



Greater Manchester
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MARKET POSITION STATEMENT **2025-2028**



**Bury Mental
Health**



**Thriving
IN BURY**

For better mental
wellbeing

Introduction

The Bury Council Community Commissioning, alongside partners, has produced this Mental Health Market Position Statement (MPS) to give an indication of the current needs, current services and future opportunities.

We are committed to working collaboratively with our providers, partners and Bury residents to design and deliver service solutions and options which meet people's needs.

We have produced this MPS to outline:

- The current position of mental health needs in Bury
- The strategic plans in relation to mental health
- Future commissioning priorities
- Current demand and future projects

The current financial position for health and social care continues to be challenging, we need to work collaboratively to deliver the best outcomes for people in a sustainable and affordable way.

The commitment, creativity and experiences of mental health care providers is highly recognised, and a partnership approach will help us face the challenges ahead.

One in four adults' experiences at least one diagnosable mental health problem in any given year. People in all walks of life can be affected at any point in their lives. Mental health problems represent the largest single cause of disability in the UK¹.

Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership (GM ICP) published a new Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2024-2029 titled '[Doing Mental Health Differently](#)'. It



sets out the joint plan for the city-region to improve the mental health of people in Greater Manchester, to better support those with mental ill health and to reduce mental health inequalities.

The NHS Long Term Plan makes a renewed commitment to grow investment in mental health services faster than the NHS budget overall for each of the next five years. NHS England's renewed pledge means mental health will receive a growing share of the NHS budget, worth in real terms at least a further £2.3 billion a year by 2023/24.

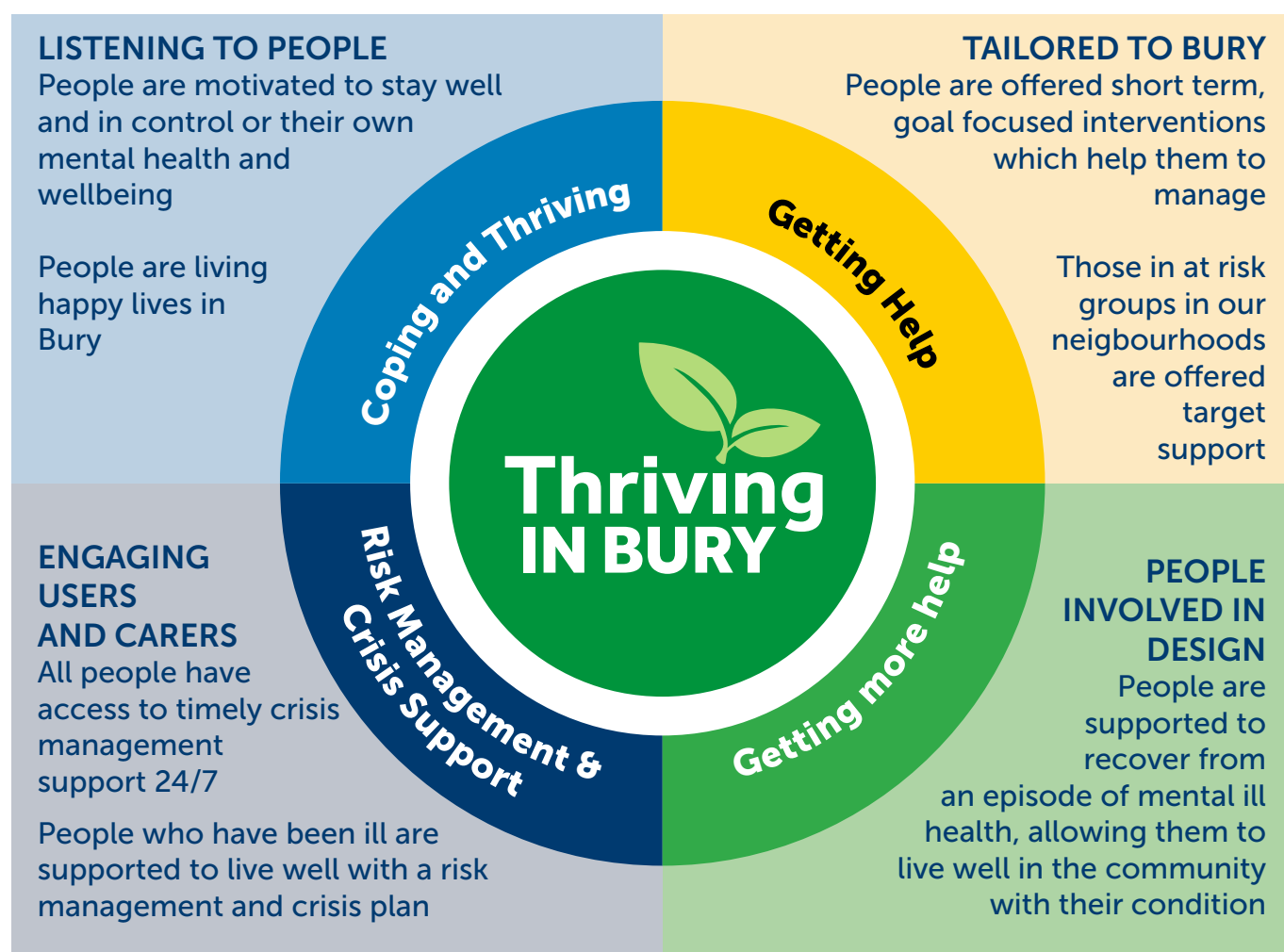
1. [NHS England » Adult and older adult mental health](#)

