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## JSNA – Ward Profiles

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The objectives of the Slough Borough Council interactive Ward Health Profiles are to provide an engaging and informative presentation of Slough’s demographic characteristics and population health status at ward level; highlighting the health-related issues and wider determinants of health, compared to the borough and national averages. The tool aims to inform evidence-based decision/policy making and commissioning. A separate PDF link to the ward pack



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## Local Suicide Prevention Action Plan

**Leidon Shapo, Slough Borough Council Interim Public Health Lead & William Ayella, Public Health Programme Officer**

Suicide prevention has been a national political priority since 2016 and remains a high priority for public health teams in Slough and across Berkshire. Preventing Suicide in England, a cross governmental strategy to save lives (HM Government, 2012), councils were given the responsibility to develop local suicide strategies and action plans through their work with Health and Wellbeing Boards, Clinical Commissioning Groups and wider partners.

The Slough Borough local action plan, which is in development, will build on the previous Slough Suicide Prevention (SP) Action plan Strategy (2017-2020) and will reflect (i) the ongoing Berks East SP programme of work supported by the [Berkshire Suicide Prevention Strategy 2021-26](#) report, (ii) follow the publication of the latest [Governments national suicide prevention strategy \(2023-28\)](#). The Berkshire SP strategy directly contributes to the current SBC priority no. 4 – ‘Reducing deaths by suicide’ of the Health and Wellbeing Boards strategic aims and priority 5 in the new Berkshire West Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

The main aim for the refreshed local action plan is ‘To reduce deaths by suicide in Slough using a life course approach and raise awareness for a better understanding and use of evidence-based interventions to tackle self-harm while supporting partnership ways of working’.

The key areas to consider when developing our local SP action plan will be to: (i) Improve methods to tackle root cause vulnerability by scoping and understanding vulnerabilities and triggers that can lead to suicide. (ii) Establish focus on debt and cost of living, (iii) Improve our focus on children and young people, (iv) Strengthen focus on links between mental health, self-harm and suicide, (v) Establish means to address female suicide rates, and (vi) Continue to develop and establish support for people bereaved by suicide.

## Tobacco Bill

**Kerry-Ann Bryan, Slough Borough Council Public Health Officer, Tobacco Control**

The UK Government plans to create a Smoke-Free UK by introducing a Bill which will sit alongside wider support across the health service to support smokers to quit.

The Tobacco and Vapes Bill, mentioned during the [King’s Speech 2024](#), aims to address smoking and vaping through several key measures:

- **Progressive Smoking Ban:** Gradually end the sale of tobacco, including herbal smoking products and cigarette papers.
- **Child Protection:** Prevent vapes and other nicotine products from being branded and advertised to appeal to children.
- **Regulation Powers:** Grant Ministers authority to regulate the flavours, packaging, and display of vapes and other nicotine products.
- **Enhanced Enforcement:** Strengthen Trading Standards' ability to enforce laws, close loopholes, and issue Fixed Penalty Notices for underage sales of tobacco and vaping products.

We are still awaiting confirmation on the proposed detail of the bill.

## 0-19s Recommissioning

**Uche Obasohan, Slough Borough Council Public Health Lead Children & Young People**

Slough Borough Council approved the award of the new contract to HCRG 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024. The press release announcing the new contract award to HCRG was released by Slough Borough Council on the 31<sup>st</sup> July. Mobilisation of the new service is ongoing, the service will go live on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

## East Berkshire Combatting Drugs Partnership

**Jason Kew, Berkshire East Combatting Drugs Partnership Lead**

### Partnership Working –

- A Frimley ICS Alcohol professionals' network has been established. Work is underway to improve treatment and referral pathways including community drug services referrals for fibro scanning.
- Top ten percent 'offender' data sharing between Police, CSP, and drug services established. This is to primarily identify unmet needs for those in active addiction who are not known to Turning Point and for Turning Point to identify those who are recently off script or not stable, for assertive outreach and review of treatment options.

### Projects in Slough –

- A Family Drug and Alcohol Court (FDAC) working group underway, which will improve social and health outcomes for Slough families in child judicial proceedings. There are also significant financial benefits achievable through the implementation of this model.
- Peer to Peer Recovery Programmes – Slough's Drug and Alcohol Service 'Turning Point' has successfully been delivering peer-to-peer programmes for Naloxone provision.

## Safer Slough Partnership

**Lisa Spall, Slough Borough Council Community Safety Partnership Manager**

The Safer Slough Partnership (SSP) Board met on 18th July on Teams. The Strategic Assessment is in its final draft and the SSP 3-year Strategy will be drawn up from these findings. The Community Safety Public Consultation commenced 1 June 2024 and has been extended to end on 31st August 2024.

We have now gone out to tender on the recommissioning of our Domestic Abuse service. The whole process should be completed and ready to go to cabinet in October 2024. Tenders have now been received and we are going through the evaluation process.

The Public Safety Protection Orders (PSPOs) is live, and the police have been able to confiscate alcohol of some of those causing anti-social behavioural in the town centre. Thames Valley Police are currently working hard to look at issues in the town centre and issue Criminal Behaviour Orders to those most prolific shoplifters.

PSPO signage is being erected across the borough in Parks and open spaces and in hot spot areas.

## Clear Hold Build – Langley

**Rebecca Curley, Slough Borough Community Development Officer**

As part of improving safety in Langley, Thames Valley Police, Safer Slough Partnership, and the community are working with the Home Office to adopt and roll out the College of Policing's 'Clear, Hold, Build' framework. Working together, this approach will focus on reducing the harm caused by crime in the town and, contribute towards building more resilient communities.

