

# REVISING THE NORTH LOCALITY PLAN

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION

### DRAFT NORTH LOCALITY PLAN 2026-36



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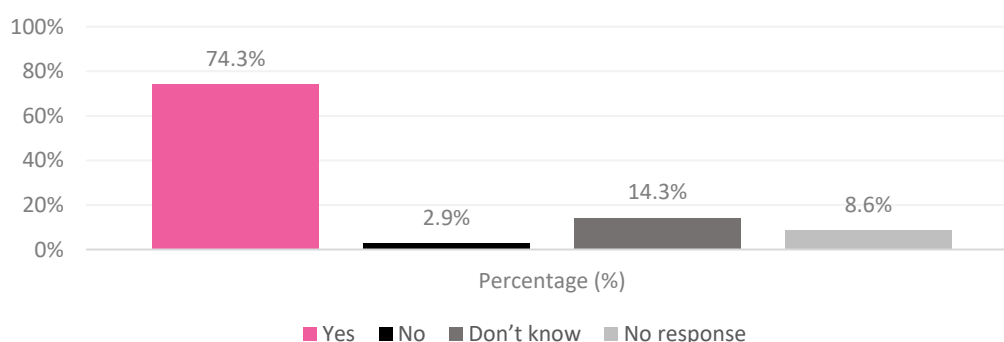
The below section details the findings from the *North Locality Plan 2026-2036*, part of the wider *Aberdeen 2036 Consultation: Help Finalise Our Plans*. This consultation's purpose was to gain feedback from Aberdeen City people on Community Planning Aberdeen's draft Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) 2026-36, North, South and Central Locality Plans 2026-36 and Children's Services Plan 2026-31. Responses were submitted online using Commonplace or by paper survey. The consultation opened on 16 February 2026 and closed on 20 March 2026. The *North Locality Plan 2026-2036* received 35 responses. There are five target areas, each with priorities and proposed actions. The consultation also asked for feedback on gaps in the plan's priorities. For each priority, proposed action and missing gaps in priorities section, there were comments boxed where participants could expand on their answers. These have been summarised and grouped using Microsoft co-pilot. A majority of respondents agree with all priorities and proposals except for 'create more art for our greenspaces'.

## Children, Families and Lifelong Learning

### 1. Do you support our priority to widen low cost access to learning creativity and safe active living? (Base = 35)

| Response    | Count | Percentage (%) |
|-------------|-------|----------------|
| Yes         | 26    | 74.3           |
| No          | 1     | 2.9            |
| Don't know  | 5     | 14.3           |
| No response | 3     | 8.6            |

### Do you support our priority to widen low cost access to learning creativity and safe active living?



If respondents had answered 'no' to the above, they were asked to tell us why (free text box). A total of 1 comment was received as summarised below:

- **Opposition to Net Zero Focus:** The respondent expresses disagreement with what they describe as an excessive focus on net zero, viewing it as the primary driver behind the issue being consulted on.

## 2. Do you support the proposed actions to achieve our goals, in addition to existing services? (Base = 35)

| Proposal                                                                                                                                                          | Yes (%) | No (%) | Don't know (%) | No response (%) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|----------------|-----------------|
| Create more opportunities for Additional Support<br>Need family members to participate and learn to become independent                                            | 74.3    | 5.7    | 11.4           | 8.6             |
| Greater promotion of healthy eating in primary schools to help pupils identify, taste, and learn how to make different things with different fruit and vegetables | 88.6    | 2.9    | 0              | 8.6             |
| Designate space for graffiti and free art walls for murals                                                                                                        | 51.4    | 22.9   | 17.1           | 8.6             |
| Reintroduce proficiency tests for cyclists to encourage safe cycling from an early age                                                                            | 82.9    | 2.9    | 5.7            | 8.6             |
| Intergenerational group on accessing musical instruments and tuition for wellbeing and lifelong learning                                                          | 71.4    | 8.6    | 11.4           | 8.6             |
| Organise community events and groups to support men and teenage boy's mental health and wellbeing                                                                 | 77.1    | 8.6    | 5.7            | 8.6             |
| Create a platform to celebrate young people's skills and achievements                                                                                             | 68.6    | 5.7    | 14.3           | 11.4            |
| Provide information to help parents and carers swap school uniforms to save money                                                                                 | 77.1    | 2.9    | 11.4           | 8.6             |
| Increase opportunities for relaxed youth work                                                                                                                     | 74.3    | 5.7    | 14.3           | 5.7             |

