Annual Impact and Learning Report 2024-25









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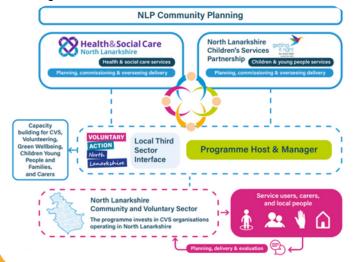


Community Solutions is...

a successful, cross-sector health and social care investment and improvement programme for North Lanarkshire. The programme – which was established in 2012 – aims to improve people's health, wellbeing, quality of life, and equality by investing in community-led initiatives which build community, family, and individual strengths and resources, with a focus on prevention and early intervention.

Background

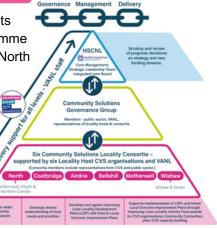
The programme is an innovative, effective, and respected partnership and collaborative initiative between statutory and community and voluntary organisations and the public, including:



Programme Governance

Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire (VANL) hosts and manages the Community Solutions Programme on behalf of University Health and Social Care North Lanarkshire (UHSCNL).

Community Solutions is governed through a 'triple-lock' approach and supported and managed locally and across North Lanarkshire:



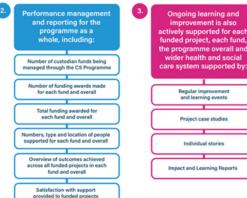
Please see the
Community Solutions
website for more
information.

Many thanks to the funded projects and to the VANL staff who contributed to this report.

Evaluation

VANL's support for the Community Solutions Programme is monitored through the Programme's 'triple-lock' governance arrangements:







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Custodian Funds and Funding Management

During 2024-25, over £3.4m of funding was managed through the Community Solutions Programme by VANL on behalf of several funders including:

- · University Health and Social Care North Lanarkshire
- Scottish Government
- · North Lanarkshire Council (linked to NLCSP)

Funding awards were made to a total of **291** projects, delivered by **120** CVS organisations.

In addition, VANL received £128k in funding to support CVS capacity building.

Please see the Supplementary Report for all income and expenditure, and all funded projects.

> Please see here on the Community Solutions website for more info on each fund.

Funds

The Community Solutions Programme managed the following funds in 2024-25:

- · Anticipatory Care
- Befriending
- Carer Breather
- Children, Young People, and Families' Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Community Food
- · Community Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Community Transport
- Hospital Discharge
- Improving Lives Initiative (long-term condition support)
- · Improving the Cancer Journey
- · Locality Hosting and the Locality Activity Fund (LAF)
- Physical Activity

57,204

Total unique individuals supported



People Supported

1347

supported through Anticipatory Care

supported through Befriending

1100 supported through Carer Breather

supported through Children, Young People & Families

2633 supported through Community Food

supported through Community Mental Health and Wellbeing

5956 Community Transport passenger journeys

454 supported through Hospital Discharge

623 support

supported through the Improving Lives Initiative

1633

supported through Improving Cancer Journey

22,969

supported through the Locality Activity Fund

8400

supported through Physical Activity



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Community Solutions Outcomes

Funded projects report against the Community Solutions outcomes, which are separated into three themes:

Adults

- 6384 people feel more connected safe and included
- 7739 people's health and wellbeing improved
- 6670 people felt more informed and aware

Carers

- 528 carers felt more informed and aware
- 2956 carers' health and wellbeing improved
- carers were more able to have a life outcome of caring

Children, Young People and Families

- children and young people's health and wellbeing improved
- 574 family relationships are strengthened
- children, young people and families become more resilient

30,258

Community Solutions outcomes were reported



**Please note, not all funded projects or service users report on Community Solutions outcomes. However, all projects report on impact to VANL.