Vision

Bury mental health partners from both the NHS and Voluntary, Community and Faith (VCF) sectors have been working together to achieve the **Thriving in Bury framework** since 2020. It is an all-age approach that incorporates the Thrive principles for adults and children and young people, it was co-produced with partners and people with lived experience.

All partners, commissioned and non-commissioned, are committed to providing good mental health and wellbeing support, and share the joint vision below.

“We are working together to help people recognise when they are at risk of becoming stressed or struggling to cope; we aim to promote good mental health and wellbeing for everyone in Bury. We are taking action to reduce ill health, promote better recovery and enable people to reach their full potential. Our services focus on meeting the needs of our local community and provide choice, encourage independence and enhance quality of life”.



The **Bury Let's Do It! Strategy** sets out a clear ambition and delivery plan up to 2030.

It aligns with the principles of the Thriving in Bury framework and focuses on the following in relation to mental health:

- Deliver key priority areas for health and care transformation including mental health, with a greater emphasis on prevention.
- Continue to develop the established five integrated neighbourhood teams comprising of nurses, social workers, health workers, clinicians, volunteers and mental health practitioners who, in conjunction with primary care services, support people to live healthy lives. The teams specifically help those people who are at risk of multiple long-term conditions or hospital admissions.
- Transforming some services to maximise quality and sustainability, this will include a focus on mental health.

Bury's starting point in 2020:

Bury is less deprived than others but over the last four years direction of travel has changed and...

- Bury has become relatively more deprived compared to others; more people are living in (the same) areas of deprivation now than in 2015
- The proportion of your life spent in good health has decreased by two years for men, and increased by four years for women
- The likelihood of being in work has reduced from 73% to 71%
- Attainment in primary schools has got better but other places are improving faster

VISIT THE BURY COUNCIL WEBSITE FOR FULL DETAILS OF THE STRATEGY



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**LET'S
do it!**
Shared success
across Bury

Current Picture

Population Mental Health Needs In Bury

We all have mental health – in the same way we all have physical health. Sometimes our mental health is good and sometimes our mental health is not so good and some people experience serious mental illness and periods of crisis. Mental ill health is associated with wider health inequalities – men with serious mental illness die on average 17 years earlier and women 15 years earlier than the general population.

