

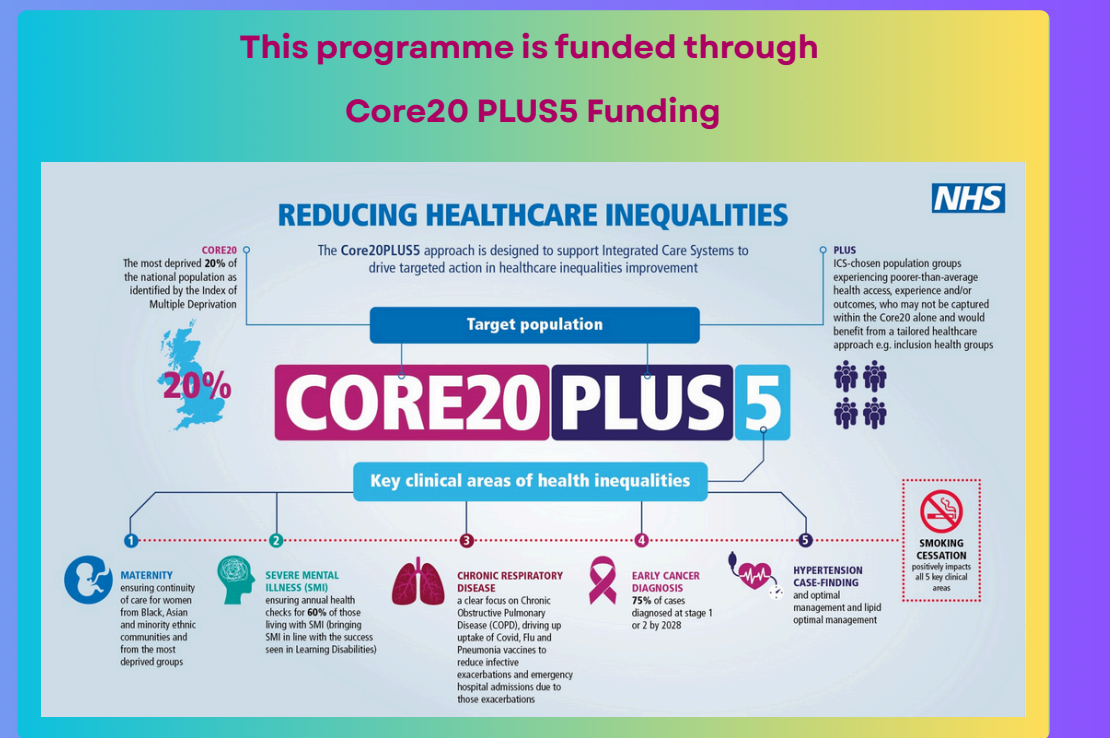
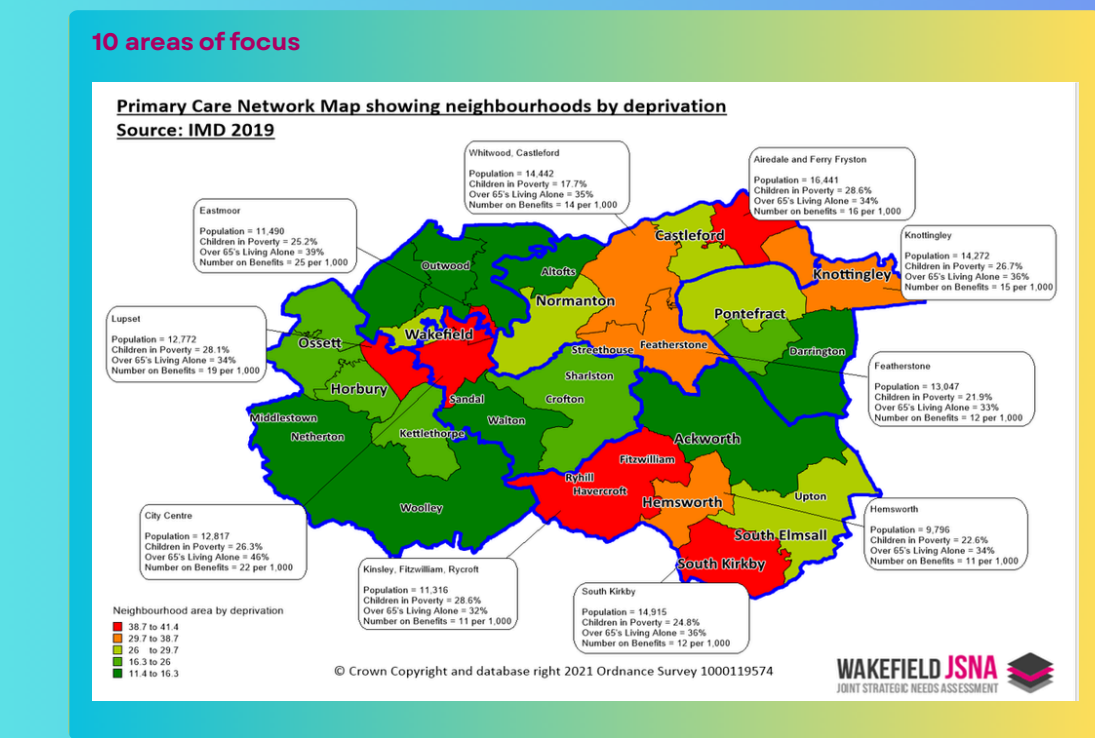
Healthy and Sustainable Communities Programme:

