**1. Purpose of this Guidance**

This paper provides updated guidance to Community Solutions Locality Hosts and Consortia members to support development, implementation and review of the Community Solutions “Improving Lives” Locality Development Plan (LDP).

**2. Purpose of the “Improving Lives” Locality Development Plan (LDP).**

The LDP is the guiding, strategic document for each of the six localities which sets out the health and social care vision and priorities for their locality for a three-year period, supported by annual review.

**3. Production and Review of the Locality Development Plan**

3.1 The LDP is co-produced by the Community Solutions Locality Hosts and Local Consortia members for each of the six localities

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| * Airdrie | * Bellshill |
| * Coatbridge | * Motherwell |
| * The North | * Wishaw |

Each Community Solution Locality Host facilitates and co-ordinates the development of the LDP in liaison with members of their local consortium. This also includes supporting wider contributions from service users, carers, equality groups and others in their locality.

**4. Content of Locality Development Plans**

4.1 Locality Development Plans should be informed by the Community Solutions Strategy and Investment Plan and University of Health and Social Care North Lanarkshire’s (HSCNL) Commissioning Plan and include the content outlined below.

4.1.1 **Local Vision for health and social care:** informed by local needs and priorities

* + 1. **A summary of local needs and priorities, informed by:**

[UHSCNL Locality Profiles](https://hscnl.org.uk/)

and [Local Outcome Improvement Plans (LOIPs)](https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/your-community/working-communities/your-area/local-outcome-improvement-plans-loips)

* + 1. **Local Investment Priorities**

Each locality has responsibility for managing and administering a recurring “Improving Lives” Local Activity Fund (LAF) of £30,000 a year (£180,000 in total) which provides small grants to CVS Organisations to deliver new or improved activity to improve local wellbeing.

As part of the Improving Lives Initiative, this has been increased for 2023/24 and 2024/25, by £120,000 per year. The additional LAF funding has been allocated based on a combination of population and the number of deprived households on the Locality.

The total the amount available per locality for 2023-25 is detailed below:

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| **Locality** | **Available** |
| Airdrie | £49,907 |
| Bellshill | £45,486 |
| Coatbridge | £46,815 |
| Motherwell | £49,077 |
| The North | £60,360 |
| Wishaw | £48,355 |
|  | **£300,000** |

Local Investment Priorities should be based on the needs of the community as set out in the Local Outcome Improvement Plans (LOIPs Locality Profiles referred to above.

Consortium meetings should be structured around the agreed priorities to ensure LAF awards are contributing to delivery of the agreed investment priorities Please see the priorities and agenda for the Wishaw, Murdeston and Fortissat Consortium below as an example:

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* + 1. **Community Connectors and Social Prescribing**

Each LDP would set out how Locality Hosts and consortia members will support the Community Connectors pilot during 2023-25, with assistance from VANL and North Lanarkshire Disability Forum which employs the connectors. This pilot includes strengthening social prescribing and community support for people affected by cancer - through and with the community and voluntary sector and in liaison with public sector health and social care staff.

* + 1. **CVS Capacity Building Priorities**

Each LDP should set out priorities for strengthening the local CVS so it is more able to support delivery of the agreed, local priorities, in addition to LAF awards. This would include supporting local CVS organisations to:

* improve the support they provide to key equality groups including children, young people and families; unpaid carers; older adults; people with long term conditions etc.
* support CVS organisations to support health through action that supports nature connectedness and action on climate and green wellbeing issues
* register information about their services on [ALISS (A Local Information System for Scotland).](https://www.aliss.org/)

Locality hosts would then support this capacity building work in liaison with [VANL](https://www.voluntaryactionnorthlanarkshire.org/index.php/services-and-support/) staff and consortia members. This work would be informed by the Community Solutions Impact and Learning Reports.

* + 1. **Strengthening Volunteering**

Each LDP should set out how volunteering can be strengthened locally to support delivery of the health and social care priorities. Locality hosts would then work with consortia members and VANL staff to support this work, in line with the [North Lanarkshire Volunteering Strategy](https://www.voluntaryactionnorthlanarkshire.org/index.php/volunteering-partnership/).

* + 1. **Delivery, Reporting and Review**

Each LDP should set out how delivery is supported by the Locality Host and consortia members and how progress is reported and reviewed locally.

Locality Hosts also provide VANL with progress information which is included in the annual Community Solutions Impact and Learning Reports.

**5. Presentation and Publication**

5.1 LDP’s should be as concise as possible and written in plain English. A summary can also be prepared if this is helpful.

5.2 LDPs will be published on the Community Solutions main website and will be actively shared and promoted locally by Locality Hosts and consortia members.

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The Locality Host for the North Locality has produced a comprehensive 3-year Locality Development Plan, which can be referenced to inform the development of each Locality Development Plan. Their plan is attached for information:

