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£15 million funding for Year Seven of the Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund for adults - 2027/28.

I am pleased to inform you that a further £15 million will be invested in the Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund for adults for a seventh year of the Fund in 2027/28.

Jenny Gilruth, Deputy First Minister will be announcing this funding on 8 July during a visit to Lucky Ewe Farm in Cupar, a charity that provides outdoor work placements and volunteering opportunities to help enhance participants' mental health and wellbeing.

The Communities Fund, which has seen £99 million invested to date, supports grassroots community groups in tackling social isolation, loneliness and mental health inequalities.

Detailed reporting data for the first four years of the Fund shows that around 6,100 grants have been awarded to a diverse range of grassroots community projects including those based around peer support, physical activity, arts and crafts activities, social interaction and befriending. There is a strong emphasis on the key themes of prevention and early intervention, suicide prevention and addressing social isolation running throughout.

The Fund continues to prioritise 'at risk' groups such as people facing socio economic disadvantage, people with a long term health condition or disability, older people and LGBTIQ+ communities.

It has also been included as a commitment within the [Bringing Hope Building Futures Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan 2026-2031](#) given the strong links between poor mental health and poverty.

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The seventh year of funding will directly support our commitment to increase our focus on prevention and early intervention as part of a whole system approach to mental health and wellbeing in Scotland.

This early notification of funding will provide security and stability for our Third Sector partners, enabling them to better plan for the future and make the most of their resources.

I would be grateful if you could bring the additional funding to the attention of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee.

Yours sincerely,



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