

Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership: Equality Outcomes and Mainstreaming Framework 2021-25



Mainstreaming the equality duty has several benefits including:

equality becomes part of the structures, behaviours and culture of an authority,
an authority knows and can demonstrate how, in carrying out its functions, it is promoting equality
mainstreaming equality contributes to continuous improvement and better performance.

Source: Equality and Human Rights Commission

The successful implementation of Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership's (ACHSCP's) Equality Outcome and Mainstreaming Framework (EOMF) will be supported by a network of DiversCity Officers, who in addition to their day to day tasks, will have a lead role in supporting their colleagues evidence compliance with equality and human rights legislation and other requirements as a way of continually improving the quality of life outcomes for people using health and social care services.

In addition, a quality assurance and performance framework is to be implemented to give the Strategic Planning Group (SPG) and the Integration Joint Board (IJB) assurance that compliance with the Public Sector Equality Duty and the Scottish Specific Public Sector Equality Duties are being complied with. This framework will enable self-evaluation and continuous improvement models to be embedded as well as reporting performance quarterly to the SPG, annually to the IJB and biannually to the Scottish Parliament's appointed Equality and Human Rights Regulator.

The Independent Review of Adult Social Care in Scotland (Feeley, February 2021) identified that "the Covid-19 pandemic has intensified pre-existing inequalities and a lack of focus on rights, especially for older people, disabled people, people from minority ethnic communities and people from disadvantaged communities". This framework has been designed to assist AHSCP to deliver against recommendations 1 to 10 of the Feeley report, which are detailed below.

Independent Review of Adult Social Care in Scotland – Recommendations

[Independent Review of Adult Social Care - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

A human rights based approach

Our (the Independent Review of Adult Social Care in Scotland report) recommendations for establishing a human rights and equality approach to social care services and support are rooted in the work to consider incorporation of international treaties into domestic legislation, and the recent experiences during the pandemic that exposed structural inequalities and pre-existing inadequacies in the current social care support system:

1. Human rights, equity and equality must be placed at the very heart of social care and be mainstreamed and embedded. This could be further enabled by the incorporation of human rights conventions.
2. Delivering a rights based system in practice must become consistent, intentional and evident in the everyday experience of everyone using social care support, unpaid carers and families, and people working in the social care support and social work sector.
3. People must be able to access support at the point they feel they need it, including for advice and signposting to local community-based resources and help, and for barriers to this, such as the current eligibility criteria and charging regime, to be fundamentally reformed and removed, to allow a greater emphasis on prevention and early intervention.
4. People should understand better what their rights are to social care and supports, and “duty bearers”, primarily social workers, should be focused on realising those rights rather than being hampered in the first instance by considerations of eligibility and cost.
5. Where not all needs can be met that have been identified as part of a co-production process of developing a support plan, these must be recorded as unmet needs and fed into the strategic commissioning process.
6. Informal, community based services and supports must be encouraged, supported and funded to respond appropriately to the needs of local citizens, including for preventative and low level support.
7. A co-production and supportive process involving good conversations with people needing support should replace assessment processes that make decisions over people’s heads and must enable a full exploration of all self-directed support options that does not start from the basis of available funding. Giving people as much choice and control over their support and care is critical.
8. More independent advocacy and brokerage services, including peer services, must be made available to people to ensure that their voices are heard, and to help prepare for participation in planning and organising their support.
9. When things do not work well for people and their rights have not been upheld, they must have rapid recourse to an effective complaints system and to redress.
10. Packages of care and support plans must be made more portable and supported people should not have to fight to retain support because they have moved home.

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Outcome 1 Improved accessibility and confidence in using health and social care services.

