

A nighttime photograph of a town square. In the background, a large brick building with a clock tower is illuminated. The clock tower has a large clock face and is lit up. To the right, a tall, modern light pole with multiple lights is visible. In the foreground, a fountain with several jets of water is lit up with colorful lights (blue, purple, red, and white). The square is paved with cobblestones.

Draft V1.2 for SBC Review post MIRB

Adult Social Care Strategy

2026 - 30

Ref	Author	Outcome	Date
1.0	Rob Papworth/ MIRB	Priorities agreed in principle. Need some refining. Context, forward and statistics to be revised and updated. Will need “live” examples to bring it to life. Video version. Re draft and take to ASC for further governance.	02/10/25
1.1	Rob Papworth	Revised based on the above. Copy for DASS / Cabinet member discussion for amendment and engagement with ASH / Place subcommittee.	10/10/25
1.2	Rob Papworth	Updated.	13/10/25

Forward

Pauline Beall, Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Social Care

(draft for review – Not agreed by Cabinet Member)



Carolyn Nice, Director of Adults, Health & Wellbeing

(draft for review – not agreed by DASS)



Adult Social Care Context

How the Strategy sits alongside local, regional and national policy

What is Adult Social Care?

Adult Social Care in Stockton on Tees covers a wide range of activities to help people live independently, support wellbeing and help people to stay safe. It can include:

- supporting people within their own homes, also known as care at home or domiciliary care
- supported accommodation, which is housing that has an element of on-site support, such as Housing with Care or Supported Living Schemes
- support in day centres which offer recreational or community activities
- 24-hour care provided in residential and nursing homes
- services that help people to retain or regain their skills and confidence after a period of illness or hospital stay, such as reablement or rehabilitative services
- providing assistive technology, aids and adaptations for people to use in their homes
- providing information and advice and preventative services to help people stay safe and well and independent for longer
- providing support to unpaid carers in our communities
- supporting people to engage in work, training, education or volunteering and to socialise with family and friends
- providing safeguarding services for people with care and support needs who may be at risk of abuse, neglect or harm

Context

The Councils Stockton on Tees Adult Social Care Strategy 2026 -30 builds upon the Stockton Council Plan 2024 and the priority “*Healthy and Resilient Communities*” and focuses on what we want to achieve for the people, carers and families we support.

Our areas for focus have been widely influenced by the view of citizens, local priorities and national changes. Evidence from our quality assurance and performance work has highlighted the areas where we need to improve.



Adult Social Care is responsible for carrying out duties under legislation such as the Care Act 2014 and we are inspected by the Care Quality Commission (CQC). Adult Social Care was rated as xxx by the CQC in 2025.

Specific action plans will ensure we deliver the outcomes set out in this document and it is further supported by other strategic plans such as Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2025 - 30, Fairer Stockton Framework, Community Safety Strategy and the Adult Social Care Workforce Development Strategy.

A key ambition in this strategy is to enlist the support of the community, including those we work with, to achieve our vision. Adult Social Care is committed to developing co-production and will continue to work with the Making it Real Board to realise this ambition and will ensure a Local Account is produced annually that provides a clear overview and reflection of the work Stockton on Tees Borough Council’s Adult Social Care and Health Directorate has delivered each year.

Our Borough

What do we know about living in Stockton on Tees for those people who need care and support

To include:

Population demographics and health inequalities data.

ASC stats. Highlight some of the key challenges.

Include some of our key LAIR data set here.

MIRB suggests 6 -10 key statistics. Presentation. Visual.

Corporate to complete. JW reviewing

Priority 1: Working with People

Our Ambitions:

- Ensure people receive a timely assessment of their care and support needs
- Continue to develop early intervention services and outreach support, including community-based activities to prevent isolation.
- Help people stay independent and avoid long-term care where possible. Reablement services will be focused on promoting wellbeing, confidence, and independence.
- Provide information and advice that is easy to find and accessible to all
- Continue to invest in valuing and supporting carers in unpaid caring roles and will continue work with them to understand their concerns and priorities.

Priority 2: Providing Support

Our Ambitions:

- Providing suitable housing and accommodation for people with care and support needs.
- Continue to work with the wider market and ensure consistent quality of care being delivered.
- Ensuring the care market has sufficient capacity and is sustainable.
- Ensure that co-production is embedded in all that we do when designing and commissioning services, including policy updates and new strategies.

Priority 3: Keeping people safe

Our Ambitions:

- We will keep adults safe from harm
- Enhance the support and process for young people in their transition into adult services
- Work with people and listen to their feedback on the process and outcomes and continue to improve their experiences around safety.

Priority 4: Leadership

Our Ambitions:

- Capture the voice of the person who uses services to support people who enable them to have an active role in informing the current and future delivery of adult social care
- Delivering person-centred and strengths-based practice.
- Ensure all people who provide care and support are competent and well trained.
- Technology is used to as an enabler to deliver effective and efficient ways of working and people are supported to use it.
- Improve the use of data / intelligence used in commissioning decisions.
- Work with the NHS services to improve care and ensure people get the care they need quickly and easily.