

COUNTY DURHAM TOGETHER PARTNERSHIP

Health and Wellbeing Board

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Better for everyone



Vision

County Durham Together is about working with communities, especially those most in need, making sure they are at the heart of decision making, building on their existing skills, knowledge, experience and resources to support everyone to thrive and to live happy, healthy and connected lives.



Ambitions:

Working better together

To understand opportunities for:

- joining up data and intelligence to better understand and respond to local needs
- pooling resources and joint commissioning
- identifying and maximising the impact of existing assets and resources while reducing duplication
- streamlining pathways “step up and step down” of support
- streamlining community engagement, participation and involvement
- securing a more sustainable voluntary and community sector

Doing with not to/Sharing Decision Making

- Changing our relationship with communities to ensure they have a more equal voice in decisions that affect them and greater say over the design of policies, services and initiatives

Being Asset Focussed

- Proportionately targeting our collective resources to the people and communities that need them the most, building on existing community assets and resources
- Considering the economic, environmental, and social aspects of our impact on communities to boost social value and build community wealth
- Working with statutory services to develop strength and asset-based approaches to working with communities



Ambitions:

Empowering our communities

- Ensuring that they have up to date information to help themselves and each other
- Ensuring that the voice of County Durham is heard in regional forums including new and emerging forums such as the Integrated Care Board
- Ensure that people living in vulnerable circumstances are protected

Building resilience

- Work with services and communities to raise awareness of issues such as domestic abuse, debt, social isolation and loneliness to equip people to recognise where people need help at early stages and know where to access the support they need
- Develop a skilled and sustainable workforce (including the voluntary workforce) who are able to meet the needs of residents at the first point of contact and triage into statutory services swiftly as required
- Improve pathways between communities, voluntary and community sector and public sector services to connect people to help and support people at the earliest opportunity so they access support which builds resilience and self reliance and prevents the need for crisis intervention



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County Durham Together Partnership

Chair: Jane Robinson, DCC

County Durham Together Steering Group

Chair: Kirsty Wilkinson, DCC

Wider Partnership Relationships:

- Health and Wellbeing Board
- Safe Durham Partnership
- Environment and Climate Change Partnership
- Economic Partnership
- County Durham Care Partnership

Reporting relationship:

- Place based/Social Value initiatives
 - Horden Together
 - Shotley Bridge
 - Belmont
 - Durham Dales PCN

Joint Strategic Needs and Asset Assessment and Insight Group

Integrated Co-production, Community Engagement, Involvement and Participation

Digital Inclusion including Community Book

Community Connectors including Skills & Competencies

County Durham Together at Place?

Sustainability for VCS

Resilient Communities Group

Culture & Leadership

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How can CDT enable the HWB?

How can HWB help achieve CDT ambitions?

- Develop and provide “the tools”/create the conditions to support implementation of the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JLHWS) strategic approach
- “Critical friends” and constructive challenge
- A2W could be used as a framework for assurance in relation to your priorities