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| 1.1 Information and advice will be delivered in accessible formats that best suits people's needs | Staff use of and understanding of Happy to Translate Logos to be reviewed before developing a staff focused communication and marketing event | <i>In development</i> | Equality Subgroup |
| | Staff use of and understanding of ACHSCP's Translation Services to be reviewed before developing a staff focused communication and marketing event | <i>In development</i> | Equality Subgroup |
| | Coproduction and publicity launch of a service providers & forum directory (representing protected characteristics) | Publication of the Directory | Public Health Coordinators Locality Planning Locality Empowerment Groups (LEGs) Public Engagement NHS |
| | Co-production with NESS, Alzheimer Scotland, Autism Forum, VAWP, Mental Health Forum, LGBTQ+ GREC, Health and Wellbeing Centre Multi Ethnic Forum Aberdeen's Mosques, Sikh temples, Buddhist Temples, Thai Temples, Christian Churches, etc | Analysis of staff awareness and use of the directory | |
| Annual review of directory commencing 2022 | | | |
| Analysis of and feedback from organisations invited to participate in Equality and Rights Impact Assessments annually in 2022 and 2023 | | | |

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| | Review of Post Diagnostic Support Information Pack jointly with community based organisations | Organisations and people invited to collaboratively review current pack before co-producing revised pack | Dementia Strategy (Julie Somers) |
| | Analysis of current Self Directed Support payments to identify opportunities to co-produce marketing and promotional materials | Pre and post marketing and promotional events analysis of SDS recipients | SDS Team |
| | | Post SDS assessment review satisfaction surveys | |
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| | Analysis of GP Practice Patients by Protected Characteristics | Number of BAME patients satisfied with their GP service | Primary Care (GP Services) |
| | Establishment & promotion of an Equality & Rights Escalation Complaints Enquiry e-mail account | Number of emails received | Equality Subgroup |
| | | Findings from analysis | |
| | | Lessons learnt used to inform practice/policy | |
| | | Corrective Actions implemented | |

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| | Working with older people from the Chinese, East and South-East Asian communities to address the current language barriers to deliver better awareness of, and access to, older peoples support services | Percentage of Aberdeen’s Chinese, East and South East Asian communities, awareness of support available from charities and councils has increased from 37% (source: Scottish Alliance of Regional Equality Council) | Equality Subgroup |
| | | Percentage of Aberdeen’s Chinese, East and South East Asian communities aware of where to turn to for help regarding specific areas of concern regarding future support needs has increased from 45% (source: Scottish Alliance of Regional Equality Council) | |
| | Covid Vaccination Community Connectors recruit champions and increase vaccination uptake from BAME communities | Number of champions | Community Connector Project Lead |
| | | Number of vaccination uptake | |
| Carers Oversight Group Unpaid carers and Quarriers. | Creation of a representative group of, carers and communities which uses the lived experience of group members to help influence and improve services. | Stay Well – Stay Connected Implementation Group Jayne Boyle | |
| Collaborative review of website to ensure ease of use and linkages to relevant community based organisations | Corrective Actions implemented | | |

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| | Connecting and Information Sharing platform/network | Details of and attendance at SWSC webinars used to cascade information on all things wellbeing in communities, showcase new projects, celebrate successes. | |
| | Co-produce/review Wellbeing Matters Webpage has been set up with information and resources around wellbeing. | Online resource which is easy to navigate for staff and citizens to find information on and resource on staying well and connected. | |
| 1.2 Proactive partnership arrangements which support ACHSCP demonstrate a welcoming environment with informed and understanding staff. | Development of a Diversity Calendar <i>e.g., NESS, Alzheimer Scotland, Autism Forum, VAWP, Mental Health Forum, LGBTQ+ Health and Wellbeing Centre, Aberdeen's Mosques, Sikh temples, Buddhist Temples, Thai Temples, Christian Churches, etc</i> | Number of celebratory and awareness raising events organised and delivered across the Partnership, Third and Independent Sector | Equality Subgroup |
| | Development of Equality and Human Rights Staff Development Matrix to include but not limited to: LGBT-Dementia-Toolkit.pdf (scottishcare.org) | Number of staff attending events | |

