

## 1. Introduction and Overview

Welcome to the fourth Annual Performance Report on the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) for Perth and Kinross, which covers the period from October 2020 to September 2021. This year's report has a different structure and reflects the ongoing focus on COVID response and recovery and the resulting full review and update of the LOIP which is underway. This report is prepared by the Community Planning Partnership, which includes public, private and third sector bodies.

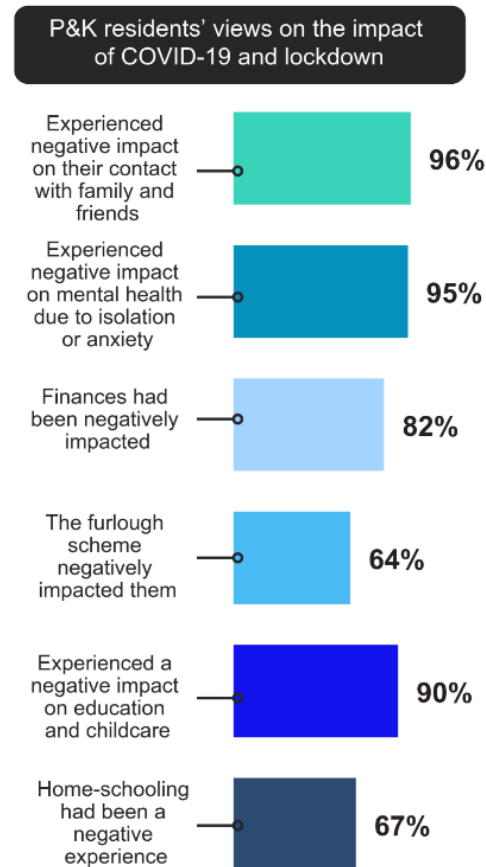
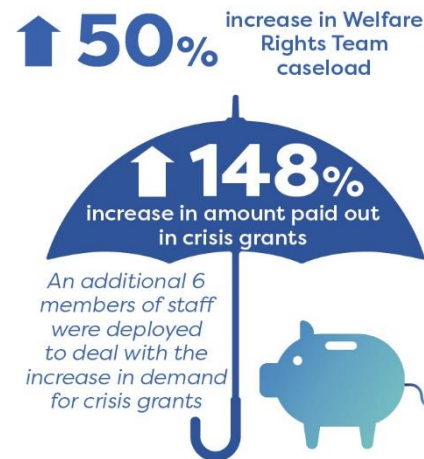
During the reporting period COVID remained the dominant issue, with a second period of lockdown from January to April 2021. Despite this, partners across the CPP were able to continue to deliver a broad range of services, including:

- Working across partners and with significant volunteer input to establish and manage three Community COVID Vaccination Centres in Perth, Blairgowrie and Pitlochry. Across the three sites 355 volunteers carried out 3566 shifts between March 2021 and September 2021.
- Home learning for all pupils from January through to mid-February for younger children and mid-March for the remainder of school pupils
- Ongoing provision of business and welfare support grants to keep the economy going and support households in greatest need
- Co-ordinated support to foodbanks, larders and community fridges across Perth and Kinross
- Continued financial support from Perth and Kinross Council to community-led initiatives through Community Investment Fund and Local Action Partnerships (LAPs). In the reporting period LAPs awarded 18 separate grants to support ongoing COVID response within our communities. These grants totalled just over £60,000.
- The online Adult Learning Hub was further developed enabling adult learners to access accredited learning opportunities and continue their education during lockdown
- Creative community engagement and support work, for example the Build Back Better events organised through PKAVS and the Gannochy Trust in summer 2021

## 2. Impact of COVID-19

The social, economic and health and well-being impact of the pandemic on Perth and Kinross will have long-term effects on our communities, services and businesses and a number of key strategic plans have been refocused to prioritise ways of mitigating negative impacts wherever possible, for example with new initiatives on food security and digital poverty. Below is a high-level summary of the impact COVID-19 has had on Perth and Kinross.

- In 2019 85.3% of working age people in Perth and Kinross were classed as economically active and 2.3% as unemployed. This compared with figures for Scotland at 77.5% and 3.5%. In the reporting period of October 2020 to September 2021 the figures for Perth and Kinross were 77.6% economically active (a reduction of 7.7%) and 3.4% unemployed. This compares with Scottish figures at 76.1% and 4.2%. (Economic Wellbeing Progress Report April 2022)
- By 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021, the furlough take-up rate was 19% of the working age population in Perth and Kinross, among the highest in Scotland (GOV.UK: Official Statistics on the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, March 2021).
- In 2019 the average earnings per week in Perth and Kinross were £566.40, which was 98% of the Scottish average. In 2021 the average has been £574.90 per week, which is 92.4% of the Scottish average. Average earnings in Perth and Kinross have grown, but have grown more slowly than in Scotland as a whole. (Economic Wellbeing Progress Report April 2022)
- During the first lockdown (prior to the period of this APR) around 8,500 families in Perth and Kinross were struggling to pay for food and other essential items. In the second lockdown, food support became more localised, and around 1400 referrals were made to Perth & Kinross Foodbank between October 2020 and September 2021.
- Whilst COVID-19 has had a significant impact on bed days occupied in 2020/21, investments in community-based services have underpinned improvements in our comparative performance. The level of delayed discharge in Perth and Kinross is significantly below the Scottish and family group averages, with our ranking improving to 5<sup>th</sup> in Scotland, compared to 21<sup>st</sup> in 2015/16.



