

Staff Team Update

July 2025 Board Meeting – Part One

Mark

Salford Men's Mental Health Commission – As a result of recommendations by the commission, Salford CVS have released funding for organisations to apply for. We will be reviewing the recommendations made by the commission during the Autumn. Membership for the commission is now being wound down due to other priorities.

Silent Voices – The group continues to meet on a bimonthly basis, with key stakeholders attending to capture feedback and experiences from the group. The membership of the group has been opened up to cover Greater Manchester, which we facilitated via the HW in GM network.

Mark Lupton has recently obtained his BSL Level 1 qualification.

Communications – This report was published in early July – <https://www.healthwatchsalford.co.uk/report/2025-07-03/focus-communication-report>

Sexual Health – This was a piece of work previously paused due to other priorities. We are now revisiting the data captured to ensure it is used effectively.

Ali

The Vape Debate – This report was published at the start of June, in line with the new Tobacco and Vapes Bill –

<https://www.healthwatchsalford.co.uk/report/2025-06-02/vape-debate-2025>

Ali is also working on a follow-up to the Cervical Screening Report and the SAM Report.

Amy

Amy has been reviewing and updating our documentation in collaboration with Sam, to ensure all relevant policies are properly in place. Amy also supported Ali with The Vape Debate project and report. Amy continues to work with HW in GM to look at volunteering opportunities across Greater Manchester and how Salford can support these efforts.

Elyse

Intelligence – We are constantly looking at ways that we can increase the volume of feedback we receive, so Elyse has created training for volunteers so they can understand what feedback is and how they can help capture it on a regular basis. We're also looking at a new volunteer role that will help capture comments made on social media about health and social care in Salford and help promote us. In our work plan, we have committed to reviewing the role of the Intelligence Subgroup, to ensure its as effective as it can be and the membership find the role fulfilling. We are planning on undertaking this review in the next quarter. We are planning on having a volunteer readers panel, which could be linked to the Intelligence Subgroup.

Annual Report – Elyse published the 2024/25 Annual Report at the end of June, which highlights the work we have done from April 2024 – March 2025 – <https://www.healthwatchsalford.co.uk/report/2025-06-27/healthwatch-salford-annual-report-202425>

Volunteering

Data Area	Stats
Volunteering activities in the period	The Vape Debate project – 3 volunteers Health fair training – 4 volunteers Intelligence Subgroup – 4 volunteers Communication project – 7 volunteers
Volunteer hours provided	56 hours We also hosted: Salford Men's Mental Health Commission – 2 volunteers doing 6 hours Silent Voices – 7 volunteers doing 21 hours
Number of volunteers on record	29
Levels of volunteer retention	In process - 26 Currently Active - 29 Paused - 5
Volunteer Demographics	
Gender	Female – 82% Male – 12% Prefer not to say – 6%
Age	19-24 6% 25-29 18% 30-34 29 % 35-39 12% 40-44 6% 45-49 12% 50-54 6% 65+ 12%
LGB+	Heterosexual – 75% LGBTQIA+ - 25%
Religion	No religion 67% Christian 20% Buddhist 7% Other 7%
Race/Ethnicity	Asian, Asian British, Any other Asian background – 14% Black, African, Caribbean or Black British – 21% White British, English and any other white background – 48%
Disability	Consider themselves to not have a disability – 56% Consider themselves to have a physical, mental, neurodivergence or learning difficulty – 38%