

Information

About Changing Futures Plymouth

The Changing Futures programme is a £64 million joint initiative by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) and The National Lottery Community Fund. The programme enhances partnerships between local organisations to better support those who experience multiple disadvantages, including homelessness, substance misuse, mental health issues, domestic abuse, and contact with the criminal justice system. Plymouth is one of fifteen areas participating in the programme, notified of its award of £2.4m in July 2021 for three years to the end of the 2023/24 financial year.

Changing Futures Plymouth sits within the Community Connections team at Plymouth City Council. The team works closely with The Plymouth Alliance and a range of other local partners supporting people experiencing multiple disadvantage, to enhance connections and cultures that foster Plymouth working as an alliance. The Changing Futures Plymouth team is made up of individuals employed by a range of organisations working with those who experience multiple disadvantage. We aim to:

- Create change across the system, to support people efficiently and in a way that matters to them.
- Work with strategic bodies to build capacity in the city to target interventions.
- Facilitate coproduction through existing service systems.
- Engage with people with experience of multiple disadvantage to ensure their lived experience is put at the centre of plans for positive systems change.
- Test person-centred approaches that are supported by a culture of being trauma informed.
- Embed an ongoing innovative, learning culture across all partners to inform future focus and provision.

The beneficiaries are defined as the most excluded adults locally, for whom the design of current systems of support means they can encounter barriers to accessing a person-centred, strengths-based and trauma-informed system response. Changing Futures aspires to create change at individual, service and systems levels within specific systems of interest:

- Domestic abuse and sexual violence
- Criminal justice
- Care experienced young people becoming adults
- Health inclusion
- Gender informed support for women

The programme invests in a 'people team' that will support building City-wide capacity and capability in co-producing with people with lived experience, and the continued development and coordination of the Trauma Informed Plymouth Network.