engagements with local groups and organisations in its first year of operation.

The event also offered a snapshot of the Hub's growing programme of regular activity, from Play and Stay and Play Café sessions to Create and Connect and Community Walk and Talk groups, all designed to bring people together and reduce isolation.

Jackie Shearer, Engagement and Equalities Coordinator for North-East Locality, Glasgow City HSCP, was one of the driving forces behind the success of the Hub. She said: "Over the past year we have seen Parkhead Hub grow into something really special for the east end, and the whole of Glasgow. It is not just about the services based here – it is about the relationships that have developed between organisations and, most importantly, the connections people have made with each other.

"We have had thousands of interactions with community groups and partners already, and that tells its own story about the demand for a space like this. The Hub has quickly become a place where people feel welcome, where they know they can come for support or simply to be part of something.

"Events like this bring all of that together. You can see the strength and diversity of what is available locally, but you can also see how much it means for people to have this shared space at the heart of their community. It is something everyone involved should be really proud of."

Arvind Salwan is founder of the Dementia Heroes Café and Dementia Hour, which both meet at the Hub on the last Friday of every month. He was one of the stallholders, and his impression of the building is typical of many participants at the Network Day: "We chose the Hub because it is simply a lovely place to be. It is easy to get here, accessible and the facilities are ideal for our needs."

He added: "There is space to talk, support each other and take part in activities but also, in the library, there are private spaces which allow us to provide one-to-one support if necessary.

"It really is a great place to do the work we do. In fact, we are booked up here, last Friday of every month, for as long as they will have us."

The Parkhead Hub, which brings together health services, community facilities and civic amenities under one roof, has continued to grow its role as a focal point for the local community since opening. Alongside health and social care services, it offers a modern public library, community meeting spaces, a café and a busy programme of creative, educational and



wellbeing activity.

Events like the Community Network Day are set to remain a key part of that offer, creating opportunities for people to connect, access support and take part in the life of the area – all in one place.

And Mark McCourt, a senior addiction practitioner with the Alcohol and Drug Recovery Service who is based at the Hub, described perfectly how important the building is.

He said: “The designers did a brilliant job here. They really took time to consider the needs of everyone who uses the building. What’s not to like?”

“Recently I spoke to one of our service users, and his impression nearly moved me to tears. He said: ‘It makes people like me feel safe. Because of the way the building’s laid out nobody knows why I’m here’.

“It’s removed the stigma for services like ours. That’s a huge thing.”

Karen Dyball, Assistant Chief Officer, Children’s Services and North East Locality, Glasgow City HSCP, gave a speech to welcome everyone to the event, and afterwards she said: “Today’s event was another huge success, focusing on improving mental health and wellbeing and showcasing all the support available.

“We were delighted with the turnout and level of engagement and hope that local families continue to access the full range of supports and services available.

“This was an important day for helping to connect organisations, too, and I would like to thank all of the stallholders who were there to network and showcase their services. We collected feedback today that will be really helpful in planning future events.

“Special thanks to all of the people who visited the Hub today, and we look forward to seeing you all at the next event.”

Celebrating success: Project SEARCH interns graduate, become more independent and step into employment

DFN Project SEARCH has been making a meaningful difference in the lives of young people in Glasgow for over 10 years.

[Project SEARCH](#) is an innovative and transformative work-based learning programme for young adults aged 18 to 29 with learning disabilities, autism spectrum conditions or both. It provides them with real work experience combined with training and support in employability and independent living skills, with the main aim of developing a more independent life and gaining and sustaining a job.



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Since 2013, our staff in Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership's (HSCP) [Supported Employment Service](#) have played a vital role in the development and delivery of both Project SEARCH sites, hosted at NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde (NHSGGC)'s Royal Infirmary and the University of Strathclyde.

This June, the programme celebrated the graduation of this year's interns with two ceremonies held at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary and the University of Strathclyde. In total, 19 young people are graduating from the programme, many of whom have already secured employment. Several others are currently interviewing or awaiting job offers, with high hopes for more positive outcomes in the coming weeks.

These graduation ceremonies serve as powerful reminders of the accomplishments of the young people who take part in Project SEARCH. They also provide an opportunity for families, mentors and supporters to come together in celebration.

One of this year's interns shared: "I highly recommend Project SEARCH to anyone thinking of doing it. They really helped me understand my strengths."

The success of the programme lies in its tailored approach helping young people with learning disabilities, autism or both build the skills, confidence, and experience they need to gain and maintain full-time, paid employment and improve and maintain their independence, health and wellbeing within their communities.