Other 2024-25 Work

As part of the The Improving Lives Initiative, NHS Charities Together provided funding in 2024-25 to establish a North Lanarkshire Social Prescribing Network led by a Social Prescribing Development Officer, and increased funding for Locality Hosts and LAF. The additional funding for LAF funded **18** projects in 2023-24, and **20** projects in 2024-25.

A full report on the additional LAF projects will be available in late 2025 - they are not included within this report as the delivery period extends until September 2025.

The North Lanarkshire Social Prescribing Network was established in September 2024, meeting quarterly with over **80** members.

Thematic Fund Remodelling

In Summer of 2024, a consultation took place to review the future of the Thematic Fund for 2025-26 onward. Through this consultation with key stakeholders during 2024-25, a remodelling of the fund was agreed. The consultation found:

- A new model is necessary. Flexibility is needed to allow for change based on learning from the first Phase of this new model
- · Co-production is key for this new model
- · Application support should be embedded in the funding timeline

The new model is two stages: the second stage being open call for CVS organisations to apply across North Lanarkshire, split into three strands: NL-wide, Volunteering, and Innovation. Priorities for each strand will be set annually through consultation with the sector. We consulted over 80 people, including:

- The Home Visiting and Befriending network
- The steering group, including the CS Governance Group and UHSCP-NL Senior Leadership
- · Community Solutions Locality Hosts
- · The NL-wide Consortium



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The North

Airdrie

Motherwell

Coatbridge

Bellshill

University
Health&Social Care
North Lanarkshire



*Please note - Total Funding, CMHWB and Carer Breather figures include NL-wide projects

The North Locality

- 80 total projects £804,744 allocated in total
- Local Activity Funding 31 projects, £88,245
- Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Phase 3- 20 projects, £582,342
- Children, Young People and Families Phase 5 -22 projects, £90,319
- Carer Breather Phase 2 (Year 2) 7 projects, £43,839

Coatbridge Locality

- 64 total projects £634,174 allocated in total
- Local Activity Funding 20 projects, £78,367
- Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Phase
 3 18 projects, £482,842
- Children, Young People and Families Phase 5 -16 projects, £55,694
- Carer Breather Phase 2 (Year 2) 10 projects, £17,271

Bellshill Locality

- 55 total projects £596,484 allocated in total
- Local Activity Funding 17 projects, £43,340
- Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Phase
 3 19 projects, £508,151
- Children, Young People and Families Phase 5 -10 projects, £39,530
- Carer Breather Phase 2 (Year 2) 8 projects, £5462

Airdrie Locality • 55 total projects - £581,104 allocated in total

Wishaw & Shotts

- Local Activity Funding 20 projects, £63,278
 Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Phase
- Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Phase
 3 17 projects, £461,169
- Children, Young People and Families Phase 5 -10 projects, £50,037
- Carer Breather Phase 2 (Year 2) 8 projects, £66.189

Wishaw and Shotts Locality

- 68 total projects £722,335 allocated in total
- Local Activity Funding 26 projects, £64,018
- Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Phase
 3 21 projects, £577,867
- Children, Young People and Families Phase 5 -13 projects, £73,647
- Carer Breather Phase 2 (Year 2) 8 projects, f6803

Motherwell Locality

- 69 total projects £733,206 allocated in total
- Local Activity Funding 19 projects, £46,400
- Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Phase
 3 22 projects, £592,554
- Children, Young People and Families Phase 5 -19 projects, £82,171
- Carer Breather Phase 2 (Year 2) 9 projects, £12,081



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Locality Profile: Airdrie



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- Carer Breather Phase 2 (Year 2) 8 projects, £66,189

Number of Beneficiaries Supported

- Local Activity Fund 4489
- Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Phase 3 -2477
- Children, Young People and Families Phase 5 763
- Carer Breather Phase 2 (Year 2) 788

