

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde	Paper No. 26/21
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Name of Reporting Committee	Population Health and Wellbeing Committee
Date of Reporting Committee	22 January 2026
Committee Chairperson	Charles Vincent

1. Purpose of Paper

The purpose of this paper is to: inform the NHS Board on key items of discussion at the NHSGGC Population Health and Wellbeing Committee.

2. Recommendation

The Board is asked to note the key items of discussion at the recent meeting of the Population Health and Wellbeing Committee on 26 January 2026 as set out below and seek further assurance as required.

3. Key Items of Discussion

3.1 Child and Maternal Health Update

- The Committee received a presentation and a paper on the public health work relating to Maternal, Children's and Young Person's health, aligned to NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's (NHSGGC) 2025-26 Annual Delivery Plan and Scotland's Population Health Framework. The Committee noted the progress made and were advised that the programme of work was on track across maternity and early years.
- Whilst the engagement with the universal health visiting programme has been stable or increased, further work is required to improve the proportion of

assessments completed for the 4-5 year visit. This programme is a key component in reducing and responding to early developmental concerns, and NHSGGC levels of concern identified remains above the national level (although has recovered from the increase seen post-pandemic).

- There continued to be a Board-wide focus on prevention and early intervention in the earliest year and there would be ongoing monitoring of the four maternity focus areas (smoking cessation, alcohol interventions, equity of access, breastfeeding) via the Maternity and Public Health Forum.
- The Committee were assured by the significant work that was ongoing recognising that there was more to do in this space and the importance of the support of the Committee.

3.2 Child and Maternal Health Screening Programme Annual Report

- The Committee received a presentation and a paper on NHSGGC's child and maternal health screening programmes for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 for assurance.
- This report provided an analysis of variations in screening uptake across key demographic factors, including the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD), ethnicity, and geographic characteristics such as Health and Social Care Partnership areas and, where applicable, maternity sites. The report also included key priority actions for 2024/25.
- The Committee were assured by the significant work that was ongoing noting that reducing inequalities in screening was crucial to the work of the Committee.

3.3 Child Oral Health Indicators and Publication of National Dental Inspection Programme (NDIP) report for 2024/25

- The Committee received a presentation as well as a paper on the current status and context of the Child Oral Health Indicators and key activities for the coming year for assurance.
- The Committee were advised of the sustained stability (and some improvements) in oral health outcomes in NHSGGC, however, it was noted that there were variations across different Health and Social Care Partnerships. There had been an increase in the Care Index for NHSGGC, indicating more teeth with decay were being treated restoratively, however, this remained below pre-pandemic levels. The Committee also noted that there continued to be oral health inequalities, with children in more deprived areas having worse oral health outcomes, but there had been some slight improvements in these areas, reducing the gap between the most and least deprived. The Committee discussed the Childsmile programme and how this could be refocused to ensure further progress.
- Members were pleased to hear that a new dental practice would be opening in Inverclyde under the Scottish Dental Access Initiative.
- The Committee were assured by the report.

3.4 Public Mental Health Progress Report

- The Committee received a presentation on progress across the life-course public mental health delivery in NHSGGC for assurance.
- The Committee were advised that population mental health pressures continued to rise in both the children and adult populations. There had been progress in public mental health across NHSGGC, including actions on perinatal mental health, children and young people's self-harm prevention, neurodevelopmental pathways, crisis/distress response, inclusion, and social prescribing as well as

the ongoing work to achieve parity of Distress Brief Intervention (DBI) access and hours and to sustain Community Link Workers and third-sector supports. The Committee also noted the planned communications campaign for 'MyApp: My Mental Health' and continued capacity-building for suicide prevention training in acute services.

- The Committee were assured by the progress made and would look at ways to add value to this work going forward.

3.5 Local Child Poverty Action Report - Inverclyde

- This report for Inverclyde HSCP was presented to the Committee for approval.
- The Committee were advised that the annual report was required by the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 and described measures to address child poverty. The report highlighted persistent rates of child poverty, with significant variation across GGC local authorities and summarised thematic actions to address this including income maximisation, support for priority groups, and partnership working.
- The Committee were content to approve the report.

3.6 Population Health Framework

- This Committee received a verbal update on Scotland's Population Health Framework for assurance.
- The Committee were advised that national discussions were taking place and this would be a significant piece of work going forward both for the Population Health and Wellbeing Committee and for the NHS Board.

3.7 Quarter 2 Public Health Assurance Information Progress Report

- This paper was presented to the Committee for assurance.
- The Committee received an update on quarterly progress against the key priorities as outlined in the Public Health Assurance Information Framework and progress against each of the priorities and mitigating actions where required. The Committee were advised that this was an interim report and would be reviewed alongside the Population Health Framework.
- The Committee were assured by the report.

3.8 Annual Cycle of Business 2026/27

- This paper was presented to the Committee for approval.
- The Committee agreed that there would be further discussion on this offline to ensure a focus on the key areas that had been discussed by the Committee.

3.9 Extract from Corporate Risk Register

- This paper was presented to the Committee for approval.
- The Committee noted that there were two risks aligned to the Committee and no changes had been proposed to the scores for these.
- The Committee were content to approve the Corporate Risk Register.

4. Issues for referral to other Standing Committees or escalation to the NHS Board

There were no issues for referral or escalation.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Population Health and Wellbeing Committee will take place on 23 April 2026.