

FIFE WIDE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT FORUM NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the second edition of the Fife Wide Public Engagement Forum Newsletter!

Our last gathering was a fantastic opportunity for members to connect, collaborate, and contribute to shaping the future of our Strategic Plan. The energy and insight shared were truly inspiring, and I'm excited to see how these conversations evolve as we enter the next phase of development.

The forum is growing—and that's great news! Every new voice adds depth to our understanding and helps ensure that the services we deliver reflect the real needs and experiences of people across Fife. Together, we're building a stronger, more inclusive future—one conversation at a time.

Roy Lawrence, Head of Culture, Engagement & Communities

A Message from the Participation and Engagement Officer

It's been great getting to know our growing community of forum members as we work together to shape the future of public services in Fife. Every conversation and shared experience brings us closer to making sure the voices of local people are heard and reflected in the decisions we make.

Promotional Campaign

You might have spotted our recent social media campaign featuring Ken, Suzie, David, and Michael—four of our members who shared why they joined the forum and encouraged others to get involved. Their stories were inspiring so we want to say a huge thank you to each of them for stepping forward and helping us spread the word. We hope their voices spark curiosity and inspire even more people to join us. The more diverse our forum, the stronger our impact.

If you missed it, you can watch the videos by visiting our website:
www.fifehealthandsocialcare.org/MeetTheMembers

Sharon Breeze, Participation and Engagement Officer



Our July Meeting

Our summer meeting at Abbeyview Community Hub in Dunfermline was buzzing with energy and ideas. Forum members came together for lively discussions focused on refreshing the Health and Social Care Partnership's Strategic Plan—and the quality of feedback was fantastic.

We tackled two key themes: prevention and early intervention, and digital care. Members highlighted the importance of starting health education early in life, sharing that positive stories, accessible support, and clear education can empower people to make lasting changes to their wellbeing.

On the digital front, the message was clear: tools for managing health must be free, easy to use, and come with clear instructions and visible benefits to encourage people to embrace them.

We will be continuing this important conversation at our November meetings as we move into the second phase of Strategic Plan development. Your voices are shaping the future—and we're thrilled to have this forum as a space where public perspectives truly matter.



The Lived Experience Network

The Participation & Engagement Team has been out and about recently meeting with local groups, attending events, and spreading the word about how people can Get Involved with the Health and Social Care Partnership. Ann Kerr and Kate Cormie, Participation and Engagement Officers, are pictured attending a Freshers Event hosted by Fife College.

As a result of this we're happy to welcome some new faces to the forum and also wanted to share an exciting update on the development of our Lived Experience Network.

A strong interest has emerged around mental health, and with several projects already underway in this area, we've chosen to make it our initial focus. This means we'll be working closely with individuals who have lived experience of mental health challenges, as well as carers and community members, to help shape services that truly reflect their needs.

In Scotland, legislation supports this approach, requiring health and social care partnerships to involve service users, carers, and the wider community in designing and delivering services. Here in Fife, we're working hard to put that principle into action.

As the network grows, we will expand into other areas of the Partnership's work. We hope forum members will continue to stay involved and help us build a more inclusive, responsive future for health and social care in Fife.

Forum Members Handbook

We're delighted to share that the Forum Members Handbook is now available—both in print and electronically. This resource was created in response to member feedback, and we hope it serves as a helpful guide to remind everyone why the forum was developed and how it supports meaningful public involvement.

Inside, you'll find useful information about the forum's purpose, how it operates, and how your voice contributes to shaping health and social care services in Fife. Whether you're a new member or a long-time contributor, it's a great way to stay connected and informed.

Member Handbook

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Lived Experience Network

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Information about the forum and getting involved with Fife Health and Social Care Partnership can be found online at:

www.fifehealthandsocialcare.org/getinvolved