Total beneficiaries supported in Airdrie - 8517

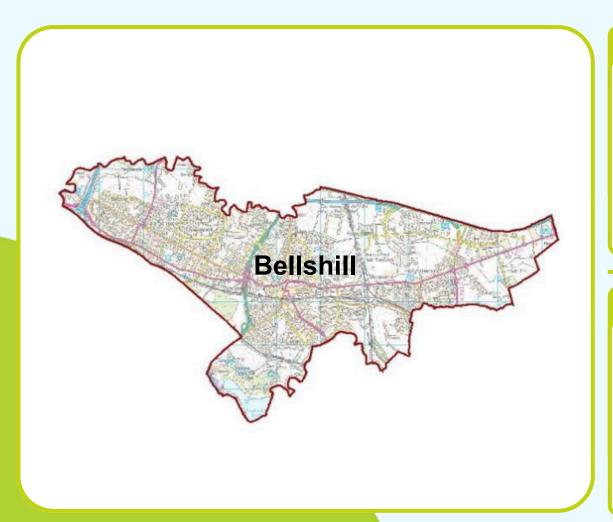


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Locality Profile: Bellshill



Bellshill Locality

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 3 19 projects, £508,151
- Children, Young People and Families Phase 5 -10 projects, £39,530
- Carer Breather Phase 2 (Year 2) 8 projects, £5462

Number of Beneficiaries Supported

- Local Activity Fund 1863
- Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Phase 3 -3107
- Children, Young People and Families Phase 5 702
- Carer Breather Phase 2 (Year 2) 826

Total beneficiaries supported in Bellshill - 6498



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Locality Profile: Coatbridge



Coatbridge Locality

- 64 total projects £634,174 allocated in total
- Local Activity Funding 20 projects, £78,367
- Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Phase
 3 18 projects, £482,842
- Children, Young People and Families Phase 5 -16 projects, £55,694
- Carer Breather Phase 2 (Year 2) 10 projects, £17,271

Number of Beneficiaries Supported

- Local Activity Fund 6870
- Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Phase 3 -3019
- Children, Young People and Families Phase 5 580
- Carer Breather Phase 2 (Year 2) 926

Total beneficiaries supported in Coatbridge - 11,395



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Locality Profile: Motherwell



Motherwell Locality

- 69 total projects £733,206 allocated in total
- Local Activity Funding 19 projects, £46,400
- Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Phase
 3 22 projects, £592,554
- Children, Young People and Families Phase 5 19 projects, £82,171
- Carer Breather Phase 2 (Year 2) 9 projects, £12,081

Number of Beneficiaries Supported

- Local Activity Fund 691
- Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Phase 3 -4329
- Children, Young People and Families Phase 5 -1529
- Carer Breather Phase 2 (Year 2) 878

Total beneficiaries supported in Motherwell - 7427

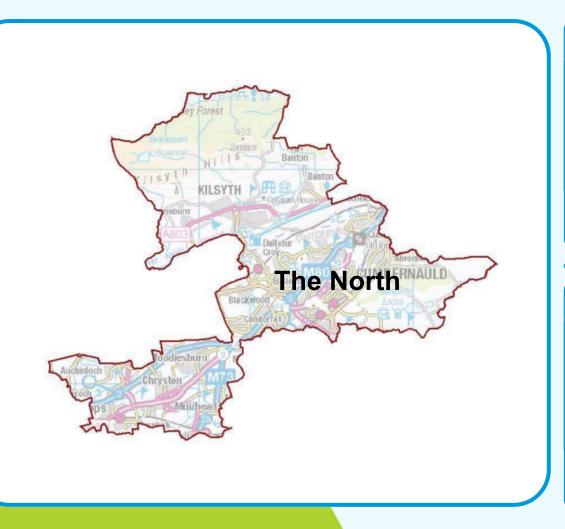


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Locality Profile: The North



The North Locality

- 80 total projects £804,744 allocated in total
- Local Activity Funding 31 projects, £88,245
- Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Phase
 3- 20 projects, £582,342
- Children, Young People and Families Phase 5 -22 projects, £90,319
- Carer Breather Phase 2 (Year 2) 7 projects, £43,839