### 3. Response to COVID-19

The information below is a summary of the response to the COVID-19 crisis over the last year by CPP Partner organisations:

- Until May 2021 550 Perth and Kinross Council employees (around 15% of all staff,) were re-tasked from their “day jobs” to ensure frontline essential services continued to be delivered throughout the pandemic. For example, parking attendants collected and delivered prescriptions, distributed food packages to those shielding and handed out digital devices through the Connecting Scotland project. During the 2021 lockdown, 1900 children of key workers and 600 vulnerable children/young people were supported by the Council to continue their learning in person at designated hubs; remote learning was in place for all other children and young people.
- PKAVS delivered a number of online wellbeing and employability events, focused on COVID times, e.g. Mindfulness and Managing Stress and Anxiety, redundancy and job seeking.
- The Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) hosted their Carers Connect 2020 event digitally using video presentations, online discussions and interactive workshops. As well as this, the HSCP worked with PKAVS to organise, host and promote a series of online engagement events based on Making Care Visible and Valued as part of Carers Week 2021.
- Health & Social Care Community Engagement Team and Community Learning and Development team members joined forces to create 5 new locality-based Stronger Communities Teams. The teams co-ordinated the local support to the community during COVID, for example delivering food and prescriptions, and providing general advice and wellbeing support.
- The Regional Transport Liaison Group – comprised of officers from local, regional and national organisations including Tactran, Perth & Kinross Council and Transport Scotland amongst others - was set up to develop and oversee the new Regional Transport Transition Plan. The plan, led by Tactran, aims to guide the transport network in the Tayside and Central Scotland region through and out of the COVID-19 crisis by safely increasing the capacity of the transport system, managing demand in the area and contributing effectively to the new National Transport Strategy.
- The NHS Tayside Public Health Department led on the roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccination programme commencing in December 2020, with support from the HSCP Primary Care Team to implement this locally. Partners, volunteers, GPs and other HSCP staff also aided in the delivery. Perth and Kinross Council helped establish 3 Community Vaccination Centres by February 2021 with around 350 of their staff and nearly 600 members of the community volunteering to support across the 3 sites.

## 4. Local Outcomes Improvement Plan Performance Update

### 4.1 Background

The CPP approved our first LOIP in 2017 and has reported progress annually since then against five strategic objectives:

1. Giving every child the best start in life
2. Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens
3. Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy
4. Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives
5. Creating a safe, sustainable place for future generations.

### 4.2 Performance Reporting

Due to limited statistical data gathering during the pandemic, other than on the impact of COVID, there was no update available for the 2019-20 APR. The table of indicators approved by the CPP to monitor progress against our five strategic priorities has been updated where data has become available for 2020-21.

Indicator	Objective	P&K 17-18	P&K 18-19	P&K 19-20	P&K 20-21 (update)	Source	Scotland 20-21
% of children with a BMI in healthy weight (clinical) category at P1 review	1	82.4%	79.8%	Not available	Visits are happening Jan - Mar 2022 to gather this data again	ScotPho	76.6% (2018-2019)
% of Children meeting their 48-60 month developmental milestones (% of P1 meeting expected milestone)	1	81%	81%	81%	77%	ECS BMIP (P&K stats)  Public Health Scotland - Early child development report (National stats)	

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School Leaver destinations (% Positive)	2	94% (96.2%)	96% (97.5%)	94.2%	96.6%	ECS BMIP / Insight	95.5% (2020/2021)
16-19 year olds in learning, training or work (% Positive participation)	2	93%	94%	2019 – 93% 2020 – 95%	2020 - 95% 2021 – 94%	PK Informs – SO2 PDF	92% (latest 2021 figure)
% of Scottish average monthly earnings	3	94.7%	94%	93%	86%	PK Informs – SO3 PDF	N/A
% of working age population unemployed, based on claimant count rate	3	1.2%	1.5%	2%	4.6%	PK Informs – SO3 PDF	3.3% in March 2020; 6.4% August 2020
Rate of Emergency Admissions for adults per 100,000 Population	4	10,777	10,686	11,483	10,693	HSCP APR 20-21	11,100
People who agree 'I am supported to live as independently as possible'	4	91.7%	91%	82.3%	N/A	HSCP APR 20-21	80.8%
Percentage of carers who feel supported to continue in their caring role	4	41%	Not available	36.7%	N/A	HSCP APR 20-21	34.3% (2019/2020)