Building on strengths to achieve better health outcomes together

The Building Healthy and Sustainable Communities (BHSC) Programme has taken an asset-based approach to enhancing the health and wellbeing of residents. It aims to increase engagement with support to reduce health inequalities.

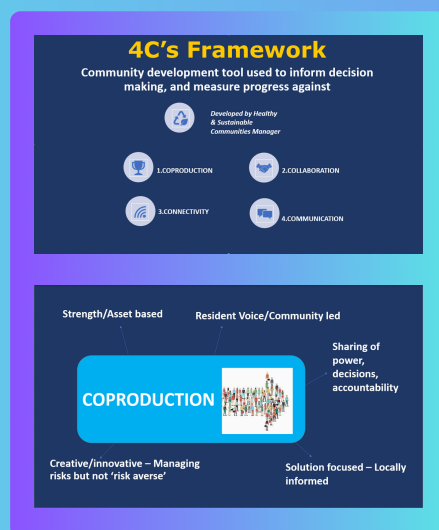
The team are working alongside residents and partners including VCSE, statutory, public and private sectors, to invest funds of £170,000 where needed most. It is focused on the 10 most disenfranchised communities across Wakefield District and is responsive to local context; identifies strengths; spotlights good practice, and collectively agrees areas for development.

The voice of children and young people is incorporated through a parallel pathway that is young person focused. Children and young people are afforded their own space with opportunities to identify local priorities and decide on how to spend a small grant allocated to them.



Case Study

Collaboration with Airedale Neighbourhood Management Board (ANMB) enabled quick insights, and connectivity, thus cultivating a coproduced process for decision making. A peer led participatory model for grant allocation resulted in the creation of a Community Connector role. The role is employed by a VCSE partner and serves the whole area; reporting to a localised multi stakeholder Core Group. In addition, two key VCSE partners are overseeing the small grants opportunities created through the BHSC programme. Ownership of key decisions and accountability rests with the Core Group, with the Local Authority facilitating and brokering communication and supporting progress as needed, in consultation with stakeholders.



Trusted relationships with people to develop better engagement and connectivity to services and local assets.

Voluntary and Community Sector investment: both financial and non-financial. Participatory grants: working together to allocate resources, increase trust, and share power.

Service engagement with communities: new ways of working, which break down barriers through collaborative approaches.

Building Confidence and Capability: to self-manage and access appointments, checks and services.

Measuring outcomes: Links to Core20Plus5, The 4 Cs, stories/case studies, social value. Embedded in grant agreements and performance monitoring.

Learning for next phase: Reviewed Phase 1 to keep improving/adapting – For Phase 2 we have increased pace, developed peer led grant decisions, built on positive feedback of co-production, strengthened local ownership.

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