Number of Beneficiaries Supported

- Local Activity Fund 885
- Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Phase 3 -3224
- Children, Young People and Families Phase 5 -1482
- Carer Breather Phase 2 (Year 2) 736

Total beneficiaries supported in the North - 6327



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Locality Profile: Wishaw and Shotts



Wishaw and Shotts Locality

- 68 total projects £722,335 allocated in total
- Local Activity Funding 26 projects, £64,018
- Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Phase
 3 21 projects, £577,867
- Children, Young People and Families Phase 5 -13 projects, £73,647
- Carer Breather Phase 2 (Year 2) 8 projects, £6803

Number of Beneficiaries Supported

- Local Activity Fund 7898
- Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Phase 3 -4134
- Children, Young People and Families Phase 5 252
- Carer Breather Phase 2 (Year 2) 910

Total beneficiaries supported in Wishaw and Shotts - 13,194



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Locality Profile: NL-Wide



NL-wide

- 23 total projects £490,997 allocated in total
- Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Phase
 3- 16 projects, £447,158
- Carer Breather Phase 2 (Year 2) 7 projects, £43,839

Number of Beneficiaries Supported

- Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Phase 3 -2457
- Carer Breather Phase 2 (Year 2) 736

Total beneficiaries supported by NL-wide projects - 3193



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Capacity Building

VANL receives recurrent funding through UHSCNL to support capacity building in the following areas:

- Carers
- Community and Voluntary Sector (CVS) capacity building for the sector generally and for CVS organisations to support Children, Young People and Families (CYP)
- Volunteering

Children, Young People and Families

Background

VANL staff support the CVS with capacity-building to strengthen the support provided to local children, young people and families to improve their health, wellbeing and inclusion. VANL does this by:

- Convening the North Lanarkshire CVS Children, Young People & Families Network to provide information-sharing; peer support; and to support CVS partnership working with the public sector through the North Lanarkshire Children's Services Partnership (CSP); UHSCNL; and North Lanarkshire Partnership (NLP)
- Supporting CVS participation in the CSP and facilitating links between the CSP, Community Solutions, UHSCNL and community planning
- · Supporting the CVS to strengthen their contributions to:
 - Child protection, through provision of training by VANL staff
 - Children and young people's mental health, through distribution of the Children, Young People and Families Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund

Achievements 2024-25

In 2024-25, VANL staff supported the following children, young people and families capacity-building work:

- Convened 4 meetings of the Children, Young People and Families Network, involving over 40 organisations
- Supported members with their applications to Phase 5 of the Children, Young People and Families Mental Health and Wellbeing fund. There were 89 successful applications
- Supported members to access training in areas such as Child Protection, GIRFEC and Signs of Safety and Healing
- Supported CVS consultation for the Joint Inspection of Services for Children at Risk of Harm
- Supported CVS organisations to deliver on the key priorities within the Children's Services Plan 2023-26
- Infant Health and well-being There is representation from CVS on the Infant Mental Health Steering Group and Perinatal Group
- A partnership approach with the CVS and the Infant Feeding Team has delivered bespoke training which groups have used to support families in their communities



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Capacity Building

Volunteering

Background

VANL staff support <u>volunteering developments</u> across North Lanarkshire, working with:

- The CVS which involves and relies on thousands of volunteers to deliver their support and services
- Public sector partners including North Lanarkshire Council, NHS Lanarkshire, Police and Fire and Rescue, and NHS Lanarkshire– which also involve volunteers and support volunteering more widely
- Employers in all sectors, including the business sector, which contributes through <u>employer-supported volunteering</u>

VANL staff support volunteering strategically and operationally including:

