

Community Health and Wellbeing

Covid contributed to the momentum of setting up local community hubs across the district. This has been the main priority and continues to be a key feature for the next 4 years.

Key achievements in 2021:

1. Recruited a project lead to work on the development of community hubs
Hubs work also included:
 - a. Working with 9 developing hubs,
 - b. funding staff in 3 new hubs,
 - c. setting up a steering group with representatives from 3 tiers of councils, voluntary sector, and health commissioners.
2. Awarded 155k to 30 community and voluntary organisations from the Community Wellbeing Grants.
3. Awarded 100k from the covid resilience grants.
4. Secured 100k for the district health projects through the GCCG strengthening Local Communities partnership.
5. Maintained an online forum throughout the pandemic (Know your patch), supporting voluntary and community organisations to work with statutory services.
 - a. Network of over 200 groups,
 - b. 20-40 attend each session,
 - c. Delivered good practice sharing in the following areas: long covid, mental health, supporting residents out of lock down, food poverty, tackling Adverse Childhood experiences (ACE's)
 - d. Understanding local health data and more.
6. Increase social media visibility of community wellbeing activities.
7. District representative on "Gloucestershire Volunteering and local brokerage service. This new project is based on a year of research by the GCCG and voluntary sector leaders and aims to build on the energy for volunteering ignited by the pandemic.

Key Priorities for 2022:

1. Develop and deliver a 3-year Health and Wellbeing action plan which is aligned to the Leisure and Wellbeing Strategy.
2. Secure funding for the project lead Hub post to continue the hub development including:
 - a. Supporting new hubs
 - b. Develop community hub website to connect all hubs and signpost users to other voluntary and statutory services
 - c. Integrate community hubs into a wider systems change
3. Award 2022 – 2025 community grants, evaluate and share impact.
4. Award small community grants to replace the covid resilience grants.
5. Improve cross council service working to improve and create a holistic approach to strengthen communities.
6. Integrated Care System – continue to align SDC with transformation in the wider health and care system.
7. Continue with work on the Gloucestershire Volunteering Collaborative.
8. Tackle food poverty by working in partnership with other statutory and voluntary organisations.
9. Work with partners to support older people staying in their homes for longer.

The priorities for 2022 link directly with the council plan, the leisure and wellbeing strategy and the ILP priorities.