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| |  NESD1403 Multi-Faith Resource for Healthcare North East Sensory Services - new e-learning Sensory Awareness Training | Gap analysis to support specific promotion and marketing events | |
| | Links between matrix, complaints/grievance procedures and E&HR Email account to be established to address any upheld direct or indirect discrimination in current practice/service delivery | Quarterly reports IJB Annual Report | |
| | Advocacy Aberdeen to be asked to analyse referrals to support ACHSCP identify areas for improvement | Quarterly reports IJB Annual Report | |
| | Evaluation of the Staff Development Matrix to capture improvements made in the quality of life outcomes for people using partnership services post event attendance | DiversCity Officer evaluation of team services | |
| | Stay Well Stay Connected Movement | <i>In development</i> | |
| | | | Stay Well – Stay Connected Implementation Group Jayne Boyle |

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| | Work with key community-based organisations representing protected characteristics to use SWSC logo as a symbol for community cohesion. | Number of organisations using the SWSC Logo | |
| | Carers Oversight Group Unpaid carers and Quarriers. | Creation of a representative group of, carers and communities which uses the lived experience of group members to help influence and improve services. | |
| | Using MEOC approach to educate and encourage friendly and welcoming community spaces. | Number of sessions delivered Number of community spaces participating in the events | |
| 1.3 All premises that the ACHSCP work out of or deliver services from have been collaboratively reviewed in terms of location, ramped access, signage, transportation links etc | <i>In development</i> | <i>In development</i> | <i>Facilities Management (ACC and NHSG)</i> |
| 1.4 ACHSCP adheres to the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 | <i>In development</i> | <i>In development</i> | <i>IT Services</i> |

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| 1.5 2012 SSPSED embedded into the Partnership's commissioning and procurement processes | The Equality subgroup will seek assurance that Procurement Staff are fully aware and able to reflect on of the duty imposed by the Scottish Specific Public Sector Equality Duties (2012) in the commissioning processes | Lead Commissioner will ensure that each tendering exercise is supported by a robust Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment | <i>Commercial and Procurement Services ACC and NHS</i> |

Outcome 2 Enabling people to live as independently for as long as possible

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| 2.1 More disabled and older people engaged in exercise, self-care and meaningful activities | Multi Agency Stay Well Stay Connected Project Group's Action Plan e.g. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Physical Activity Packs Pilot 2. Befriending projects 3. "Oot n Aboot" Project with Red Cross | Number of Sheltered Housing Residents participating in and reporting increased physical activity after losing confidence and functional decline due to Covid 19 stay at home restrictions Number of people engaged in Bon Accord Care's Befriending Project | Stay Well – Stay Connected Implementation Group |
| | Embedding a quality improvement methodology across all actions and pilots associated with Multi Agency Stay Well Stay Connected Project Group's Action Plan | Continuous analysis of participation across all protected characteristics to influence and inform the communication and engagement plan associated with the Multi Agency Stay Well Stay Connected Project Group's Action Plan | |
| | Work with partner organisations to identify those who are digitally excluded and developed bespoke initiatives to deliver digital confidence. | <i>In development</i> | Gordon McDade |

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| | Work with 3 rd sector IT supports in the City (Abilitynet, Shmu Radio, Silver City Surfers, ACVO & Housing) to pilot showcase sessions in a set environment: common room of sheltered housing block | <i>In development</i> | Gordon McDade |
| | Motivational activities to be planned, designed, and developed in partnership with people with mental health and learning disabilities and organisations working with them e.g. 3 rd Sector Mental Health Forum | <i>In development</i> | Jayne Boyle/Louise Officer |
| | The principles of the Charter of Rights for people with Dementia and their carers will be adopted Embedding a human rights-based approach in practice and the Standards of Care for Dementia in Scotland | Evaluating the consistency and quality of service for people living with dementia and those that provide care and care for people with dementia | Dementia Strategy (Julie Somers) |
| | Analysis of current and planned activities against the Scottish Government's Coronavirus (COVID-19) - dementia and COVID-19: action plan - gov.scot (www.gov.scot) | Dementia Strategy actions developed in partnership with people living with dementia and those that provide care and care for people with dementia | |

