

Healthwatch Salford Work Planning as of January 2026*

*Reviewed monthly at team meetings and shared at board meetings

Area of focus	Further detail			
<p>Salford Adolescent Minds</p> <p>ACTIVE</p>	<p>Report published May 2024.</p> <p>Commissioners RAG rated recommendations.</p> <p>Liaising with Salford Parent Carer Forum for feedback.</p>	<p>Project Summary Impact report created.</p> <p>Plan to produce news article updating on progress and then 'closing' this piece of work. Delay in publishing due to feedback from forum. Ali liaising with forum and commissioners.</p>		
<p>Volunteering</p> <p>ACTIVE</p>	<p>Operations Lead (Elyse) has taken over volunteer management.</p>	<p>Ad hoc volunteer opportunities continue to be shared and monthly newsletters sent.</p> <p>Elyse to undertake in person meeting with volunteers in March.</p>		
<p>Engagement</p> <p>ACTIVE</p>	<p>In person engagement opportunities monitored as and when due to resources.</p> <p>Fixed term engagement officer being recruited in the new year.</p>	<p>Ali completed engagement at gateway centres throughout November.</p> <p>Ali invited to attend in person engagement at some GP practices in January.</p> <p>Engagement Officer recruitment has commenced. Once in post, will develop engagement plans inline with areas of focus.</p> <p>Health Fair date booked.</p>		

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Spotlights ACTIVE	Marketing/social media campaigns completed by Ali and Elyse aligned to awareness days.	Ongoing		
Men's Mental Health Commission ACTIVE	<p>Review of short-term recommendations currently underway.</p> <p>HWS will then step away from the work of the commission (always been the plan).</p>	<p>Sam collating responses from stakeholders on short term pledges.</p> <p>Meeting booked with commission in January to share responses and discuss the future.</p> <p>Project update will be published after the meeting and our involvement will end.</p>		
The Vape Debate ACTIVE	Report published in June 2025 with short-, medium- and long-term recommendations	<p>Ali currently liaising/chasing Public Health on their progress with our recommendations. Update will then be published.</p> <p>Ali presented the report at the Preventing Substance Misuse and Tobacco Cessation Group.</p> <p>We are pushing for vaping to be included in the council's child friendly city plans.</p>		
Silent Voices ACTIVE	<p>Team to work on this collaboratively with Di Critchley.</p> <p>Funding received from NHS GM to host bi-monthly meetings until March 2026.</p>	<p>Final two meetings in January and March 2026.</p> <p>A report is being created demonstrating the impact of the Silent Voices work – building on the section in the comms report.</p>		

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Carers ACTIVE	Carers strategy currently under review.		Feedback on draft carers strategy given. Ali monitoring progress.	
Prostate Cancer ACTIVE	Working with Healthwatch in GM network	Circulating and promoting survey across all channels including AGM. Closing date changed to 15 th February. Salford response currently 14 surveys.		
Men's Cancer Leaflet ACTIVE	Approached by a Salford resident to support with creating a leaflet highlighting the different types of cancer affecting men.		Sam to update in Jan/Feb and work with Elyse/volunteer on creating.	
Maternity Voices/Ingleside Birth Centre ACTIVE			Continue to monitor situation.	
Salford Care Homes Practice ACTIVE	Review being done by NHS GM (Salford)		Monitor review and recommendations	
Adult Social Care INACTIVE UNTIL APRIL	No detail on which area we would focus on yet. CQC inspection is taking place.			Review from April 2026 onwards.

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Veterans ACTIVE	<p>Research tells us that the system often doesn't work for veterans.</p> <p>Salford has a large veteran's presence.</p>	<p>Plans to commence a project in March/April 2026 with a view to publishing findings around Armed Forces week in June.</p> <p>Focus of project to be discussed further at team meeting on 3rd February.</p> <p>Elyse to arrange visit to Broughton House Care Home.</p> <p>Social media prompts to start focusing on veterans feedback.</p> <p>Sam to make contact with mayors office.</p>		
Communications project INACTIVE	<p>Communications report published July 2025.</p>			<p>New engagement officer to pick up post April 2026.</p>
Weight Management INACTIVE	<p>Lack of service across GM.</p>		<p>Possible collaboration with HW in GM Network.</p> <p>Timescales not yet confirmed.</p>	
Enter and View in Mental Health INACTIVE	<p>This has been in our plans for some time; however, resources have been a challenge.</p>			<p>No plans to undertake as yet.</p> <p>Review after April 2026</p>

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Cervical Screening NO FURTHER WORK REQUIRED	Paper produced August 2024 on reduced screening rates at Reuts Medical Practice. As of August 2025, doesn't appear to be any progress on increasing rates.	NHS Quality Salford producing a report on Reuts Medical Practice. Cervical screening will be included in this report and will be monitored by the PCCC.		
PLACE Assessments NO FURTHER WORK REQUIRED	'Patient-Led Assessments of the Care Environment'. Staff and volunteers are usually involved in this annual piece of work led by the NHS.			Agreed no involvement this year due to lack of capacity. NHS Salford advised and understood.
Dentistry NO FURTHER WORK REQUIRED	No work undertaken recently. Not highlighted as a concern via feedback.			No need to dedicate resource to this at the moment. LDC rep on feedback report mailing list.
Sexual Health NO FURTHER WORK REQUIRED	Project commenced summer 2024. Engagement with groups and feedback previously received. No report produced.			No capacity to take this further. Data shared with Public Health.
Elfwatch INACTIVE	Annual marketing/social media campaign during December. Increases awareness and reach of HWS			Completed. Social media stats compiled in January to assess impact.

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AGM INACTIVE	Took place on 25 th November at Eccles Library.			Well attended. Guest speaker popular.