We understand that mental health and wellbeing is impacted by a wide range of external factors including levels of deprivation, environment, physical health, social capital and ability to access support. The Bury Joint Strategic Needs Assessment¹(JSNA) describes the health, social care and wellbeing needs of Bury's communities, it provides a detailed overview of Bury's population. Deprivation is a key determinant of health outcomes and according to the latest data (2019) Bury ranks in the 3rd most deprived decile in England at Local Authority level and is the 8th most deprived of the 10 GM districts.²

There are known inequalities in access, experience and outcome in relation to mental health. The picture is complex, but research suggests that common mental disorders such as anxiety and depression are more prevalent amongst Black women and Black men are far more likely to be diagnosed with a psychotic disorder and be detained under the Mental Health Act.³

People who identify as Black, Asian or mixed ethnicity make up a growing proportion of Bury's population, 20.16% of people are from an ethnic minority background. Mental health problems such as depression, self-harm, alcohol and drug abuse and suicidal thoughts are more common among people who are LGBT.⁴ The Bury Council, Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Strategy 2024-2028 recognises the diverse demography of Bury and supports improving outcomes for people.

No single agency or organisation can solve the mental health and wellbeing challenges we face. It requires a systemic approach. Bury Council has the opportunity both to work with other partners such as the NHS to provide and commission services that support people with mental health problems as well as addressing the wider determinants of health through our education, environmental, economic, housing and leisure and population health strategies.

In Greater Manchester it is estimated that:

- 550,000 people are at risk of developing mental health problems
- 350,000 people experience mild mental health problems
- 150,000 experience moderate problems
- 50,000 experience severe mental illness of whom 20,000 people have persistent or enduring mental illness.

¹ [Joint Strategic Needs Assessment | The Bury Directory](#)

² [Deprivation | The Bury Directory](#)

³ [Cabinet Office \(2018\) Race Disparity Audit - Summary Findings from the Ethnicity Facts and Figures website](#)

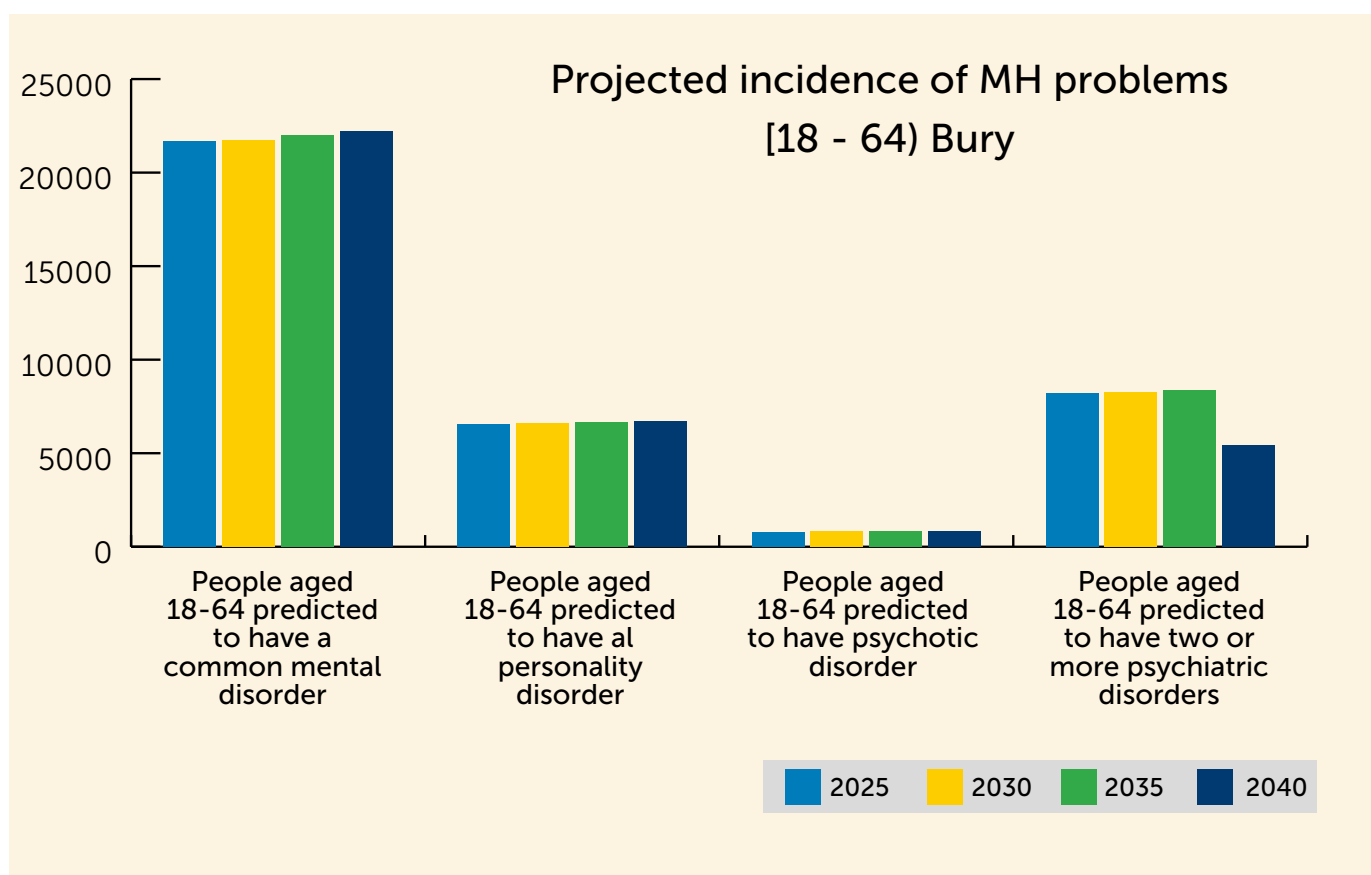
⁴ <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/explore-mental-health/statistics/lgbtiq-people-statistics>

