

## PART A - Initial Impact Assessment

**Proposal Name:** New Strategy to Support People Facing Multiple Disadvantage

**EIA ID:** 2851

**EIA Author:** Sam Martin

**Approval Status:** Approved

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**Proposal Outline:** Adult Health and Social Care Committee are asked to approve the Council leading a new strategy and development of a new commissioning plan to improve systems and support services for vulnerable people faced with multiple disadvantage.

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**Proposal Type:** Non-Budget

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**Year Of Proposal:** 24/25

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**Lead Director for proposal:** Joe Horobin (NCC)

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**Service Area:** Integrated Commissioning and Public Health

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**EIA Start Date:** 04/10/2024

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**Lead Equality Objective:** Break the cycle and improve life chances

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**Equality Lead Officer:** Ed Sexton

### Decision Type

**Committees:** Policy Committees

- Adult Health & Social Care

### Portfolio

**Primary Portfolio:** Integrated Commissioning and Public Health

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**EIA is cross portfolio:** Yes Adult Care and Wellbeing, Communities.

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**EIA is joint with another organisation:** No

## Overview of Impact

**Overview Summary:** The strategy and plan will improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable residents of Sheffield, ie people living with challenges including homeless and rough sleeping, drug and alcohol addictions, mental illness, exploitation and abuse, and involvement in the criminal justice system.

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**Impacted characteristics:**

- Disability
- Health
- Poverty & Financial Inclusion
- Race
- Sex
- Voluntary/Community & Faith Sectors
- Care Experienced

## Consultation and other engagement

**Is consultation or other engagement required:** Yes

Extensive consultation on the new strategy has been undertaken with statutory and voluntary sector organisations, and with people with lived experience themselves.

## Cumulative Impact

**Does the proposal have a cumulative impact:** Yes

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statutory and voluntary sector organisations, and with people with lived experience themselves.

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**Impact areas:** Across a Community of Identity/Interest

## Initial Sign-Off

**Full impact assessment required:** Yes

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**Review Date:** 31/03/2026

## PART B - Full Impact Assessment

### Health

**Staff Impacted:** No

**Customers Impacted:** Yes

**Description of Impact:** People living with multiple disadvantage are often excluded from health services or find them very difficult to access. Improved services and pathways will enable people to receive treatment they need for a range of physical and mental health issues.

**Name of Lead Health Officer:**

**Comprehensive Assessment Being Completed:** No

**Public Health Lead signed off health impact(s):**

### Disability

**Staff Impacted:** No

**Customers Impacted:** Yes

**Description of Impact:** People living with multiple disadvantage are more likely to be living with disability, both physical and mental. Better services and pathways will enable people to receive the care and support they need, including access where necessary to disability benefits and financial support.

## Poverty & Financial Inclusion

**Staff Impacted:** No

**Customers Impacted:** Yes

**Description of Impact:** People facing multiple disadvantage can be the most financially excluded and destitute people in our city. Improving advocacy and support pathways will ensure people have access to better housing, financial advice and benefits they are entitled to.

## Race

**Staff Impacted:**

**Customers Impacted:** Yes

**Description of Impact:** Some groups are more likely to face multiple disadvantage, in particular asylum seekers and refugees. Improving services and pathways will enable people to receive the care, support, housing provision that they are entitled to.

## Voluntary / Community & Faith Sectors

**Staff Impacted:** Yes

**Customers Impacted:** Yes

**Description of Impact:** There are a number of VCF organisations working with people facing multiple disadvantage in the city. These organisations will benefit from being part of a more strategic approach to service development, and there are likely to be opportunities in the new commissioning plan for resources for voluntary organisations to secure to help deliver services in the city.

**Outline of action plan:** None. Following Committee approval the strategy will be implemented initially through the development of a partnership action plan.

**Action plan evidence:** beneficiary report <https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/222b8b50-a3aa-464b-b5a6-7ed89a649fed/downloads/Changing%20Futures%20Beneficiary%20Outcomes%20Report%20-.pdf?ver=1723208171798>

**Changes made as a result of action plan:**

## Mitigation

**Significant risk after mitigation measures:** No

**Outline of impact and risks:**

## Review Date

**Review Date:** 31/03/2026

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