

Health and Wellbeing Partnership

Health and Wellbeing Boards are a statutory forum where political, clinical, professional and community leaders from across the care and health system come together to take action to improve the health and wellbeing of their local population and reduce health inequalities.

The Ribble Valley Health and Wellbeing partnership has evolved by bringing together key organisations to strategically evaluate the services of the Ribble Valley. By listening to the voice of Ribble Valley residents, the partnership ensures that the implementation of the new NHS 10-year plan meets the needs of people in the Valley. [Fit for the future: 10 Year Health Plan for England - executive summary \(accessible version\) - GOV.UK](#)

The Ribble Valley health and wellbeing primary care services are delivered by two Primary Care Networks (PCN's) – Preston (North and East) and Ribblesdale as part of the East Lancashire Alliance.

The Lancashire and South Cumbria Health and Care Partnership incorporate a wealth of services including the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB), the Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise Alliance (VCFSE) and Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust (LSCFT) alongside other delivery partners.

Other statutory organisations such as Lancashire County Council, Lancashire Police and Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service are also closely linked via the workshops, partnership meetings and the Community Safety Partnership (CSP). The CSP strategy closely aligns with actions related to community safety. This can be found on our Partnerships page on the website.

The partnership works closely with the community to determine their needs and co-design strategies through workshops and regular visits to community activities. This includes young people, businesses, families and older people. GP surgeries have their own Patient Participation Groups who feed in priorities and Health Watch Lancashire deliver engagement events directly linked to areas requiring improvement.

Achievements to date

Statutory and Voluntary Services work closely together to improve access to health and wellbeing opportunities and reduce vulnerabilities of those living, working and visiting the Ribble Valley. Workshops, and community visits, have taken place to ascertain the key priority areas informing the action plan.

Priority Areas	National/ LCC/ ICB strategies	Actions	Lead organisation/ person	Partnership support	Due by/ completion date
Information Sharing	LSC Integrated Care Board :: New services introduced to improve the lives of those with dementia	<p>Improving internal and external directories producing a clear plan to share information widely and align priorities. Consider accessibility options.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RVBC directory continually updated and shared widely. LCC new statutory directory due to be published. HRV-CVS agreed as central holder of voluntary and community updates and services offering monthly updates. <p>Community Groups Directory – Ribble Valley Borough Council Home - Hyndburn & Ribble Valley CVS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Dementia Alliance booklets to be shared with PCN’s for staff to share on diagnosis. <p>Dementia – Ribble Valley Borough Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calendar of events to be agreed by partners via partnership meetings. Communications plans to be agreed for promoting key messages and information. Find innovative ways of sharing free phone line numbers with residents 	RVBC LCC CVS	Family Hub Network/ Dementia Alliance/ PCN	April 2026

		<p>who are isolated such as utilising bin stickers and wider partners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a mental health forum (see mental health) 			
Reaching Rural Areas	<p>Isabstrategic-planfinal.pdf</p> <p>Addressing Health and Social Care Challenges in Rural England - Rural Services Network</p>	<p>Continue to work closely with residents to understand their needs and communicate this regularly to LCC Transport Services via the appropriate avenues.</p> <p>Expand opportunities to develop community voluntary transport options to connect vulnerable residents to services.</p> <p>Produce a programme of visible events and services are available to those in rural and farming communities- RVBC, Police, LFRS, Community and Voluntary Services. Visits, Auction Mart, Green Social Prescriber, Farming Stronger for Longer, Park Play.</p> <p>Investigate opportunities to deliver more health services in the Ribble Valley to support older and disabled residents who struggle to travel to local hospitals e.g. 24 hr blood pressure monitors.</p>	<p>RVBC</p> <p>RVBC/ Little Green Bus/ LCC Transport</p> <p>Rural Task Force/ CVS</p> <p>PCN/ ELHT/ LSCFT</p>	<p>LCC</p> <p>Voluntary services</p> <p>RVBC</p> <p>RVBC</p>	<p>2020-27</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>2027</p>
Developing opportunities to expand physical health services		<p>Expand opportunities for services offering successful programmes to residents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up and Active • Let's Live Life • Farming Stronger for Longer • Park Play 	RVBC/ PCN	CVS	2026-29

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessibility and longevity of leisure facilities • Let's Live Life <p>Create a working group to evaluate and design physical health and exercise programmes through co-design focussing on cardiorespiratory conditions and hypertension.</p>			
Mental health and suicide	<p>lancashire-suicide-prevention-and-reducing-self-harm-strategy-and-action-2024-2029.pdf</p> <p>Suicide prevention strategy: action plan - GOV.UK</p> <p>Isabstrategic-planfinal.pdf</p> <p>20240613_Lancashire_WFW-Phase-2-Final-Report-1-1.pdf</p>	<p>Create a mental health forum for Ribble Valley linking statutory and voluntary services together to map provision and identify gaps.</p> <p>Improve information sharing and referral pathways between services- mental health/ neurodevelopmental pathways.</p> <p>Develop business support for the self-employed as a high-risk category for the area and link to mental health services.</p> <p>See CSP action plan.</p>	<p>CVS/ LSCFT</p> <p>PCN/ LSCFT/ LCC Education Officer</p> <p>RVBC</p>	<p>ICB/ RVBC/ Voluntary services</p> <p>RVBC/ Schools</p>	2026-27
Reducing substance misuse	<p>Adult substance misuse treatment statistics 2023 to 2024: report - GOV.UK</p> <p>From harm to hope: A 10-year drugs plan to cut crime and save lives - GOV.UK</p> <p>Pan Lancashire Arrangements for Self-Neglect and Hoarding</p>	<p>Provide targeted information to residents to prevent and tackle alcohol and drug misuse. Develop a package of information for local HR leaders including the new free helpline for Inspire.</p> <p>Promote new roles and services widely. Link closely to housing and police colleagues.</p>	<p>Inspire cgl/ With You/ RVBC</p> <p>Inspire/ LCC/ LSCFT/ RVBC</p>	<p>Partnerships</p>	April 2026

		<p>Work with GP surgeries to identify data relating to substance misuse to support the plan for new initiatives linking to physical and mental health services.</p> <p>See CSP action plan.</p>	PCN		2026-27
Estates		<p>Work with the Estates Group to determine opportunities to expand health services into rural areas and identify new estates locally.</p> <p>Exploring opportunities to expand day care facilities.</p> <p>Accommodation for those with complex needs and/ or learning disabilities- explore opportunities to expand.</p>	<p>PCN/ ICB</p> <p>LCC/RVBC</p>	<p>RVBC</p> <p>Housing providers</p>	2027-29