Adults

It is generally reported that around 1 in 4 adults will experience a mental health problem of some kind each year in England⁵ and mental health problems represent the largest single cause of disability in the UK. Since the COVID pandemic it is generally accepted that there has been an increase in demand especially for crisis services with an upward trend in referrals to adult mental health services⁶.

In terms of subjective wellbeing 25.6% of Bury residents report a high anxiety score compared with the England average (22.8%). More than one in eight adults (12.7%) in Bury were recorded on GP practice registers with a diagnosis of depression for 2021/22 (Public Health Profiles) with an upward trend in both incidence and prevalence (Source: OHID Fingertips).

Predictive modelling suggests a projective rise in the incidence of mental health problems in the adult population.



Source: [Projecting Adult Needs and Service Information](#). Based on the report Adult Psychiatric Morbidity Survey: Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing, England, 2014 (2016), NHS Digital

Suicide rates are slightly higher than the England average (persons 10+ years, 2021-23) at 13.3 per 100,000 compared 10.7 for England. The rate for males for the same period (20.4 per 100,000) are significantly higher than for women (6.7 per 100,000). (Source: Fingertips)

⁵ [McManus, S., Meltzer, H., Brugha, T. S., Bebbington, P. E., & Jenkins, R. \(2009\). Adult psychiatric morbidity in England, 2007: results of a household survey.](#)

⁶ Duagi, D., Bell, A., & Obateru, A. (2024) [Covid-19 and the nation's mental health](#), Centre for Mental Health,

Children & Young People

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In Bury this is reflected in an upward trend in the proportion of school pupils with social, emotional and mental health needs with a similar trend but higher proportion than the England average especially in high schools. Bury has comparatively high numbers of referrals into Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services. However, the latest available data shows that in 2022.23 the rate of hospital admissions of children and young people (10 – 24 years) as a result of self harm were broadly similar to the England (Source: OHID, based on NHS England and Office for National Statistics data).

The latest available date indicates that hospital admission rates for mental health conditions (<18 years of age) are similar to the England average with higher admission rates for females compared with males (Source: OHID, based on NHS England and Office for National Statistics data).

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To address these issues, the five-year Greater Manchester Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Children & Young People Joint Forward Delivery Plan outline plans to improve mental health outcomes, support those with mental health issues, and reduce inequalities across the city-region. Particularly for vulnerable groups, including children and young people with Learning Disabilities, Autism^[1], chronic physical health problems, cared for children for care/ care leavers^[2], those involved with the youth justice system^[3], or from families where parents or caregivers have mental health disorders.