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| | Demographic analysis of the Post Diagnostic Support referrals and uptake to identify opportunities for future communications and marketing | Comparison of current referrals and update against future referrals post communications and marketing initiatives | Dementia Strategy (Julie Somers) |
| | Reduce employer discrimination faced by younger people diagnosed with dementia | Engagement with Aberdeen City Employers Work with younger people to establish what support is required to sustain active and meaningful employment | |
| | Improving the process of dementia diagnosis for people with learning disabilities | <i>In development</i> | |
| | Attendance at LGBTQ+ Events to promote Dementia Care for LGBTQ+ Tool Kit | Number and details of events attended | |
| | Sports and culture organisations promote and develop environments which enable people to sustain current activities/interests/sports e.g. Golf Clubs | Number of sports and cultural organisations involved implementing reasonable adjustments to support current and increase future engagement in sport and leisure activities | |

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| | Collaborative review of the current “A’thegither in Aberdeen” Strategy 2018-23 | Number of people and organisations involved in the review | LD Service Manager (Katharine Paton) |
| 2.2 Number of people engaged in Stay Well – Stay Connected activities. | <i>In development</i> | <i>In development</i> | Stay Well – Stay Connected Implementation Group (Anne McKenzie) |
| | Promotion of Voice Tool | Details of marketing | |
| | Analysis of Voice Tool | Adjustments and changes made to services | |
| 2.3 ACHSCP’s future planning and commissioning plans are linked with Aberdeen City’s Local Housing Strategy, Housing Need & Demand Assessment and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment <i>Quote from Derek Feely Report: “People with lived experiences must be partners in the commissioning process and integral to decision making and prioritisation, monitoring process and making improvements; nothing about me without me as the saying goes”</i> | <i>Ensure Independent Living & Specialist Provision Strategic Working Group and Strategic Planning Group have cross representation from Housing and HSCP.</i> | <i>Multi-disciplinary representation attending the groups.</i> | ACC Housing Strategy (Mel Booth) |
| | <i>Ensure that HSCP provides Housing with information requirements on specialist provision housing to allow for new developments to be provided.</i> | <i>The number of new build social housing specialist provision homes that are provided which is monitored via the Aberdeen City Strategic Housing Investment Plan.</i> | |
| | <i>Involve in HSCP in the development of HNDA.</i> | <i>HNDA provides detailed information on specialist provision requirements in relation to housing need.</i> | |

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| 2.4 ACHSCP's Assistive Technology and Digital Inclusion evidenced as supporting an increase in the number of people living independently in their own communities. | <i>Ensure that the shift from analogue to digital is in place by 2025.</i> | <i>Working Group to take forward actions in relation to this.</i> | ACC Housing Strategy (Mel Booth) |
| | <i>Ensure that all new build housing is TEC friendly and provided where required.</i> | <i>Monitor the number of people supported using telecare in their homes. This is monitored via the LHS.</i> | |
| 2.5 Number of disabled adaptations completed in private and social housing. (Major and Minor adaptations) | <i>Ensure adequate funding is in place to provide adaptations across all tenures.</i> | <i>Number of adaptations completed. This is monitored via the LHS.</i> | ACC Housing Strategy (Mel Booth) |

Outcome 3: Health and support services are delivered in a compassionate way, respecting the dignity of the individual and are co designed with people who experience poor mental health to ensure they flourish and thrive, build resilience and continue in recovery

