

South Cumbria Place-Based Newsletter

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Welcome to the eight edition of our South Cumbria Place-Based Partnership Newsletter.

Hello colleagues.

Although summer has arrived (the sun is shining at the time of writing), the challenges facing us have not diminished. The most important thing to me is that we face our challenges together, and work collaboratively to overcome them. A sense of togetherness is critical, whether this is within our communities or amongst the organisations who are providing health, care or support to our residents. This will always be at the heart of what we do in our place.



Partners within our geography have a long history of collaborating, and our South Cumbria place was officially formed in July 2022. Since then, we have continued to work together on shared priorities and have come together regularly through our place partnership forum. However, our local authority partners were also working hard on plans for local government reform which saw the establishment of the three new unitary authorities of Westmorland and Furness, Cumberland and North Yorkshire in April 2023. Having gone through a stabilisation phase during their first year of operation and having confirmed our place priorities for 2024/25 across all of our partners, we are now in a good place to take the next steps with our formal place governance arrangements.

In July we had the first official meeting of our South Cumbria Place Partnership Board, and you can read more about our Chair, Vice Chair and the topics covered in our first meeting below.

The first and biggest priority is to improve urgent and emergency care (UEC). One of the main challenges for improving the flow of people in and out of our hospitals is making sure patients who are medically fit to leave, are able to do so in a timely manner. This in turn will free up beds and reduce waiting times in A&E and for ambulances. I will go into more detail later in this newsletter around some of the exciting things we are doing.

Best wishes

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South Cumbria Place Partnership Board

The South Cumbria Place Partnership Board convened on July 30, 2024, marking the first official meeting after a development session in May. This meeting aimed to set the stage for future collaborative efforts in health and care services across South Cumbria.

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Delivering outstanding palliative and end of life care in Morecambe Bay

A framework for palliative and end-of-life care in Morecambe Bay, influenced by the National Ambitions Framework, was developed through collaboration among commissioners, providers, and patient representatives across Lancashire and South Cumbria.

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New intermediate care beds for Barrow-in-Furness

For the first time Barrow-in-Furness has intermediate care beds offering both step-up and step-down referrals, as well as respite care. Based within Parkview Gardens, a local authority run nursing home, the site will offer much needed 18 beds plus an additional six beds for respite care.

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Unblocking bed capacity at University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay

At any time of the year, University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust (UHMBT) faces a challenge: around 150 beds can be occupied by patients who no longer meet the criteria to reside. To address this, we are collaborating with health and care partners to understand the drivers for this, and to agree actions to address these. Our actions are allocated to organisations and/or partnerships that will be responsible for removing the blocks and freeing up bed space.

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New primary care partner member on the ICB Board



Dr. Geoff Jolliffe, a Barrow-in-Furness GP, has concluded his term as primary care partner member on the ICB board. Dr. Julie Colclough, from Cartmel Medical Practice in Grange-over-Sands, has taken up the role as the new primary care partner member.

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Integrated Wellness Centre

We partnered with the Morecambe Bay Community Care Group to investigate patients with multiple hospital admissions and extended stays. Our focus was on those with more than three admissions in a year and a cumulative hospital stay of over 200 days.

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Westmorland and Furness Health and Wellbeing Team Annual Report



Westmorland and Furness Council is delighted to present the first annual report for its Health and Wellbeing Team.

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South Lakes Poverty Truth Commission stakeholder briefing

The South Cumbria Poverty Truth Commission has produced a stakeholder briefing for its members. An update on Barrow-in-Furness Poverty Truth Commission will follow in the next edition.



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Advantage! Health and wellbeing opportunities for adults and the elderly



Advantage! Barrow Raiders Community Foundation, a registered charity within Barrow Raiders RLFC, utilised the NHS Population Health Investment Funding to encourage adults and elderly residents within Barrow and Ulverston to get more active.

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CADAS Healthy Lifestyle Awareness

Cumbria Addictions Advice and Solutions (CADAS), a charity that supports people with problematic behaviour linked to substances, utilised the NHS Population Health Investment Funding to take a proactive approach to encourage more than 500 people to make healthy lifestyle choices.



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