Gorton and Levenshulme Integrated Neighbourhood Team.

Our plan on a page 2021-2022.

Manchester Local Care Organisation

About our neighbourhood

- 53,500 people live here with this number increasing each year
- Our neighbourhood is culturally very diverse
- Supported by an established and growing VCSE sector
- Lots of social housing in Gorton and more private rental and ownership in Levenshulme
- 13.2% of residents suffer from a long term condition

Located in Central East Manchester, this neighbourhood is more ethnically diverse than the city as a whole with a well established Asian population, a growing African population and a more transient Roma population. Economically the neighbourhood is mixed, 20% of households are in fuel poverty and over 3000 children are living in absolute poverty. The main health problems within the neighbourhood are hypertension, obesity, diabetes and asthma.

How this plan was put together

The Gorton and Levenshulme plan has been developed by the Gorton and Levenshulme Neighbourhood Partnership and its groups, the Neighbourhood Leadership team and wider stakeholders of the neighbourhood. It builds on the 2019/20 Neighbourhood Plan and the draft 2020/21 Plan which was never fully realised due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our priorities

The key things we are doing in our neighbourhood this year to improve health and wellbeing, as well as tackle health inequalities:

- We will ensure that Social Prescribing is flexible and responsive to the needs of people living in the neighbourhood.
- We will support a responsive Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise sector that understands the needs of the people in the neighbourhood.
- We will develop culturally relevant volunteering opportunities to ensure maximum uptake of vaccinations through COVID connectors.
- We will break down barriers to primary care to ensure access to healthcare for our BAME residents.
- We will build on multi-agency work via frontline worker meetings and Bringing Services Together.
- We'll continue to build on our good relationships with our voluntary sector and social prescribing colleagues to address social isolation in the neighbourhood.

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We're also working on a number of citywide priorities that will benefit the neighbourhood

1. Support the development and roll-out of Population Health Management
2. Collaborate with children's services and build a 'Think Family' approach into the model
3. Further integrate adult social care and support for care homes
4. Align Integrated Neighbourhood Teams, Primary Care Network workforce and organisation development Plans
5. Embed the MLCO Executive lead role in each neighbourhood

These are areas of work that are taking place across the city in all 12 of our neighbourhoods.

What your Integrated Neighbourhood Team does

Manchester Local Care Organisation is a pioneering public sector organisation that has brought together and provides your NHS community health services and adult social care services in Manchester. We are part of both the NHS and the local authority.

We take a neighbourhood approach to care as we understand that people require care as close to home as possible. We want to provide the best care right across the city, but we also know that local areas have different requirements.

Our approach is based on dividing Manchester into 12 neighbourhoods and tailoring care to local needs. In a practical way, that means our health care teams (such as district nursing teams) and social care teams are based in buildings together. Care can be planned and delivered in a seamless way with teams taking a joint approach around individuals, working closely with local GPs. It's an approach based on international best practice that we've adopted in Manchester.

As well as providing these core day to day services, the Integrated Neighbourhood Team have a role in working with local people and partners. They build links with other partners in their neighbourhood – from Manchester City Council neighbourhood teams, local housing associations, police and voluntary organisations - so everyone is working together around the needs of the neighbourhood.

How we've worked to improve health and wellbeing

Local community groups such as Inspired Community Action and 'in our nature' collaborative worked together on a project to support the climate change agenda. The project encouraged climate change conversations, reduced idling outside schools, implemented traffic calming measures and encouraged schemes around cycling. Our neighbourhood team will continue to work with our partners on key issues that address climate change and it's impact.

In March 2021 we worked alongside the Chorlton, Whalley Range and Fallowfield neighbourhood to recruit volunteers from the local communities to support the Covid vaccine roll out. The Covid Connectors were managed by Levenshulme Inspire and spent time engaging with the local community on the streets, via social media, in shops, at events and places of worship. They also created a social media campaign to highlight the benefits of taking the vaccine which was well received.

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