7 [Mental Health of Children and Young People in England, 2023 - wave four follow up to the 2017 survey - NHS England Digital](#)

8 [Effect of pandemic on children's wellbeing revealed in new report - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

9 [Damage to children's mental health caused by Covid crisis could last for years without a large-scale increase for children's mental health services | Children's Commissioner for England \(childrenscommissioner.gov.uk\)](#)

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15 <https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/media/9833/census-2021-briefing-children-and-young-people.pdf>

16 [Mental Health Statistics UK | Young People | Young Minds](#)

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Demographic factors which increase the risk of mental health problems include a high proportion of children and young people from the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) community and from a black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) background in Bury.

Although **childhood deprivation in Bury is lower than national and regional averages**, there remain pockets of deprivation including Bury East and Radcliffe. There is, furthermore, a higher proportion of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

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In Bury, according to the Children and Young People Survey 2019, **9% of girls compared with 7% of boys experience mental health and emotional disorders in Bury** (SHEU, 2019).

Historically in Bury, **10.4% of Children and Young People identified as lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender** (LGBT) according to the commissioned Bury School Survey, (SHEU, 2019). This is significantly higher than the ONS estimate for adults identifying as LGBT, which was 1.7% in 2015, (ONS, 2015).

LGBTQ(+) children and young people are at higher risk than heterosexual children and young people of mental health problems, substance misuse and dependence, suicide, and deliberate self-harm (CSIP, 2007). Children and Young People identifying as transgender have higher rates of depression, stress, and anxiety, with transgender people aged under 26 twice as likely to commit suicide (McNeil et al, 2012). This is why we have invested in The Proud Trust, who deliver LGBTQ (+) youth groups.

There is evidence that childhood poverty, in addition to being linked to higher rates of offending, may also lead to premature mortality and poor health outcomes in adulthood. 18.4% of children less than 16 years of age within the borough of Bury are living in childhood poverty a contributing factor to poor health.

Currently in Bury the rate of Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) per head of population in Bury is high with 678 per 10k 4 to 19 year old population, compared to a national average of 527 and a regional average of 566.

Additionally, there are **250 Children and Young People subject to a child protection plan (CPP) either due to abuse and/or neglect.** Children who are the subject of a child protection plan have been identified as at risk of abuse and/or neglect and there is strong evidence to suggest this has a detrimental effect on mental health and wellbeing. (Children & Young People’s Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Plan 22-23)

The latest prevalence study in of children’s mental health states that nationally one in six children and young people aged 5 to 16 years old had at least one type of mental health disorder increasing from one in nine in 2017. Among children of primary school age (5 to 10-year olds), 14.4% had a probable mental disorder in 2020, an increase from 9.4% in 2017. This increase was evident in boys, with the rate rising from 11.5% in 2017 to 17.9% in 2020.¹⁷

For secondary school aged children (11- to 16-year-olds), 17.6% were identified with a probable mental disorder in 2020, an increase from 12.6% in 2017. When looking at the national prevalence for young adults aged 17 to 22, one in five (20.0%) were identified with a probable mental disorder in 2020.Approximately one in four (27.2%) young women were identified with a probable mental disorder, compared with one in eight (13.3%) young men. (Mental Health of Children and Young People in England, 2020)

SUICIDE DATA

The figures below are ‘real time’ figures reported to the Bury Suicide Prevention Group by the local coroner in advance of court proceedings and therefore could change, however they indicate the suspected number of deaths by suicide in Bury over the last 5 years. The data is all age.

	Male	Female	TOTAL
2019	17	3	20
2020	14	3	17
2021	8	2	10
2022	9	2	11
2023	11	4	15

The Bury data reflects the national trend for men being four times more likely to take their own life than a woman.

KEY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The information below provides a snapshot of key services to help inform the current picture of mental health provision in Bury.

Adults

Bury has a plethora of **community mental wellbeing support groups**, such as The Creative Living Centre, Early Break, BIG in mental health, Women of Worth, The Big Fandango, Rammymen, across a range of themes, aimed at different groups and generally with no referral required.

Digital support continues to be offered, including Silver Cloud, Kooth and Qwell, uptake is relatively low, though feedback from those that use it is positive. A blended offer of digital and traditional support will continue to be offered going forward.