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| 3.1 Develop a quality indicator profile in mental health which will include measures across six quality dimensions - person-centred, safe, effective, efficient, equitable and timely. | Review of current Mental Health Delivery Plan | <i>In development</i> | Kevin Dawson Louise Officer |
| | involvement and collaboration of key stakeholders around mental health services such as providers and the 3 rd sector Mental Health Forum | ERIA analysis | |
| 3.2 A rights based approach which is consistent, intentional and evident in the everyday experience of everyone using mental health support (including but not limited to, unpaid carers and families and people working within the mental health sector) is embedded | <i>In development</i> | <p>Number of disabled people reporting poor mental health and wellbeing will have reduced from 28.4%</p> <p>Number of disabled people satisfied with their mental health and wellbeing will have increased from 62%</p> <p>The number of people stating that they rarely or never feel lonely from the following communities will have increased:</p> <p>LGBTQ+ increased from 13%</p> <p>BAME increased from 30%</p> | |

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| | | <p>Disabled people from 32% Current average 38%</p> <p>The number of people from the LGB communities of Aberdeen reporting dissatisfaction with their mental health decreases from 54%</p> <p>The number of people from Aberdeen's Transgender and non-binary communities reporting dissatisfaction with their mental health decreases from 66%</p> <p>The number of carers reporting a negative impact that caring for someone has on their mental health and wellbeing reduces from 40%</p> <p>The number of unpaid carers in Aberdeen who do not feel supported in their caring role decreases from 33%</p> | |
| 3.3 The transition from children and young people's services to adult services is designed to enhance life outcomes in their adulthood | <i>In development</i> | <i>In development</i> | Kevin Dawson |

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| 3.4 People better understand what their rights are to mental health care and support, and duty bearers should be focused on realising these rights rather than being hampered by considerations of eligibility, capacity and cost | Work collaboratively with commissioned mental health organisations in the third sector to coproduce Rights Based communication material | Twice yearly qualitative engagement with people using the services, their families, carers, Partnership staff and Providers | |
| | | The number of people with lived experience of poor mental health reporting outstanding concerns that support needs were not addressed at their last assessment or review decreases from 33% | |
| 3.5 Gaps in service provision, which are specific to the needs of people with protected characteristics, are identified and fed into the strategic planning and commissioning process. | Partnership staff assessing the need for referrals, to profile people by protected characteristics and reason why referral unable to be made or reason for refusal | <i>In development</i> | |
| | Work collaboratively with commissioned mental health organisations to collate reasons, by protected characteristic, why offer of support has been turned down | <i>In development</i> | |
| | Establish proactive working relationships with key stakeholders representing people with protected characteristics | Cultural differences documented during evaluation of mental health conditions and associated treatments | |

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| 3.6 Supporting employers to have an improvement plan for workplaces in making continuous improvement to their culture, practices and policies, to directly tackle stigma and discrimination e.g., attaining See Me in Work | <i>In development</i> | <i>In development</i> | |

Outcome 4 Community engagement, empowerment, and cohesion work across the City is strong and effective.

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| <p>4.1 Increased participation, influence and voice from people with protected characteristics, with lived experiences, in the City's Locality Planning Processes</p> <p><i>Derek Feely Report quote</i> <i>At the population level, Integrated Joint Boards and Locality Planners need to do a better job of building the user voice into their considerations.</i></p> | <i>In development</i> | <i>In development</i> | <i>Community Planning</i> <i>(Michelle Cochlan)</i> |
| | ACHSCP Engagement Policy | Publications and marketing of new engagement strategy | <i>Strategic Planning Group</i> |
| | | Number of organisations and individuals engaged in ERIA | <i>DiversCity Officers</i> |
| | Establish a network of DiversCity Officers | Number of DiversCity Officers reported quarterly | <i>Equality Subgroup</i> |
| | DO Programme Plan of Continuous Professional Development | | <i>Equality Subgroup</i> |
| | Development of localised diversity networks, organisations and contacts | Localised Directory | <i>Equality Subgroup</i> <i>DiversCity Officers</i> |
| | Supporting the development of communities of interest, forums and networks to address gaps in the directory | | <i>Equality Subgroup</i> <i>DiversCity Officers</i> |
| | Review LEGs membership and scope out what supports are required to encourage participation from | Impact of translation of recruitment material in securing representation from across the protected characteristics | <i>Equality Subgroup plus key staff</i> <i>Elaine McConnachie</i> <i>(Katharine & Gordon)</i> |