- Setting up and convening the North Lanarkshire Volunteering Partnership to facilitate improved cross-sector support for volunteering. The Partnership developed a new <u>North Lanarkshire Volunteering Strategy</u> <u>2023-2026</u>
- Promoting volunteering opportunities to the public and supporting matching to roles
- Supporting volunteer-involving organisations to improve their recruitment and support for volunteers, including promotion of the Volunteer Charter
- Supporting CVS organisations to join and use our free volunteer management software <u>Team Kinetic</u> both to promote volunteer opportunities and to manage volunteers

Volunteering Stats 2024-25

- No of Saltire Award certificates 1601
- No of enquiries related to volunteering 339
- No of volunteer registrations (via Kinetic + Volunteer Scotland) 176
- Total volunteer matches 155
 - No of volunteer matches (since introduction of Kinetic platform in June 24) - 59
 - No of volunteer matches (pre-Kinetic) 96
- Number of NL Volunteer Partnership meetings facilitated 2

Achievements 2024-25

- Creation of a new VANL Guide to Youth volunteering launched May 2025
- Number of support sessions given to CVS organisations for volunteer promotion - 53
- · Number of talks and presentations given 21
- · Volunteer information stalls at events 29
- Employer supported volunteering enquiries + matching 4
- · Volunteer management polices and procedures guidance sessions 8
- Volunteering training sessions 4 (2 on volunteer recruitment + 2 on involving youth volunteers)
- Youth volunteering support meetings 13



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Capacity Building

Community and Voluntary Sector

Background

VANL receives funding through the Community Solutions programme to provide capacity-building support to the CVS so the sector is able to effectively contribute to improved health and wellbeing of residents and local communities through:

- Provision of support and services to improve physical and mental health
- · Community wealth-building to support social and economic inclusion
- Protection and improvements to our natural environment, including climate action

The capacity-building <u>support and services</u> provided by VANL includes the following:

- Information provision through the <u>Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire website</u>, <u>digital bulletins</u> and social media
- Organisational development guidance on issues such as:
 - Set up and governance
 - Strategic planning
 - Income generation
 - Finance
 - 。 HR
 - Performance management and evaluation

Peer support and learning opportunities by:

- Providing or facilitating access to structured training and informal learning
- Convening and supporting the CVS Strategic Partnership Group and linked thematic networks on key issues such as befriending; mental health and wellbeing; employability; and Social Enterprise
- Organising regular events for the CVS, including locality meetings and an annual conference

Supporting the CVS to participate in our local partnerships and contribute to delivery of associated plans including:

- Our North Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership, North Lanarkshire Partnership and its Plan for North Lanarkshire, associated North Lanarkshire- wide strategies such as the Tackling Poverty Strategy and nine linked Local Outcome Improvement Plans. (See partnership section in the diagram below)
- University Health and Social Care North Lanarkshire partnership and its Commissioning Plan and linked strategies on mental health and wellbeing, alcohol and drugs, and the Community Solutions Strategy and Investment Plan.
- The Children's Services Partnership and Plan see the Children, Young People, and Families section below

Achievements 2024-25

- Completed 98 organisational reviews (now called governance reviews)
- Reinstated VANL's Training Calendar, delivering 20 training and information sessions to 280 participants including topics like child protection, successful funding applications, evaluation, volunteering and more
- Published 24 e-alerts on issues such as funding, training, events and consultations, and 7 e-bulletins on Community Solutions, mental health, children and young people, and community wealth building. It was decided that VANL would compress the above bulletin topics into one VANL newsletter. From November 5 newsletters have been developed and circulated to VANL's mailing list
- Provided guidance and support to 1222 NL CVS organisations on topics like income generation, governance, start up, climate/green, signposting and more