Importantly, support doesn't end at graduation, our HSCP's Supported Employment Service continues to assist those still looking for work and provides job coaching to those who have secured employment. This ongoing guidance helps the young people transition smoothly into the workplace and thrive in their new roles.

Angie Black, Supported Employment Service Manager, said: "I love being able to celebrate the achievements of the interns at the graduation ceremony. I'm so proud of all the young people who've taken part and of all they've achieved — they're truly an inspiration."

Jason Mokrovich, Business Development Manager for the service, added: "While the graduations celebrate how far the interns have come along over the course of the programme and demonstrate the transformative impact it has had on them, they also crystallise for us the close partnership working between the host employers (NHSGGC and University of Strathclyde), colleges, families and our service to support them to achieve their potential and thrive. We could not do it without the resources they bring to the table and, more importantly, their commitment and passion to the programme and young people."



For more information or an informal chat about Project SEARCH, please contact supportedemployment@glasgow.gov.uk.

Celebrating Volunteers' Week at Gartnavel Royal Hospital

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) marked Volunteers' Week this June by celebrating the people who give their time, compassion and energy to support patients, visitors and staff as part of Gartnavel Royal Hospital's volunteers and creatives programme, Art in the Gart.

Whether they are serving in the Hub Café, looking after the gardens and growing spaces, playing at concerts or spending time with patients, the volunteers complement the work of our staff.

Our three short videos illustrate some of the activity on offer thanks to the volunteers who help to run the [Hub Café](#), play [music](#) or keep the [hospital gardens](#) beautiful.

Susie, a café volunteer, said: "It is lovely catching up and having interactions with staff and patients. It is a small café but it is very important to the people that use it, as it gives patients and relatives a nice space to come during visiting hours."

The Sessions, which is a music group and includes NHS staff, provides concerts at lunchtimes in the Hub, and they are well received by both patients and staff.

Ian, one of the music volunteers who plays with The Sessions, also works for the NHS. He said: "We play some songs for the patients for about 30 to 45 minutes at lunchtime. Within a few minutes the audience is all singing along. I think the music gives them a lift. It gives me a lift, too. I go back to work with a spring in my step."

Volunteers also work to maintain the beautiful gardens at Gartnavel Royal Hospital, encouraging patients to take part and gain benefits from the therapeutic powers of gardening and being outdoors.

Paul has volunteered with the @artinthegart gardening group for nine years after being referred as a patient. He said: "It is a garden for the patients but is open to and used by local people, staff and visitors. Patients love to come to the garden, dig and get dirty and have a chat. I really benefited from working outside in the garden and have learned so much from the gardeners. I love it."

Fiona Sinclair, our HSCP's Voluntary Services Manager for Art in the Gart, said: "The volunteers are a positive presence across our services, and their contribution makes a real difference to



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the experience of patients, visitors and staff alike.

“Volunteers come from all walks of life and bring with them a wide range of experiences, skills and motivations. Some are looking to give something back to their community, others are gaining experience at the start of their careers and many are simply driven by a desire to help others.

“I would like to thank all the volunteers for their dedication and commitment.”

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer at Gartnavel can contact Fiona at Fiona.Sinclair13@nhs.scot. You can also see other volunteering opportunities on the [NHSGGC website](#).

HSCP hosts community events to raise awareness of and support for dementia

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) welcomed carers, families and local residents to a series of community events during this year's Dementia Awareness Week, highlighting the importance of early diagnosis and the support available.

Held annually in early June by Alzheimer Scotland and NHS Scotland, this year's campaign focused on dementia diagnosis and raising awareness of the most common early symptoms.

To mark the week, our HSCP Day Centre managers and staff hosted drop-in information sessions alongside afternoon tea events across our six day care centres. Staff from Alzheimer Scotland were also present to offer advice and answer questions, creating a relaxed and supportive environment for attendees.

The events were well received, with carers, service users and local people taking the opportunity to connect with professionals and each other over strawberry tarts and refreshments.

At Meadowburn Day Care Centre, there was a particularly strong turnout, with attendees sharing positive feedback about the support available. One visitor, whose husband has dementia, said speaking to Alzheimer Scotland staff had helped her “massively,” while also valuing the opportunity to meet other carers and families facing similar experiences.

Wallacewell Day Care Centre also welcomed family members and members of the public, who took part in discussions with HSCP staff and Community Support Services as part of the afternoon tea event.

Julia Donaldson, Service Manager, said: “Over the week at our day care centres, we had information on Post Diagnostic Support Workers, Occupational Therapy and our HSCP's Home Technology Team. We also had visits from Give A Dog A Bone support and companionship dogs and CAB - Welfare Rights.



