



Local Care Direct Health & Wellbeing Fund

Supporting people with improving mental health and wellbeing was a major theme for the Local Care Direct Health and Wellbeing Fund 2021 grants. We believe that keeping the focus of the 2023 round of grants on mental health is the right approach. The legacy of the Covid-19 pandemic combined with the emerging impact of the cost-of-living crisis mean that serious concerns remain about maintaining and improving the mental health and wellbeing of local communities. This is particularly true for the most deprived areas and applies to the wellbeing of children and young people as well as adults.

Key information

- Only organisations that are based in and supporting people in Kirklees are eligible to apply.
- Grants of £3000 - £10,000 are available. Please note we have limited funding available, and we are not able to fund every application we receive.
- Only organisations with an income of up to £500,000 in the most recent financial year can apply for funding.
- The grant can be used to provide up to 12 months of provision.
- The grants should focus on supporting people with health and wellbeing affected by mental health issues, isolation and poverty.
- The work should mostly cover one or more of the 20% most deprived neighbourhoods in the district, you can check your intended areas deprivation score here [Indices of Deprivation 2015 and 2019 \(communities.gov.uk\)](https://www.communities.gov.uk) priority will be given to organisations working in these areas.
- Only one application per organisation can be considered. (If you apply as a named partner in a partnership application you can not apply again as organisation).

Examples of activity/themes that can be funded.

Providing outreach work to encourage people to access services and reduce stigma such as peer support groups, mental health training.

Providing activities to reduce isolation and build connections such as creative projects.

Supporting people that are financially less secure and/or living on a low income, particularly around the Cost-of-Living Crisis such as family support.

Supporting people with diagnosed mental health conditions and/or preventative community support aimed at improving low-level conditions and supporting with stress including activities such as signposting, mental health first aid training.

What can't be funded.

- Activity and costs that have already taken place.
- Activity that promotes a particular political or religious point of view.
- Activity primarily for the benefit of animals.
- Capital appeals for building projects.
- Grant-making to other organisations and/or individuals.
- Applications from individuals.
- Expeditions or overseas travel.
- Organisations that not based and supporting people living in Kirklees.

Who can apply?

- Constituted voluntary and community groups.
- Charities that are registered with the Charity Commission
- Not-for-profit incorporated Community Organisations (You will be registered with the Charity Commission, Companies House or Mutual Public Register (FCA)).

Who can't apply?

- For-profit organisations
- Statutory organisations or activity (e.g., schools and hospitals)
- Overseas organisations.

All organisations, regardless of size and structure, must have:

- At least three Trustees/Directors/Committee Members (whichever is applicable, depending on your organisation's legal structure) who are independent and unrelated. For registered charitable companies (limited companies by guarantee without share capital, CICs and similar) we require a minimum of three unrelated directors, and none should be registered as Persons with Significant Control.
- A governing document e.g., constitution or memorandum and articles of association that show how your group is managed.
- A bank or building society account in the name of your organisation with a minimum of two unrelated authorised signatories on the mandate and transactions requiring authorisation by at least two of those authorised signatories.
- Accounts or a record of income and expenditure for your organisation (if you are a new organisation, you will need to provide a bank statement and a project budget).
- A relevant safeguarding policy, if your organisation works with children or vulnerable adults (you can find free information and advice on writing a safeguarding children policy via Third Sector Leaders [Third Sector Kirklees - Support for Charities and Not-for-Profits in Kirklees \(tslkirklees.org.uk\)](https://www.tslkirklees.org.uk))

You should consider:

Full Cost Recovery, including a relevant portion of management costs and overheads. Download the guide from our website. If you need further help, please contact Third Sector Leaders [Third Sector Kirklees - Support for Charities and Not-for-Profits in Kirklees \(tslkirklees.org.uk\)](https://www.tslkirklees.org.uk)

Paying at least the real Living Wage for any staff.

How to ensure the activity is fully inclusive and accessible for your communities, particularly during the cost-of-living crisis (for example providing transport, food, childcare).

Any relevant insurance (for example for public events), health and safety, food handling and preparation, and other local and national statutory regulations for your activity.