Indicator	Objective	P&K 17-18	P&K 18-19	P&K 19-20	P&K 20-21 (update)	Source	Scotland 20-21
Percentage of adults receiving any care or support who rate it as excellent or good	4	81%	Not available	82.9%	N/A	HSCP APR 20-21	80.2% (2019/2020)
Number of crimes and offences recorded by the police, index of national rate per 10,000 population, by local authority area	5	77	81	103	100	Recorded Crime in Scotland (Scottish Government)	100
Number of accidental dwelling fires	5	113	111	106	97	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Fire and Rescue Incident Statistics 20-21	4141
Total number of people killed or seriously injured on roads	5	85 (2017)	88 (2018)	85 (2019)	57 (2020)	Transport Scotland	1681 (33.6% of road casualties were killed or seriously injured) (2020)
% of people rating of neighbourhood as a good or very good place to live	5	97% (2017)	98% (2018)	97% (2019)	SHS data not available for 2020 at local authority level due to COVID	Scottish Household Survey	94% (2019)

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% of people who agree "I can influence decisions affecting my local area"	5	25% (2017)	23% (2018)	27% (2019)	SHS data not available for 2020 at local authority level due to COVID-19	Scottish Household Survey	18% (2019)
Recycling rates (%)	5	55.5%	51.4%	52.5%	47.4%	Communities BMIP  LGBF	45% (2019-2020)

## 5. Developing the new Local Outcomes Improvement Plan

### 5.1 The need for review

The Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) is our shared strategy for tackling socio-economic inequalities and improving outcomes. The Community Planning Partnership is required to demonstrate a clear evidence-based approach to understanding local needs and circumstances and reflect these in the actions it seeks to take.

The CPP is required to ensure that the LOIP remains up-to-date and reflective of local circumstances through periodic reviews. In July 2019 the CPP Board agreed that the LOIP should be revised and updated to provide a clearer focus on the stubborn inequalities that lead to poorer outcomes for people in Perth and Kinross. This was exacerbated by the pandemic and a CPP Working Group was established in July 2020 to identify new strategic priorities as the basis for a new LOIP. These were further developed at the 2021 CPP Conference and through Task Groups which met over the summer/autumn period.

### 5.2 The development process

Following the initial easing of COVID-related restrictions in the summer of 2020, the CPP engaged with a number of community groups of place and interest and individuals via Community Impact Assessments. These Assessments contained information and evidence of the impact of COVID and lockdown on communities across Perth and Kinross and was used alongside service intelligence, evidence and data to shape our new strategic priorities.

In July 2020 a Short Life Working Group (SLWG) was established to scrutinise this intelligence and identify a series of emerging priorities with clear links to socio-economic inequality. In December 2020 the CPP Board approved five new strategic priorities for the new LOIP:

1. **Poverty** (inc. Child, Food and Fuel Poverty) are significant issues of inequality and ones which have been increasingly highlighted during lockdown, with levels of poverty increasing.
2. **Physical and Mental Wellbeing** have been negatively impacted as a result of COVID and lockdown. Evidence from services shows a significant increase in demand for support of this nature during lockdown.
3. **Digital Participation** is increasingly important as services and wider society moves online. Lockdown highlighted issues with connectivity, technology and capacity.
4. **Skills, Learning and Development** is of concern as a result of lost learning and the need for individuals and communities to build their skills, confidence and resilience in tackling individual and community issues to improve quality of life.



5. **Employability** is a key part of recovery and a focus on upskilling for those seeking employment and supporting young people in an increasingly competitive job market is important.

In addition to these new strategic priorities, the CPP identified a number of improvement actions, focusing on how we work together as partners and agreed that these actions are necessary to ensure that our work to tackle inequalities is as effective and efficient as it can be. These areas of improvement are:

- **Community participation and co-production of services** – involving service users in the design and delivery of services
- **Locality partnership working** – moving from a centralised model of service delivery, to one which is more reflective of local contexts
- **Data sharing** – sharing appropriate data to inform decision making is necessary to achieve the best outcomes
- **Risk management** – a risk profile will ensure that partners share and mitigate potential risks for the delivery of the LOIP

The new LOIP is closely aligned to the Perth and Kinross Offer, which is the wider social contract between the Council, partners and communities. The Offer is about how we collectively shape and deliver excellent local public services and support communities in their aspirations and ambitions for their neighbourhoods and localities, so that everyone in Perth and Kinross can live life well. The LOIP is the part of the Offer which focuses on improving equalities and life chances, in line with the statutory duty of the CPP.

### **5.6 Next Steps**

The new LOIP will be approved by the Community Planning Partnership and Perth and Kinross Council in summer/autumn 2022. The CPP will also review and update its governance and delivery frameworks from early 2023 onwards. A pilot Local Area Committee project is running in Kinross with reviews of Local Action Partnerships, the current local delivery tier of the CPP Board, also underway.