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“Performances from Neilston Strings Therapeutic Music for the brain entertained everyone during an afternoon tea of strawberry tarts and sandwiches which went down a treat.

“Police Scotland spoke about online scamming and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service raised awareness of fire safety at home, handing out leaflets and booking home visits.

“The events were an enjoyable way to raise awareness of dementia and the support available.”

Early diagnosis of dementia is crucial to ensure optimal support and information is provided. One of the most common symptoms of dementia is memory loss. If memory loss affects your daily life, or is worrying you or someone you know, you should speak to your GP.

In Scotland, everyone who is newly diagnosed with dementia is entitled to Post Diagnostic Support (PDS). This helps people diagnosed and their carers to understand dementia, plan for the future and get support to stay well for as long as possible.

Lynn Haughey, Change and Development Manager, Older People’s Services, South Locality, said: “This year in our HSCP we have started to diversify our PDS to offer group work. The sessions are accessed by referral from the person’s diagnosing clinician. They are an opportunity for people recently diagnosed with dementia and their family or caregiver to come together to learn more about dementia, the support available, strategies to help manage symptoms and peer support.”

Further support and information:

- PDS group sessions email: jstewart@alzscot.org
- [NHS Inform](#) (dementia information)
- [Alzheimer Scotland](#) has a free Helpline phone: 0808 808 3000
- [Age Scotland](#)
- Advice for [unpaid carers](#) in Glasgow
- [Home Technology](#) Team

Celebrating 107 years: Margaret’s remarkable milestone at Riverside

Residents, staff and family at Riverside Care Home recently came together to celebrate an incredible milestone, as Margaret Montgomery marked her 107th birthday.

Margaret, who moved to the HSCPs Riverside Care Home in April 2022, is described by staff as a “very pleasant lady” who brings joy to those around her. Staff members Jean Quinn and Caroline Duncan shared how much they enjoy spending time with her, saying: “Margaret is a very pleasant lady, and we love to hear all her stories, from being 7 years old when the Titanic sank to her days of ‘winning the minister’s son’.”



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Born in 1919, Margaret grew up in the Gallowgate as the eldest of four sisters. She fondly remembers going to the football with her dad – often being lifted over the turnstiles to get into the games– and enjoying family Sundays in Alexandra Park.

During the Second World War, Margaret worked in Rolls Royce and married her husband Jimmy in June 1940, just as he was about to be sent away to war. Their son Jim was born on Christmas Eve 1944, and due to the war, Jimmy did not meet him until a year and a half later.

Margaret and Jimmy built a life together in the east end of Glasgow, eventually settling on Strowan Street where Margaret lived for more than 60 years. The couple were married for 66 years and shared a love of dancing, travelling and socialising. They visited many countries across the world, including America, Canada, Australia and Spain, with Tenerife holding a special place in their hearts thanks to its daily tea dances.

Now living at Riverside Care Home, Margaret continues to live life to the full. She enjoys chair exercise classes, attends weekly social nights - often bringing along her bottle of whisky and makes time for visits from her regular hairdresser to keep her looking her best.

Margaret celebrated her 107th birthday surrounded by family, fellow residents and staff on Riverside's balcony terrace, with music, drinks and plenty of cake. Despite her remarkable age, she remains as independent as possible and is known for her kindness and appreciation towards others.

Margaret was a devoted mother, and although her son Jim sadly passed away in April 2020, she continues to be surrounded by a loving family. With three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren, she enjoys regular visits from her daughter-in-law Christine and the wider family.

When asked the secret to her longevity, Margaret is clear: "a wee half before bed at night."

Margaret's story is a wonderful reminder of the rich lives and experiences of people living in our care homes, and the important role these communities play in supporting residents to continue enjoying life, celebrating milestones, and sharing their stories.

News

We also regularly publish [news articles](#) and [briefings / bulletins](#) on our website about specific topics or work happening across our HSCP with partners – whether it be about current services, service developments or achievements to celebrate. If you would like to have something featured, please email GCHSCP_Communications@glasgow.gov.uk. Some recent news items include:



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- [Football clubs champion breastfeeding support across Greater Glasgow and Clyde](#)
- [Glasgow event encourages action on mental health and wellbeing](#)
- [Running for his dad: Stephen's London Marathon story](#)
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- [PCIP Newsletter - May 2026](#)
- [Glasgow secures funding extension for Whole Family Support Programme in GP Practices \(WFSGP\)](#)
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Meetings & Events

We have regular meetings and events to discuss and / or make decisions about health and social care in Glasgow. More information about them with upcoming dates is available below:

- [Glasgow City Integration Joint Board \(IJB\)](#)
- [IJB Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee](#)
- [IJB Public Engagement Committee](#)



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