

Area Priority	Actions	Progress
Working in partnership to address key issues that affect residents emotional and mental wellbeing	Reduce stress caused by financial concerns by providing information and access to advice services	<p>ShARP deliver benefit and money management advice across the Coalfield area and promote their service widely via the VCS Network. Advice on Prescription is currently being delivered in 6 GP surgeries across the area, the Comic Relief funded project is due to end in January 2019. Discussions have taken place with health colleagues in Sunderland CCG and Sunderland Public Health to establish whether financial support can be given to continue the project.</p> <p>Funded by SIB, a partnership project between Springboard and ShARP commenced in July to help people to prepare for Universal Credit. The RU Ready for UC project will complement current provision, work with Sunderland City Council and DWP and respond to local need. A progress report will be given to the November Area Committee</p>
	Reduce isolation and improve social participation in older and vulnerable adults	<p>A number of SIB funded projects to address this issue are being delivered. Leaflets advertising the range of activities and events have been published and circulated widely.</p> <p>The ELCAP community transport service has acquired a third bus and employed a sessional driver to address the high level of demand for the service. During the past year the service has delivered 276 social outings and transport to 88 lunch clubs, for older and vulnerable adults, enabling over 2000 people to take part in events and activities independently.</p>
	Provide access to support for carers	The People Board discussed this priority at the July meeting and invited colleagues from Sunderland Carers Centre to the October meeting to gather further information and discuss local need. Members are gathering data and local intelligence via partners and VCS Network members to inform next steps. A recommendation is given to November Area Committee
Encouraging and supporting local residents to eat healthily and take part in wellbeing activity.	Support children and families during school holiday periods with alternatives to school lunches	A number of organisations across all wards have delivered activities (some including food) during the school summer holidays.
	Support adults to take part in physical activity to improve health	A Call for Projects was made via the VCS Network, and funding applications were assessed and presented to the October People Board for consideration. Recommendations are made to the November 2018 Area Committee.
Increase opportunities to access training and learning to enhance life	Increase digital inclusion in local communities	The SIB funded Coalfield Communities Connected project is a two year project delivered by Springboard and will provide

and employability skills		<p>support to residents in a variety of venues across the Coalfield area. The project is working with 8 local organisations to deliver IT support and training in their venues. In the past 6 months 310 local residents have been supported on a 1-2-1 basis to access computers.</p> <p>The RU Ready for UC project includes working intensely with new UC claimants to support them to manage their benefits and job searches on line.</p>
	Encourage young people to engage with local councillors and develop confidence to present ideas for projects - Continue CAN DO fund. Invite successful applicants to feedback results to People Board	<p>The CAN DO fund is ongoing and has funded five projects in the last year to September 2018. A further round of CAN DO applications was presented to the People Board at the October meeting and two groups were successful in their applications: Flatts Youth Club Bike Project – Hamsterley Ride Kepier Believe Unit – Our Day Out</p>
Support capacity building in local VCS organisations to promote volunteering and collaborative working	Encourage collaborative working amongst local organisations	VCS organisations are encouraged and supported to work in partnership to enhance and develop services across the area. The VCS Network is well attended and is a valuable forum to share information, ideas and resources
	Continue to support and work with volunteers as part of the SIB 'Step up' project	The SIB funded Step Up project continues to be successful in helping local organisations to recruit, train and retain volunteers to support service delivery and social activities. In the quarter July – September 2018 11 new volunteers were recruited, bringing the total to 153 across the duration of the project. A proposal to develop the project to a further phase is presented to the November Area Committee.
Support provision of activities for young people that increase their involvement in community and area events and projects	Develop intergenerational projects to include digital inclusion, befriending and environmental improvements within the community	<p>The Youth Social Action project is working with young people to develop and deliver initiatives in partnership with older people.</p> <p>'From 'Me to You' delivered by Sunderland Carers Centre will work with young people to help them understand isolation and the impact this can have on mental health. The project will provide opportunities for young carers to interact with the older generation using letters as the form of communication. Staff will support the young people for a 6 month period to exchange correspondence.</p>
	Support positive engagement for children and young people to address local issues and provide activities during holiday periods	A number of organisations across all wards have delivered activities (some including food) during the school summer holidays.