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| which is not provided<br>by uniformed services |  |  |  |  |
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If respondents had answered 'no' to the above, they were asked to tell us why (free text box). A total of 4 comments were received. Below is a summary of the themes raised:

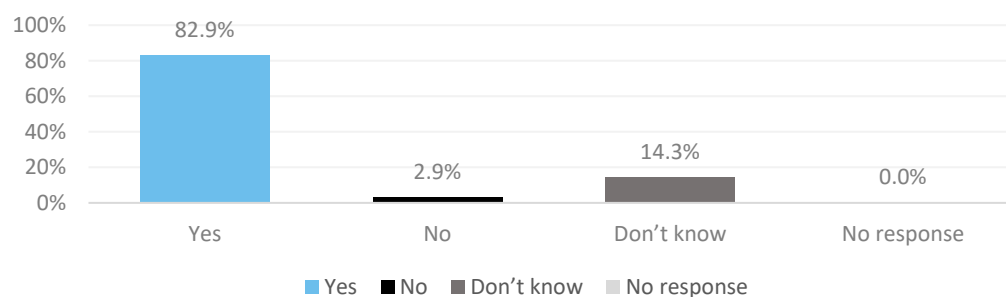
- **Visual impact of graffiti** – Comments state that graffiti is unpleasant to see in many areas, with a view that organised street art such as Nuart is of a higher standard.
- **Perceived encouragement of further graffiti** – Some respondents believe that allowing graffiti leads to more graffiti and contributes to a sense of area decline.
- **General opposition to graffiti** – There are clear statements opposing graffiti on walls in any form.
- **Use of public funding and alternatives** – Concerns are raised about spending public money to encourage graffiti, alongside suggestions to support murals and professional artists instead.

## Economic Stability

**1. Do you support our priorities to (1) Reduce the number of people living in poverty and (2) Support local employers to find staff?** (Base = 35)

| Response    | Count | Percentage (%) |
|-------------|-------|----------------|
| Yes         | 29    | 82.9           |
| No          | 1     | 2.9            |
| Don't know  | 5     | 14.3           |
| No response | 0     | 0.0            |

**Do you support our priorities to (1) Reduce the number of people living in poverty and (2) Support local employers to find staff?**



If respondents had answered 'no' to the above, they were asked to tell us why (free text box). A total of 2 comments were received. Below is a summary of the themes raised:

- **Support for reducing poverty** - Support was expressed for efforts to reduce the number of people living in poverty.
- **Clarity of definitions** - The need for clearer definition of the term "living in poverty" was raised to support effective decision-making.
- **Effective and sustainable use of resources** - Emphasis was placed on using funding appropriately to achieve sustainable outcomes.
- **Budgeting and financial skills** - Concern was noted that many people lack budgeting skills to manage the money they have.

**2. Do you support the proposed actions to achieve our goals, in addition to existing services?** (Base = 35)

| Proposal                                                                                                              | Yes (%) | No (%) | Don't know (%) | No response (%) |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|----------------|-----------------|
| Deliver skill building workshops and more work experience opportunities to strengthen employability                   | 97.1    | 0.0    | 0.0            | 0.0             |
| Increase intergenerational learning opportunities such as 'Try out the trades'                                        | 91.4    | 0.0    | 5.7            | 2.9             |
| Deliver a North Locality Jobs Fayre                                                                                   | 68.6    | 8.6    | 22.9           | 0.0             |
| Roll out Cash First scheme to maximise income of people really struggling with cost of living                         | 51.4    | 8.6    | 37.1           | 2.9             |
| Post current opportunities on job noticeboards in community venues across the wider Northfield priority neighbourhood | 71.4    | 8.6    | 17.1           | 2.9             |
| Increase access to healthy, community grown food                                                                      | 85.7    | 5.7    | 8.6            | 0.0             |

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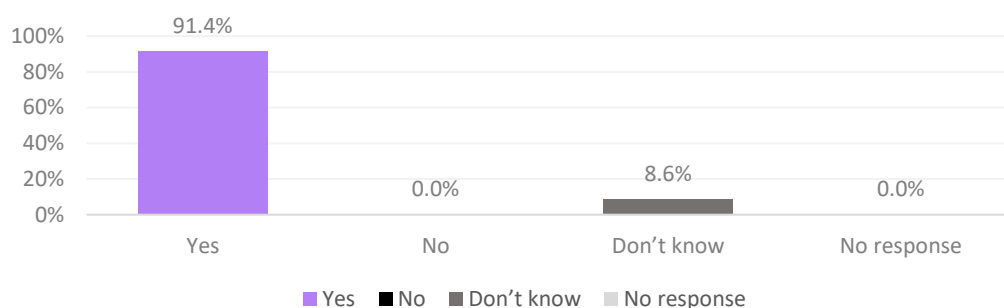
- **Lack of clarity** – Respondents indicate they do not understand what is being proposed.
- **Geographic focus** – Questions are raised about why the proposal applies only to Northfields.
- **Access to community-grown food** – Uncertainty is expressed about how access to community-grown food would work, with a need for clarification.