NHS Talking Therapies (formerly Healthy Minds) is our local talking therapy service, it offers a stepped care model to people experiencing mild to moderate mental health conditions, as part of the Getting Help support. It receives between 300-400 new referrals each month, waiting times have improved and recovery continues to be good following treatment.

Living Well Bury was launched in 2024, to provide person centred holistic community mental health support for adults experiencing serious mental illness. The service is offering ‘one front’ door and practitioners work as

17 [Mental Health of Children and Young People in England, 2017 \[PAS\] - NHS Digital](#)

part of a multidisciplinary team to connect people to the right support. The team consists of Mental Health Practitioners, Mental Wellbeing Practitioners, Peer Coach's and Link Workers from the voluntary sector. The Living Well team will also connect into wider support from employment advisors, housing workers, social prescribing and substance misuse services.

The **Community Mental Health Team (CMHT)** continues to provide support to people with serious mental illnesses, who have complex needs, as part of the Getting More Help offer. It has an established a Complex Emotional Relational Needs (CERN) service and Early Intervention in Psychosis (EIP) team. The team has several wellbeing support workers and links to the Green Spaces project and Health & Wellbeing College for onward journey support. Dedicated employment support is available under the Individual Placement Support (IPS) scheme. Specialist carers support is also available to people supporting people with a serious mental illness.

The **Older People's Mental Health** teams focus on the needs of the older population, services include a mental health liaison service, crisis support, a community mental health team and inpatient provision. In 2024, the older people's mental health team expanded to offer more tailored support for this cohort.

The Bury Peer Led Crisis Service was launched in 2021 for adults, it continues to provide non-clinical support to those experiencing a mental health crisis in the community, in 2024 the service moved into a new venue on Broad St in Bury town centre and offers prebooked appointments and drop-in support.

Urgent Emergency Care by Appointment was launched in November 2020, it provides a direct option for GP's to refer people in crisis to clinical practitioners at Fairfield Hospital. It receives between 60 and 100 referrals per month to ensure people receive prompt support.

A Mental Health Response Vehicle, in partnership with Greater Manchester Police, is successfully responding to emergency 999 calls in Bury and avoiding unnecessary waits in Accident & Emergency for people in mental health crisis. This specialist team helps on average 50 people per month.



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Bury residents are also supported by specialist mental health services that provide support for military veterans, those with eating disorders, drug & alcohol issues and people with a learning disability.

Children & Young People

The **Bury Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)** team, formerly Healthy Young Minds, is commissioned to support children and young people with moderate to severe mental health issues. Over the last year the service has reported an increase in the number of referrals, particularly for young people in crisis and pressure on waiting lists is increasing. Whilst much work is being undertaken to reduce waiting times, which has seen access to core CAMHS waiting time reducing from 6 months in January 23, to 5 weeks in October 24. There is still significant pressure on neurodevelopmental assessment pathways. Recent insight work has showed that approximately 80% of people waiting on a CAMHS waiting list were for neurodevelopmental assessment.

Over the last years there has been significant investment in CAMHS to expand the offer to 18 years old. As part of this there has also been developments in developing an offer in line with a Thrive aligned approach for Children and Young People who don't have moderate to severe mental health presentations but need earlier support to prevent needs escalating. To support our Bury children and young people there has been a wealth of transformation work being undertaken.

Neurodevelopmental early support offer, as part of the drive to be more needs led in our approach Bury is working closely to develop a suite of evidenced based or innovative interventions to support children with Neurodiversity (ADHD and ASC). Developing a ND hub offer. We have built upon our evidence-based interventions and plans are in place to grow this offer further.

Rise Mental Health Hub

In 2024, a new emotional health and wellbeing service was launched in Bury for young people, aged 5 to 18. The new VCSE and NHS integrated community model was developed to enable services to identify and respond to the emotional health needs of young people earlier. RISE provides a stepped approach to support and offers an increased range

of intervention for those CYP whose needs can be met with Getting Advice and Getting Help support. In addition to existing one to one support, provision has been expanded to include: drop-in sessions, advice and guidance, group-based therapy, and digital support.