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| | people with protected characteristics | | |
| | Work with providers to raise awareness of their role in supporting people with protected characteristics to participate in and influence strategic and operational developments | Events organised Organisations in attendance Number of staff attending | Scottish Care (independent Sector) and ACVO (TSI) |
| | Support the role of Covid Vaccination Community Connectors | Improved relationships and trust being built between the Partnership and communities previously excluded from targeted participation | Gordon Edgar & Liz Howarth NHS Grampian |
| | IIA Quality Assurance Framework | Number of IIA undertaken | Equality Subgroup & DiversCity Officers |
| | | Quarterly analysis of IIA recommendations and progress against these | |
| 4.2 Adhere to the National Community Engagement Standards when engaging with communities of interest. NSFCE+Diagram.pdf (squarespace.com) | Senior Staff, DiversCity Officer and Community Representatives Development & awareness raising programme of events | Number of events delivered Number of people attending | Community Planning |
| | Build and sustain relationships between Partnership services and community groups | Number of community engagement events undertaken and who attended | Senior Managers & DiversCity Officers |

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| | | Reporting against the recommendations of IIAs and the actions to be taken to address the needs and or issues that communities experience | |
| | DiversCity Officers embed CES into the consultation element of the IIA | IIA Quality Assurance Framework findings | Equality Subgroup & DiversCity Officers |
| | | Actions taken to address findings | |
| <i>4.3 NHS Scotland and Voluntary Health Scotland's Engagement Matrix is embedded into community engagement processes of ACHSCP</i> | <i>In development</i> | <i>In development</i> | |

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| | Forced marriage awareness raising materials - gov.scot (www.gov.scot) | Imams statement against Forced Marriage (in a number of different languages) promoted and visible in GP surgeries and buildings Partnership staff work out off | |
| 5.2 Improved services for those affected by hate crime and hate incidents in the City. Improved preventative work and a shared understanding of the causes enabling a reduction in hate crime and hate incidents | <i>In development</i> | <i>In development</i> | <i>Community Planning Aberdeen Community Justice Outcome Improvement Group</i> Sheona Bell – to be contacted by WH to further develop |
| | Working with the Chinese, East and South-East Asian community members and representatives to co-design local initiatives to raise awareness of hate crime and prejudice. | Number of hate incidents reported by Partnership staff and the accessing of appropriate support. | <i>Community Planning Aberdeen Community Justice Outcome Improvement Group</i> |
| 5.3 Improved services and support for those at risk of and those that are affected by Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). | Review current activity against the Scotland’s national action plan to prevent and eradicate FGM 2016 to 2020 before developing an action plan to address areas of development jointly with VAWP Scotland's national action plan to prevent and eradicate FGM - gov.scot (www.gov.scot) | ACHSCP FGM Action Plan | <i>Adult Support and Protection Val Vertigans</i> |

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| | Circulation of FGM Community Information Leaflet Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) community information leaflet - gov.scot (www.gov.scot) | Details of awareness raising activities | |
| | Circulation of FGM Awareness Postcard Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) awareness-raising postcard: 2015 - gov.scot (www.gov.scot) | FGM Awareness Postcard visible in all GP surgeries and buildings that Partnership staff work out off | |
| 5.4 Improved understanding of and development of a joined up approach to support those affected by human trafficking and exploitation. | Review current activity against the Scottish Government's Trafficking and Exploitation Strategy for Scotland 2017 and subsequent update reports before developing and implementing staff awareness sessions and support services for Potential Victims of Trafficking | Number of staff attending awareness raising sessions | <i>Adult Support and Protection</i> |
| | | Number of Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015 Section 38 Referrals made by Partnership Staff | |
| | | Number of Adult Support and Protection cases in which Potential Victims of Trafficking have been identified | |