## Communities and Housing

**1. Do you support our priority to increase the number of people and groups involved in making improvements and decisions in their community?** (Base = 35)

| Response    | Count | Percentage (%) |
|-------------|-------|----------------|
| Yes         | 32    | 91.4           |
| No          | 0     | 0.0            |
| Don't know  | 3     | 8.6            |
| No response | 0     | 0.0            |

**Do you support our priority to increase the number of people and groups involved in making improvements and decisions in their community?**



If respondents had answered 'no' to the above, they were asked to tell us why (free text box). However, a total of 0 comments were received.

**2. Do you support the proposed actions to achieve our goals, in addition to existing services?** (base = 35)

| Proposal                                                                                                                                      | Yes (%) | No (%) | Don't know (%) | No response (%) |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|----------------|-----------------|
| Provide more outdoor recreational equipment such as outdoor gyms                                                                              | 77.1    | 8.6    | 11.4           | 2.9             |
| Support communities to hold more community galas and neighbourhood picnics                                                                    | 74.3    | 5.7    | 17.1           | 2.9             |
| Set up local Tool Shed Libraries                                                                                                              | 80.0    | 2.9    | 17.1           | 0.0             |
| Base as many key services all under one roof i.e. post office, pharmacy, community centre - close to schools and housing. Increase wraparound | 80.0    | 0.0    | 17.1           | 2.9             |

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| support for local people                                                                                         |      |      |      |     |
| Support communities to set up neighbourhood groups with a focus on community safety                              | 94.3 | 5.7  | 0.0  | 0.0 |
| Support funding applications and encourage cross neighbourhood funding applications from community groups        | 71.4 | 5.7  | 20.0 | 2.9 |
| Set up forums to facilitate community conversations between New Scots, asylum seekers, refugees and local people | 57.1 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 2.9 |

If respondents had answered 'no' to the above, they were asked to tell us why (free text box). A total of 6 comments were received. Below is a summary of the themes raised:

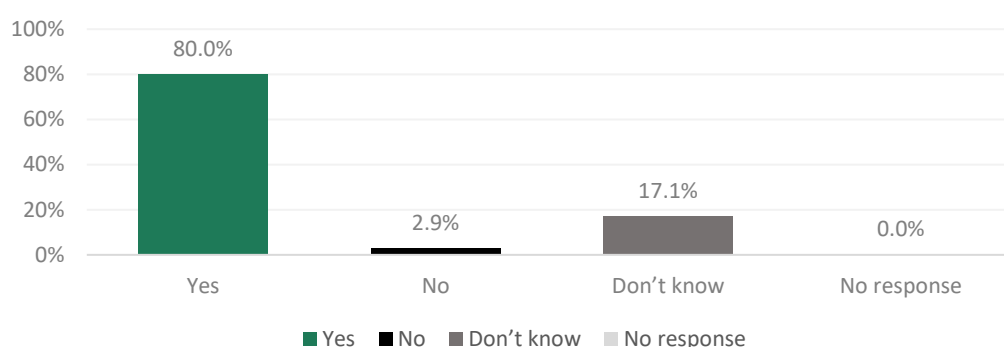
- **Local Participation:** Views that community conversations should involve only local residents, with an expectation that people new to Aberdeen integrate and that people born and raised locally should be prioritised.
- **Demographics and Immigration:** Comments expressing concern about demographic change in Aberdeen
- **Proposal Viability:** Doubts about the likely success and practicality of proposed initiatives, including concerns about outdoor gyms being unsuitable for the local climate and scepticism about new ideas more generally.
- **Safety and Inclusivity:** Concerns about participation in forums where the background of attendees is unclear, references to a predominance of men, and the need to prioritise safety for all participants.