Mental Health Support Teams offer and next steps

Implementation of Mental Health Support Teams (MHST) in Bury commenced in September 2023 and will be fully implemented by July 2025. Full implementation will cover 32 schools and colleges in Bury including a special school and a pupil referral unit. Bury MHSTs will reach a total population of 19,064 pupils.

To support MHST education settings to introduce or develop their whole school or college approach, MHST staff have been working with Salford Educational Psychology service

to deliver their Emotionally Friendly Settings (EFS) programme. The programme provides training, resources and planning support to schools to enable a flexible whole-setting approach to improving the emotional health and well-being of their pupils.

To extend their reach into non-MHST schools, a VCSE Whole Education Approach Co-ordinator has been employed to support schools with developing and implementing a whole setting approach to emotional wellbeing. This includes access to the EFS programme and the development of an education setting accreditation process.

Expansion of MHSTs has included additional capacity into the Bury MHST model to do more targeted work around emotional based school avoidance, addressing equalities and participation work. Further expansion is planned for Wave 13 and 14 (25/26) and is currently in the planning phase.

Children & Young People Mental Health Campaign

In 2023, Thriving in Bury along with members of Bury Youth Cabinet recently launched a new mental health campaign with the creation of a digital children and young people's mental health directory. The digital Padlet platform has a noticeboard format and can be accessed via a QR code on mobile phones, which our young people told us they liked and would find easy to use. It provides useful information and resources on local services, youth groups, emotional concerns and issues, national helplines and digital support. In addition to the children and young people's resource, Thriving in Bury digital resources have been co-produced for parents and carers and professionals.

The digital resources were launched alongside a promotional campaign across education settings and in Bury to raise awareness. Promotional materials of outdoor banners, posters, leaflets and business cards were distributed to 82 education settings, children's service and GP Practices across Bury.

The resources and campaign have generated significant interest since their launch across Bury and Greater Manchester, receiving over 3,300 visitors and 4,400 views in the last 12 months

Thriving in Bury for Children and Young People <https://padlet.com/ThriveinBury/YoungPeople>

Thriving in Bury for Parents and Carers <https://padlet.com/ThriveinBury/ParentandCarers>

Last year the children's mental health campaign has been a trailblazer for GM. The coproduction and development of the range of materials and padlets has generated a great deal of interest, padlets data shows us that the padlets are well used with over 3000 users with over 4000 visits.



Digital Resources

Over the year we have increased our myHappyMind offer in Bury inline with what young people have told us. My Happy mind (mHm) is a whole school and nursery curriculum. It teaches children preventative habits that support positive mental health, resilience, and self-esteem. This project consists of 3 aspects:

1. Working with teachers – Teachers learn all the science backed strategies that aim to improve their own wellbeing.
2. Parents - Parents receive a log in to a free app that will go over what their Children are being taught within mHm sessions. This allows parents to reinforce everything their children are learning at school whilst they're at home.
3. Children – mHm curriculum is taught to every child in a school from Early Years through to Year 6. Children will be taught 5 modules that look to help children build resilience, self-esteem, and confidence.

Currently this Emotional wellbeing curriculum pilot is delivered to in primary schools reaching supporting pupils and their families. In response to feedback from

CYP at the Circles of Influence event, mHm have developed a teen emotional wellbeing education programme which bury youth council have been heavily involved in and have named it myMindcoach . In total this expansion will see the programme reach an additional 15,567 children and young people in Bury, to gain tools and understanding of how better to support their wellbeing.

ALL AGE

In August 2024, NHS England launched a **mental health support line as part of the 111 service**, people have access to a 24/7 full package of mental health crisis support through one single phone line. People of all ages, including children, who are in crisis or concerned family and loved ones can now call 111, select the mental health option and speak to a trained mental health professional.

Bury Mental Health Liaison is based at Fairfield Hospital, it supports people presenting to Accident & Emergency in a mental health crisis. In 2024, the service expanded to provide all age 24/7 support. The service works closely with the **Home Treatment Team** to prevent admission and support discharged patients. The team also supports those admitted to medical wards who have mental health needs.

