

Solving the problem together: Health Improvement inspiring and supporting action and change in Lanarkshire. **TOGETHER WE CAN** drive the solutions to end poverty in Lanarkshire and have a sustainable, inclusive economy with equality of outcomes for all.

### Community Health Sites

### Free Period Products

In partnership with North and South Lanarkshire Council, community health premises have been able to supply free period products to the public.



Sites will be evaluated in 22/23 to ensure accessibility for all. We will seek to include hospital (acute) sites and options for staff areas.

### Strategic Actions

### NHS as an Anchor Institution

Anchor institutes are large and locally rooted organisations that can make a big difference to local communities and economies. We have worked with senior managers across NHS Lanarkshire and Health and Social Care Partnerships to benchmark our performance against key anchor pillars and identified short and longer term goals to improve our contribution to the local community and economy.

61 families RHC Project

### Child Poverty

We continue to lead NHS actions to support families around:

- Maximising income from benefits
- Reducing cost of Living
- Employability and Fair Work

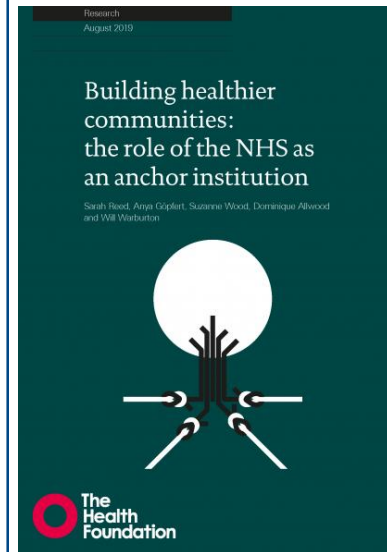
Example: The Royal Hospital for Children money advice project has supported 61 Families across North and South Lanarkshire with a total financial gain of **£281,248.03**



If you get certain benefits or tax credits you may be eligible for Best Start Grant School Age Payment. To apply visit [mygov.scot/beststart](http://mygov.scot/beststart)

ParentClub

Social Security Scotland  
The Scottish Government



### Funding Secured

1. As an employer
2. Through procurement
3. Through Bricks and Mortar
4. Through Service delivery
5. Corporate and Civic actions (leadership/culture/partnerships)

Funding secured for our procurement team to undertake a project with the Supplier Development Programme to engage with Small & Medium Enterprises and diversify the local supply chain.

## Seminars

Living Wage  
Scotland

As an accredited employer, we support Lanarkshire's Living Wage Campaign group. During Living Wage week, we held a seminar for local employers to encourage accreditation and to highlight the health benefits of paying the real living wage.

We also held a Lanarkshire seminar for over 50 community and voluntary sector representatives to introduce a new Community Benefits Gateway to help match NHS suppliers to local community needs. Find out more here:

<https://www.nss.nhs.scot/procurement-and-logistics/sustainability/access-our-community-benefit-gateway/>



### Community Benefits Gateway

We've launched NHS Scotland's Community Benefits Gateway, a new online portal connecting our suppliers with communities.

The Community Benefits Gateway platform matches skills of our suppliers with community needs of Scotland, enabling procurement spend to go even further in improving lives, and creating healthier, and safer communities.

Find out more and register here: <https://bit.ly/3jY1mKw>



We can't tackle poverty in Lanarkshire in isolation. We work closely with clinical services, community planning partners and our communities to take forward community led actions and support.



## Free App

My Life  
My Money

A free app is available for NHS Staff to download to help to signpost patients to relevant money, debt and housing advice. For more information please visit:

<https://www.nhslanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk/services/financial-inclusion/>

You can also find details of local money advice teams here:

<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/benefits-and-money/money-advice>

[https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200150/managing\\_your\\_money/1850/money\\_matters\\_advice\\_service](https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200150/managing_your_money/1850/money_matters_advice_service)

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