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Priorities 2025-26

Custodian Fund Developments

Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Phase 4

- Funding for Phase 4 of the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund was announced by the Scottish Government in Autumn 2024, with a total of £955k available to fund CVS organisations in North Lanarkshire
- A cross-sector panel involving staff from VANL, NHS Lanarkshire, and North Lanarkshire Council assessed all applications and made funding decisions in early 2025. Awards were issued at the end of March 2025 for activity to be delivered from April. Funding was awarded to 40 funded projects
- Learning from previous phases informed Phase 4, with a strengthened, more diverse scoring panel and additional time and support for applicants with updated guidance and the introduction of funding surgeries to review applications and to consider other sources of funding to sustain their projects

Children, Young People, and Families Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Phase 6

- CVS organisations and Education colleagues met in December 2024 to review the CYP Fund and discuss solutions for improvement.
- In June 2025, the CIILS carried out focus groups and needs analysis within their clusters and this was shared with the relevant community groups
- Following learning and newly identified needs, the process for Phase 6 has changed slightly one idea was to have a networking event where all of the CVS organisations and CIILS (Cluster Improvement Integration Leads) could come together in person and showcase what they had to offer
 - On the day CILLS and organisations were able to discuss in detail what they were looking for and tailor this to meet the need
 - This resulted in proposals being agreed on the day and organisations were able to plan their staffing and resource needs accordingly.
 - 95% of the budget has now been spent, supporting 72 projects across 15 organisations

Carer Breather

- NLCT served as the Carer Support Network Lead since 2014, and supported two Phases of the Carer Breather Fund. In 2024-25, they supported the Carer Breather projects throughout the year, including delivering funding workshops and facilitating the funding panel for 2025-26
- Following the Community Solutions Thematic Funding Review, NLCT were successful in securing the tender for the Carer Breather Fund in 2025-26 from the University Health & Social Care Partnership



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Priorities 2025-26

Custodian Fund Developments

Community Solutions Thematic Funding

- Following consultation with key stakeholders during 2024-25, the new model for the Thematic Fund comprised of two stages:
 - First stage top-sliced funding approved 3 strategically important projects Getting Better Together
 - (Community Weight Management, Hospital Discharge Support Programme, Active Health & Associated Programmes
 - Second stage two rounds of open call applications for CVS organisations to apply across North Lanarkshire, split into themes decided through the consultation: NL-wide. Innnovation, and Volunteering
- The fund was launched in February 2025, to begin delivery in July 2025. 18 projects were funded in the first round of panels. The second round of open call for NL-wide projects will open in September 2025

Improving Lives Initiative

- All 10 Community Connectors are employed within North Lanarkshire Disability Forum supporting the ILI and ICJ services.
- Funding for the Social Prescribing Network will finish in September 2025. To sustain the impact and work done through the Social Prescribing Network, it will merge with the NL-wide Consortium to give the Consortium a new focus, and because there is considerable cross over in membership
- The final main priority is to work with partners to agree a new Strategy and Investment Plan for the Community Solutions as the current plan covers the period April 2022 to March 2025. The new strategy will aim to strengthen the funding management element of the Community Solutions Programme to increase the level of funding invested in build the capacity of CVS organisations to provide support in the community.
- The new strategy will also aim to further imbed the Performance Management, Evaluation, Learning and Improvement (PMELI) Framework within the University Health and Social Care Partnership so that it can inform service re-design by focusing on the learning and improvement that comes from the test projects invested in with the custodian funds.



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Priorities 2025-26

Capacity Building Priorities

This section provides an overview of development priorities for the Community Solutions Programme during 2025-26.

Children, Young People, and Families

- The following priority areas were identified by members of the CYPF Network as key areas of interest and focus. They are reflected in the Children's Services Plan and will form part of an annual programme of work, delivered and evaluated in accordance with the GIRFEC Framework. Delivery of the strategy and work programme will facilitate improved support and services for children, young people and families in our communities and strengthen our partnerships across North Lanarkshire.
 - Mental and Physical Health
 - Additional Support Needs and Neurodivergence
 - Poverty and Whole Family Support
 - Scaffolding and Voices

