

Barnsley set to launch new health and care plan 2023-25

Barnsley Place Based Partnership is set to publish its two-year plan on how they will improve health and care for people living in Barnsley this month.

The plan sets out key ambitions from making sure children can have the best possible start in life, people can experience joined up care and accessible services no matter where they live, people are supported to stay healthy and health and care partners work together to develop a talented workforce.

Aligned to South Yorkshire's Integrated Care Strategy and Barnsley's Health and Wellbeing Strategy, the health and care plan sets out key actions that partners will take to help reduce health inequalities in Barnsley and to deliver the ambitions set out in Barnsley 2030.

Over the next two years the partnership will establish new family hubs, support more people to quit smoking, improve access to urgent and emergency care and community access for emotional and mental health support, and will provide improved support for those who are frail or need end of life care.

This will be made available on the South Yorkshire Integrated Care website and will be shared by health and care partners across Barnsley. If you would be interested in reading a copy of this please visit: <https://syics.co.uk/barnsley>.



New way for children and young adults to get mental health support launched

A new mental health support website for children and young adults is now available in Barnsley.

Kooth offers a safe and welcoming place for young people aged 11-25 to seek free, confidential and non-judgmental professional help for any mental health concerns they may have.

A key priority for the Barnsley Place Based Partnership is to improve children and young people's access to mental health support. Kooth is available seven days a week, 365 days a year and is designed to work alongside other local mental health services.

There are no waiting lists or thresholds to meet, and you don't need a referral from a GP to get the help you need. It is instantly accessible, once the user is registered, through an internet-connected smartphone, tablet or computer.

Barnsley hosted first ever carers roadshow



To help celebrate carers week, health and care professionals hosted Barnsley's first ever carers roadshow to provide additional support for those caring for a loved one in Barnsley.

Held in Barnsley Market, the event brought together experts from a wide range of different organisations including a large representation from the community, voluntary and social enterprises sector.

The event received lots of positive feedback and was well attended by unpaid carers.

The advertisement features the Kooth logo at the top. Below it, the text reads: "Free, safe and anonymous mental wellbeing support whenever you need it. For young people in Barnsley aged 11-25." The central image shows a hand holding a smartphone displaying the Kooth app interface. To the left of the phone are four icons representing different features: "Chat with our team of friendly practitioners", "Helpful articles", "Self help tools and activities", and "Support from the Kooth community". At the bottom, it says: "Whatever is going on in your life, the anonymous community and our team of professionals are here to help and support you 24/7. Visit www.kooth.com today to learn more." The NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board logo is in the bottom right corner.

Supporting people with severe mental illnesses or learning disabilities

Our community, mental health and primary care teams have joined forces to reduce barriers to the health checks service for people with a severe mental illness or those with a learning difficulty. They've been able to better identify those on severe mental illness and learning disability registers to increase the number of people who have an action plan in place to support their ongoing needs.



Latest data shows that, by December 2022, over 50% of people with a severe mental illness had received a health check. This means over 2,000 people with a severe mental illness or learning difficulty have received an annual health check.

In addition we launched a pilot at three GP practices where clinical health and wellbeing coaches deliver this service in people's homes. Over 84% of people who had previously turned down the service took this up when they were recontacted and over 63% of these people had this at home. We've now started rolling this out across practices in the Dearne and plan to offer this service at home to all practices by January 2024.

New care training programme launched



Our workforce partnership group – have been working to provide new opportunities for those who might be considering a career in care. A new care training programme has launched in Barnsley targeted at those wanting to take their first steps into a rewarding career area.

The four-week training programme will provide people with everything they'd need to know about working well in care and the tools to build their confidence to transition into work. Since launching the programme, they have successfully completed three training cohorts and the next programme will run from Wednesday 3 May.

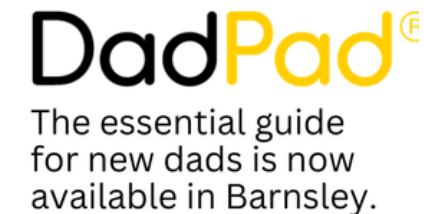
Barnsley triumphs as winner of prestigious awards



Barnsley Council were crowned Council of the Year at the prestigious Local Government Chronicle (LGC) Awards. This recognises Barnsley's strong performance, innovation, leadership and partnership working and the achievements made during 2022-23 – including the transformations to the town centre and the work we have been doing to improve people's health and wellbeing.

The award submission recognised the hard work that has gone into establishing the Community Diagnostics Centre in The Glass Works, eliminating delayed discharges from hospital and the satisfaction rates of adult social care services.

New app to support dads launched



Becoming a new dad will be an exciting chapter in many people's lives. However, as with any big change it can also leave dads feeling left out, unsure and overwhelmed. That's why DadPad a new app has been introduced.

Developed with the NHS, DadPad is a free online app that provides new dads and dads-to-be with the knowledge and practical skills necessary to support themselves and their partner, so that their babies get the best possible start in life.

New workstream to support people into work

Global experts have been enlisted by Barnsley Council and the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority to identify new solutions to help more of the borough's 6,000 economically inactive residents into work. Barnsley residents are 12 per cent more likely to be economically inactive than the national average. Having 1000 more people in work would mean Barnsley's residents would earn an extra total of £29 million a year, based upon average earnings.

A new Pathways to Work Commission will be chaired by former Cabinet Minister and social mobility champion Rt Hon Alan Milburn and will include leading labour market and health experts as well as local employers and politicians. The Commission will begin its year-long work programme by meeting residents, employers, educators and the Barnsley 2030 Board.