This activity takes place over three stages and aims to bring communities together as part of a long-term commitment to root out anti-social behaviour and serious and organised crime and, importantly sustain a reduction in crime.

1. Clear - initial targeted police activity to 'clear' offenders from the area
2. Hold - a period of sustained intervention to 'hold' the area free from crime.
3. Build - this phase is driven by the community and will focus on prevention and addressing the root causes of ASB and crime.

Clear Hold Build has already been piloted by 7 police forces since 2020, to positive effect, improving community resilience to serious and organised crime, but also showing the potential to impact wider crime reduction.

In Langley, work has already started, and we will be looking to release general comms to the wider public this autumn.

**As a one liner – 'Clear Hold Build in Langley is a chance for partners and organisations to work together to improve life in Langley by tackling and addressing serious organised crime - building up the area through community initiatives, partnership work and community spirit.'**

The agreed priority areas for the Operational Delivery Groups were confirmed as:

- Business, enterprise, and employability
- Health and Wellbeing
- Youth engagement, education, and prevention
- ASB
- Crime
- Voice of the community.

## Vaccination Schedule

**Emily Macdonald, Slough Borough Council Interim Health Protection Officer**

### **Influenza**

Vaccinating health and care workers plays an important role in helping to prevent transmission of flu, protecting themselves and those they care for.<sup>1</sup> Organisations employing these staff should ensure staff and residents are vaccinated.

As a result of recommendations by the Joint Committee for Vaccines and Immunisation, this year's flu programme will commence with vaccinations for children (September) followed by vaccinations for adults (October). There is no change to the timing of flu vaccination offered to pregnant women.

<sup>1</sup>

### **RSV**

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) is a common cause of respiratory tract infections that can be severe in infants and older adults.<sup>2</sup> From September 2024, vaccination will be offered to people aged 75 – 79 and to pregnant women, which protects infants from birth. This programme will help to reduce hospitalisations and ease pressures on the NHS during critical, winter months.

## Healthwatch

**Joanna Dixon, Healthwatch East Berkshire Manager**

Healthwatch Slough have an active Enter and View program. This Quarter we visited Windmill Care Home and will be in Langley Haven later this Month. An Enter and View visit is where a team of appropriately trained people, known as Authorised Representatives, access a service on behalf of a local Healthwatch organisation, make observations, collect experiences and views and then produce a report. Reports are available on our website - [Windmill Care Centre Enter & View | Healthwatch Slough](#).

We have started work on our Women's Health project and will be engaging with community groups in Slough over the coming Months. We will provide more detailed information at the next Health & Wellbeing Board.

We have published our Annual Report ([Healthwatch Slough Annual Report | Healthwatch Slough](#)) and an Accessible Information report ([East Berkshire Accessible Information Standard | Healthwatch Slough](#)).

## NHS Frimley ICB – Primary Care Update

**David Mphanza, Head of Primary Care – East Berkshire & Olivia Shaw, Primary Care Development Lead**

### **Fairer Funding:**

It is widely acknowledged that there are challenges with the national Carr-Hill formula which is used to calculate payments to GP practices. The formula focusses on age and sex with limited adjustments for deprivation, list turnover, staffing costs/market forces, and rurality. The current national funding formula underestimates need associated with deprivation and contributes to inequitable funding across general practice.

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<sup>1</sup> [National flu immunisation programme 2024 to 2025 letter - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Respiratory syncytial virus: the green book, chapter 27a - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The purpose of the Fairer Funding for Primary Care (FFfPC) programme is to develop and agree an evidence-based method of providing a supplementary payment to GP practices. The supplementary payment will reflect the needs of the local population and will help us to tackle health inequalities together.

All 14 practices in Slough are eligible for this supplementary payment; and they are currently identifying how they would like to use the funding to address health inequalities.

**Primary Care Recovery:**

General Practice remains committed to delivery the Primary Care Access Recovery Plan (PCARP) and moving towards a Modern General Practice Model (MGPM) [NHS England » Modern general practice model](#). This is supported by a number of programmes which included General Practice Improvement Plan (GPIP); Support Level Frameworks (SLF); and the Transition Cover and Transformation Support Funding (TCTSF).

All 14 practices are involved in at least one, if not more of these programmes.

**New Build:**

Work is underway to complete the new surgery located in Greenwatt Way, Chalvey, Slough, with the surgery expected to open to patients in the next few months'

**Farnham Road Practice & 240 Wexham merger:**

The planned merger is progressing well, and we are working to a 1<sup>st</sup> October merge date with the necessary forms being completed and submitted. The practice are responsible for ensuring their teams and patients are aware of the changes. The ICB are co-ordinating the merger of the IT systems, contract updates and ensuring all necessary partners are informed.

## Slough CVS

**Jamie Green, Chairperson for Slough CVS**

Slough CVS continue to provide capacity building support across the sector to ensure both existing and new, emerging groups have access to free funding advice, regular training programmes and receive all relevant comms, from across the whole system, in our weekly bulletins.

We are focusing on our Vision for Volunteering, to tackle what is nationwide volunteer fatigue, with a new, user led steering group to explore innovative ways of re-engaging more volunteers. Our volunteer portal is helping to match local volunteers with local opportunities.

We have completed the first developmental year of the Community Connector project with much learning and success - leading a positive partnership approach to relieving some of the pressures on ASC and NHS, linking residents and patients at WPH to a diverse range of community and voluntary led support. The One Slough Community Fund, which has just been launched for 24-25, with additional funds from the BCF, will help support this, ensuring more social prescriptions are available. We are also looking at formalising our existing collaborations, to deliver community led involvement in the Integrated Health and Wellbeing service in Slough.