

Since 2011 Fife Forum has been commissioned by the Fife Health & Social Care Partnership to provide Local Area Co-ordination throughout Fife to assist those aged 16+ to identify, source and access supports and resources pertinent to their needs helping to increase resilience, promote inclusion and support well-being. As a small local charity we are proud of our achievements in doing this and of our staff delivering this (past and present), providing many thousands of Fifers with effective interventions which is reflected in our evaluations and the invaluable feedback we receive from service recipients. In 2017 our provision extended to include community-led social prescribing and wider assistance for people within GP Medical Practices in Levenmouth, Glenrothes, Kirkcaldy and Lochgelly. We hope this has been of value to the many people we have supported over the years, however, we regret to advise the Fife Health & Social Care Partnership will no longer be funding this element of our work from July 2025.

The decision by the Fife Health and Social Care Partnership to terminate the Service Level Agreement (SLA) for the GP Cluster component of our service has been both sudden and unexpected, however, Fife Forum is working to minimise and mitigate any disruption this might cause. Moving forward, Fife Forum will continue to provide Local Area Co-ordination for people throughout Fife, however, inevitably our capacity to do this will reduce by 30% which will have ramifications for our ability to maintain a service at existing levels. Where practicable Fife Forum will seek to continue supporting stakeholders and those who self-refer to us, however, please be aware during the coming months our services will be re-configuring to help accommodate change.

In the meantime people can still reach out to Fife Forum via the usual channels and formal referrals can continue to be made via our secure portal on our website <https://www.fifeforum.org.uk/local-area-co-ordinators/referral-form/>

Wayne Mathieson, CEO

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