



BURY
INTEGRATED CARE
PARTNERSHIP

Mental Health update

Bury Health & Wellbeing Board

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Integrated Care Partnership



Key developments – 2025.26 - Adults



- Commissioning and mobilisation of 2 new supported housing schemes for people with mental health problems in 2025 totalling 27 places.
- The first phase of the Living Well Service [Neighbourhood MH Teams] has been successfully mobilised as a partnership between, PCFT, BIG and the Creative Living Centre.
- Elimination of almost all out of area inpatient admissions for Bury patients.
- Considerable progress in reducing delayed discharge from acute wards and reducing length of stay for adults of working age.
- Mobilisation of 24/7 adult Home Treatment Team and Older People's Home Treatment team by PCFT.

Key developments – 2025.26 - CYP



- Sustained delivery of myHappyMind emotional wellbeing curriculum in primary schools reaching 9,479 children.
- Mental Health Support Teams operating in 30% of schools with planned expansion delivered by PCFT and Early Break.
- Establishment of RISE drop-ins by Early Break providing early access to mental health advice and support to children and families as part of an integrated pathway with Bury CAMHS.
- Implementation of a Neurodevelopment Hub by First Point Family providing advice and support to children and families.

Vision: **A mentally healthy city region where every child, adult and place matter**

At the heart of our strategy, we have five shared missions we want to focus on as a unified, integrated, and equitable system.

1

People will be part of mentally healthy, safe and supportive families, workplaces and communities.

2

People's quality of life will improve through inclusive, timely access to appropriate high-quality mental health information, support and services.

3

People with long-term mental health conditions will live longer and lead fulfilling and healthy lives.

4

People will be comfortable talking about their mental health and wellbeing and will be actively involved in any support and care that they receive.

5

The mental health and wellbeing system recognises the inequality, discrimination and structural inequity people experience and are committed to developing more inclusive services and opportunities that people identify with and are able to access and benefit from

Strategic transformation - context



- Much of the transformation work in mental health services is led, specified and commissioned by GMICB with an emphasis on achieving greater consistency in provision and delivery across GM.
- Similarly, PCFT largely plan transformation on a footprint-wide basis.
- There is some space for locality input into these transformation programmes and for local specification and design, but this is limited. There is more scope for this in:
 - Coping & thriving work & tackling the wider determinants of ill health through the work of the Local Authority and a wide range of VCSE organisations.
 - VCSE commissioning.
 - Local authority commissioning of services such as supported housing.
- Mental health services are not generally commissioned and delivered on a Neighbourhood footprint, but this is changing.
- There is a strong emphasis on enhancing the capacity and capability of community-based services to support more people to recover and remain well and reduce demand on secondary and acute care including inpatient services.

Bury MH Strategy refresh - 2026



- Developed through extensive engagement with partners and residents through consultation events [n117] and an online survey [n224]
- Themes included:
 - Better access to early help in the community
 - More access to therapeutic support
 - Relative lack of accessible provision for people neurodiverse people
 - The need for culturally appropriate support for Black and Asian residents
 - The need for dedicated support for young adults – 18 – 25
 - Consistency / sustainability of support – too often piecemeal
 - Better co-ordination across agencies
 - Better information to residents on the support / services available

“We don't want everything, we just want what we have to be better.”

**The Bury
Mental
Health
Strategy is
modelled on
the Thriving
in Bury
framework**

People are motivated to stay well and in control of their own mental health and wellbeing

People are living happy lives in Bury

All people have access to timely crisis management support 24/7

People who have been ill are supported to live well with a risk management and crisis plan

People are offered short term, goal focused interventions which help them to manage.

Those in at risk groups in our neighbourhoods are offered target support

People are supported to recover from an episode of mental ill health, allowing them to live well in the community with their condition



Strategic Priorities – 2026 - 2029

Vision

People in Bury will experience good mental health and wellbeing throughout their lives, with timely, equitable and person-centred support when they need it.

Strategic aim

A prevention-led, community-based mental health system that reduces inequalities, improves outcomes and supports people to live well.



High level priorities



1. Prevention & Early Intervention

- Promote wellbeing across schools, workplaces and communities
- Expand early support, MHSTs, social prescribing and suicide prevention

2. Access, Equity & Timely Support

- Reduce waiting times and improve access routes
- Deliver a "No Wrong Door" approach and targeted inequality reduction

3. Integrated Community-Based Care

- Strengthen neighbourhood mental health teams
- Improve care coordination, transitions and VCSE integration

4. Crisis Support & Acute System Relief

- Expand community crisis alternatives
- Improve crisis response, recovery support and discharge pathways

5. Workforce, Partnership & System Strengthening

- Develop workforce capability and wellbeing
- Strengthen joint commissioning, governance and data-driven improvement

6. Wider Determinants of Mental Health

- Improve housing, employment, social connection and community resilience
- Target support to deprived and underserved communities

2026.27 delivery priorities - Adult



- Improve the communication of information about services to GPs and the public.
- Describe and develop the mental wellbeing element of the Neighbourhood Live Well offer.
- Strengthen and improve uptake of a core wellbeing offer – Connect 5 / 5 Ways to Wellbeing.
- Continued development and implementation of the Bury suicide prevention plan including a programme of suicide prevention training.
- Improve access and reduce waiting times for NHS Talking therapies.
- Better integration of other services with the Neighbourhood Mental Health Team and sustain current capacity.
- Implement a community-based Crisis Response Team [PCFT led]
- Reduce the number of inpatient bed days occupied by people who are clinically ready for discharge
- Review of existing memory assessment pathway and develop commissioning intentions aligned to GM Dementia Quality Standards [GMICB led]

2026.27 delivery priorities - CYP



- Sustain delivery of myHappymind emotional wellbeing curriculum in primary schools.
- Extend provision of MH Support Teams to cover 77% of schools [PCFT / ICB led].
- Local implementation of the CYP Neurodevelopment transformation programme:
 - Local implementation of multi-disciplinary triage.
 - Review and develop plan for provision of community-based assessments at sufficient capacity.
 - Full implementation of Bury Neurodevelopment Hub.
 - Develop and promote new pathways of care.
- Sensory support service review and recommissioning.
- Domestic abuse support review and recommissioning.
- Strengthen mental health assessment and support for CYP involved in the criminal justice system.