Inpatient wards at Fairfield Hospital, for both adults, older people and children & young people, continue to operate close to full capacity. There is a strong focus on reducing the number of people who are admitted to hospitals outside of the Borough and supporting discharge planning for those who are clinically ready for discharge.

Please refer to the Older People's Market Position Statement for details of dementia care and support.

SUMMARY OF SPEND

The table below provides an overview of the level of investment in Bury to support mental health for adults and older adults.

Type of Spend	Council Expenditure
Residential Care	£3,103,621
Nursing Care	£1,041,868
Supported Living	£3,383,596
Direct Payments / Personal Health Budgets	£1,059,101
Residential Respite Care	£16,269
Care at Home – complex / community support	£3,713
Domiciliary care	£563,857
Employment Support and Training	£4,040
Day Care	£1,624
Advocacy Services	£156,257
Other community services	£19,437
Total for FY2020/21	£12,351,655

Source: Finance data from Bury Council Finance teams as at October 2024

Greater Manchester Integrated Care Board funds mental health services and support in Bury, with an estimated cost of £40m over a 12 month period. The services include community, complex placements, prescribing and continuing healthcare.

The Bury Council figures don't include children's mental health services.

Residential care is provided to around 330 people in relation to mental illness by Bury Council and Greater Manchester Integrated Care Board (GM ICB) – for more details on housing needs with mental health support refer to the Housing Market Position Statement.

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Commissioning Intentions

- **Early intervention and prevention** are key to supporting the wider population to look after their emotional wellbeing. We will continue to work in partnership with community groups to ensure Bury has a strong Coping & Thriving offer to help people manage their own mental wellbeing, maximising grants and funding opportunities.
- Continued development of the **Bury Suicide Prevention Plan** including suicide prevention training.
- The **Living Well Bury** service will continue to grow, reflecting on the new service and moving forward based on learnings from the people supported. Living Well is a model of community care adopted across Greater Manchester. The model will start with core staffing and seek to expand the local team. The vision will be to secure additional funding to establish the full Living Well model.
- Development of the **Bury Early Attachment Service (BEAS)**, recently launched in Bury, will continue to ensure appropriate support is provided to families with young children where mental health and attachment is an issue. Plans include an increase in delivery and broadening of the service to include parents with moderate mental health needs.
- Commissioning a service for adult neuro development assessments is a priority locally.
- Review local **crisis support** to ensure they are efficient, effective and safe. Explore the opportunity to establish mental health crisis accommodation.
- **New supported living schemes** for mental health – work is ongoing to increase the number of supported living units for people with mental health needs, to ensure there is in enough in-borough provision to meet demand over the next 5 to 10 years. Commissioners are progressing two new schemes and care providers will be invited to tender for the care contracts via The Chest in 2025. Information on specific housing needs with mental health support can be found in the Housing Market Position Statement.

CHALLENGES

- **Population increases:** the total Bury population will increase and place additional pressures on all services. In Bury, almost 1 in 4 residents are aged 18 and under, and this is set to increase by 2030. 45,250 people in Bury are between the ages of 0-18 years old, meaning children and young people make up 23.8% of the population.
- **Financial pressures:** demand for health and social care continues to increase yet funding sources are not growing at the same rate, the sector is under pressure to work efficiently and maximise results.
- **Workforce:** pressures on health and care workers during the pandemic has been unprecedented and mental health services, along with many others have struggled to recruit. There is currently a lack of suitable applicants, and this will take time to rectify, Greater Manchester areas are working together on this issue.
- **Increase in demand:** for mental health support because of the pandemic, social and economic pressures. Both adults and children's services have reported increased demand which has resulted in longer waiting times for most services. People have been affected by financial pressures, loneliness, bereavements, and relationship breakdowns. The number of people presenting in crisis has also increased, and people affected by mental health inequalities the situation has been exacerbated by current living pressures.
- **National changes:** to working practices and the introduction of the Greater Manchester Integrated Care System (ICS) in July 2022 has created pressures across Greater Manchester, others will remain the responsibility of local teams to commission, the split for mental health services hasn't yet been defined.