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| 5.5 Improved understanding of the causes of honour based violence and the support services necessary to keep people safe | In partnership with VAWP and BAME Violence Against Women and Children Organisations develop and implement a programme of staff and key partners awareness raising programmes | Number of sessions run, number of people in attendance and details of which services/organisations | <i>Adult Support and Protection</i> |
| | <i>What Works to Prevent Violence Against Women: A Summary of the Evidence</i> | Staff working in Partnership services can evidence a better understanding of the dynamics of 'honour', in particular how it exerts psychological and physical control over the victim, how the wider family and community may be implicated in the abuse, the multiple barriers to reporting, and the high level of risk facing victims who decide to ask for assistance. | |

Outcome 6: We have a workforce that is reflective and representative of the communities we care for

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| 6.1 Workforce data reflects ACHSCP service user data | <i>Develop and implement a project like The Value the Difference project, delivered by DRS, the University of Strathclyde and Brodies LLP, which aims to tackle unconscious bias in the workplace against women, BAME communities, LGBTQ+ communities and people with a disability through a combination of research, training, awareness raising and coaching.</i> | <i>Number of organisations undertaking the training</i> | <i>Alison MacLeod, Equality subgroup HR Commissioners</i> |
| 6.2 Flexible and targeted recruitment drives to address current gaps and the needs of future service users | <i>Partnership with Aberdeen Business Gateway developed to support the provision of tailored support, advice and awareness raising events in the communities of Aberdeen.</i> | <i>Review of workforce profile against current baseline in 2023</i> | <i>Talent Managers ACC</i> |
| 6.3 Staff have a shared understanding of cultural diversity and difference | <i>Achieve equality and diversity accreditations and promote these schemes across the organisation:</i> <i>Age Positive [Withdrawn] Age Positive - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</i> <i>Carer Positive Exemplary Carer Positive :: Carer Positive Employers</i> <i>Disability Confident Disability Confident employer scheme and guidance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</i> | <i>In development</i> | |

| <i>What success will look like</i> | <i>What will be done to achieve success</i> | <i>How will success be measured</i> | <i>Lead Service Relevant Guidance</i> |
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| | EHRC Working Forward Working Forward home Equality and Human Rights Commission (equalityhumanrights.com) | | |

Outcome 7 We have a workplace where all staff feel valued and respected and have their needs met appropriately

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| 7.1 ACHSP has a responsive dignity and respect at work approach which all staff and managers are aware off | Promotion and marketing of Aberdeen City Council's and NHS Grampian's respective policies | Documentation of both formal and informal enquiries which relate to protected characteristics | <i>HR, Talent Managers and Equality subgroup</i> |
| 7.2 ACHSCP supports the formation of staff groups which represent protected characteristics | Statements of support on ACHSCP website | The number of groups formed Actions and outcomes delivered by staff groups | <i>HR, Talent Managers and Equality subgroup</i> |
| 7.3 ACHSCP embed an approach of learning and understanding to address findings of internal investigations to effect behavioural change and improve organisational culture | <i>In development</i> | <i>In development</i> | <i>HR, Talent Managers and Equality subgroup</i> |
| 7.4 Managers have a shared understanding of their responsibilities in relation to reasonable workplace adjustments | Manager, Team Leader and Supervisor Equality Act 2010 Section 6 specific awareness sessions | Number of reasonable workplace adjustments put into place | <i>DiversCity Officers</i> <i>Chief Officer and SLT</i> |
| | Review HR guidance on managing workplace stress | Review completed and supported by a robust marketing strategy | |
| | Develop manager's awareness training on mental health in the workplace | <i>In development</i> | |