Volunteering

- Supporting the creation of more volunteer opportunities for young people
- · Supporting more inclusive volunteering opportunities for people with disabilities, additional support needs or long term health issues
- Employer supported volunteering increasing the number or employers giving employees time to contribute to their communities during work time and encouraging skills based ESV to increase the value of ESV to CVS organisations. (as time is a barrier according to Volunteer Scotland research)



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Priorities 2025-26

Capacity Building Priorities

Mental Health and Wellbeing

In 2024-25, mental health and wellbeing capacity building focused on re-establishing and strengthening key collaborative networks:

- Reestablishment of the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Network
 - Creation of an open and inclusive forum that brings together statutory partners, community and voluntary organisations to share learning, identify gaps, and co-design solutions that support mental health at a local level
- Suicide Prevention Reference Group
 - Suicide prevention was a critical priority, so the Reference Group was established to provide a trusted space to align clinical and non-clinical perspectives, strengthen
 pathways of support, and foster collaboration between sectors
 - The group has representation from both NHS colleagues and CVS organisations
- The Staff Wellbeing and Peer Support Network
 - Established in November 2024 in response to an identified gap in support for staff working across both the statutory (e.g. NHS, local authorities) and community/voluntary sectors. This need was initially recognised through the Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing network, and the network was developed collaboratively by NHS Lanarkshire, North Lanarkshire Council, and VANL
 - Its main purpose is to:
 - Provide a safe and supportive space for staff to come together, share experiences, and learn from one another
 - Promote wellbeing and mental health among those working in high-pressure environments, particularly within mental health, care, and community services
 - Build resilience, reduce isolation, and encourage peer support and collaboration across sectors
 - Offer a platform for practical learning and reflection, such as through guest speakers, training, and open discussion

The priorities for 2025–2026 focus on supporting small grassroots organisations to develop and sustain local mental health supports. The aim is to prioritise early intervention and prevention, reduce reliance on NHS and emergency services, and build more resilient communities with accessible support at a local level. By empowering community organisations and fostering collaborative working, these priorities will help strengthen prevention, improve access, and create sustainable, community-led mental health support.



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Priorities 2025-26

Capacity Building Priorities

Community and Voluntary Sector

During 2024-25, VANL staff will continue to develop and deliver capacity-building support to the CVS.

- · Community Solutions funding part funds a Community Development officer for each of the four Community Planning Partnership areas of:
 - The North Locality
 - Airdrie and Coatbridge Localities
 - Bellshill and Motherwell Localities
 - Wishaw and Shotts Locality
- The programme also contributes to the work of the Income Generation Officer, to support CS Funding applicants to seek other funding to complement funding from the programme and to become a more sustainable organisation
- VANL is committed to supporting and promoting sustainability for Community Solutions funded projects and the wider sector. To support this, VANL are planning to host a Funders Forum event in 2025-26 to bring together funders and promote partnership working
- · Governance Reviews
 - VANL staff also undertake 'organisational' reviews, now 'governance' reviews of CVS organisations receiving funding through Community Solutions to assess whether they have appropriate governance and management arrangements in place to deliver their work effectively and support their sustainability
 - The name has been changed to 'governance reviews' to more accurately reflect the review process and how it is designed to be helpful for organisations



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Community Solutions Reporting 2024-25

An Impact and Learning report for each Community Solutions fund in 2024-25 can be found on the Community Solutions website.

- Carer Breather Fund Phase Two Year Two
- Children, Young People and Families Phase Five
- Children, Young People and Families Phase Five Supplementary Report
- Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Phase Three
- Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Phase Three Supplementary Report
- Community Solutions Thematic Fund 2024-25
- Community Food 2024-25
- Improving Lives Initiative/Improving the Cancer Journey Quarterly Reports
- Locality Host and LAF Impact and Learning Report 2024-25
- Locality Host and LAF Supplementary Report 2024-25

Thank You!

To find out more about the work we do through the Community Solutions Programme visit www.communitysolutionsnl.org.uk/

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