## Neighbourhood and Environment

### 1. Do you support our priority maximise the use of outdoor space? (Base = 35)

| Response    | Count | Percentage (%) |
|-------------|-------|----------------|
| Yes         | 28    | 80.0           |
| No          | 1     | 2.9            |
| Don't know  | 6     | 17.1           |
| No response | 0     | 0.0            |

#### Do you support our priority maximise the use of outdoor space?



If respondents had answered 'no' to the above, they were asked to tell us why (free text box). A total of 2 comments were received. Below is a summary of the themes raised:

- **Definition of "Maximise Use":** Uncertainty about what is meant by the term "maximise use" and how it is being applied.
- **Availability of Outdoor Space:** The view that there is not a shortage of outdoor or open spaces, with reference to existing open areas in Aberdeen and the surrounding area.
- **Impact of Development on Open Spaces:** Concern that development on existing parks and natural areas has reduced available open space, with specific reference to sites such as the beach park and St Fitticks Park in Torry.

### 2. Do you support the proposed actions to achieve our goals, in addition to existing services? (Base = 35)

| Proposal                                                                      | Yes (%) | No (%) | Don't know (%) | No response (%) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|----------------|-----------------|
| Support communities to improve local areas through litter picks and clean ups | 88.6    | 5.7    | 2.9            | 2.9             |
| Improve access to play parks, equipment, and                                  | 88.6    | 0.0    | 8.6            | 2.9             |

|                                          |      |      |      |     |
|------------------------------------------|------|------|------|-----|
| greenspaces for people with disabilities |      |      |      |     |
| Create more art for our greenspaces      | 48.6 | 20.0 | 28.6 | 2.9 |

If respondents had answered 'no' to the above, they were asked to tell us why (free text box). A total of 3 comments were received. Below is a summary of the themes raised:

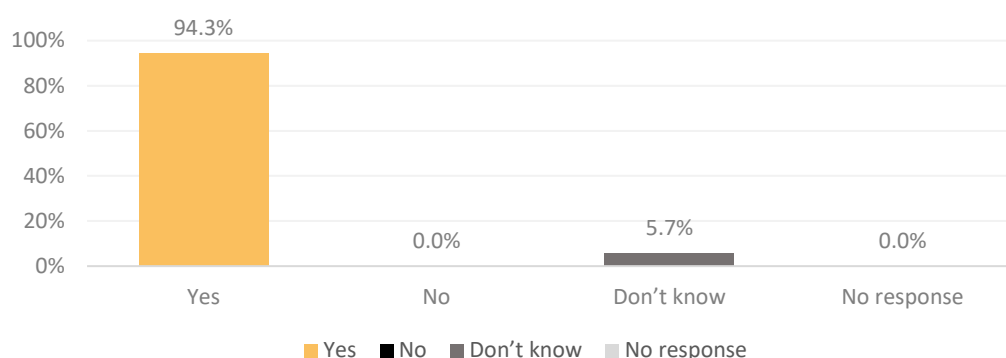
- **Use of Community Service Workers** - Comments suggested involving community service workers in activities as a way for them to give back to the community.
- **Art in Greenspaces** - Respondents raised the need to define what is meant by art in greenspaces, with murals mentioned as a possible example.
- **Investment Priorities and Accessibility** - Comments stated that investment should focus on the needs of the majority rather than the most vocal groups, using a pragmatic and fair approach. It was noted that while disability access to play parks is important, making every park fully accessible may not be cost-effective.

## Health and Social Care

### 1. Do you support our priority to improve the physical health and wellbeing of people? (Base = 35)

| Response    | Count | Percentage (%) |
|-------------|-------|----------------|
| Yes         | 33    | 94.3           |
| No          | 0     | 0.0            |
| Don't know  | 2     | 5.7            |
| No response | 0     | 0.0            |

#### Do you support our priority to improve the physical health and wellbeing of people?



If respondents had answered 'no' to the above, they were asked to tell us why (free text box). A total of 1 comment were received. Below is a summary of the themes raised:

- **Support for Those in Need:** Support is considered appropriate for people in poverty or those unable to help themselves. The view that it is not the State's responsibility to help every individual and that the majority of the public are seen as capable of helping themselves.
- **Concern About Over-Intervention:** Questioning whether state support risks creating a "nanny state."

### 2. Do you support the proposed actions to achieve our goals, in addition to existing services? (Base = 35)

| Proposal                                                                                                      | Yes (%) | No (%) | Don't know (%) | No response (%) |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|----------------|-----------------|
| Establish a Northfield Health Matters Network to provide mobile health services for the wider Northfield area | 62.9    | 11.4   | 22.9           | 2.9             |

|                                                                                                                     |      |     |      |     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----|------|-----|
| Recruit more volunteers to take people to GP appointments                                                           | 60.0 | 5.7 | 31.4 | 2.9 |
| More chair based sessions in communities catering for children and young people with disabilities and special needs | 74.3 | 8.6 | 14.3 | 2.9 |

If respondents had answered 'no' to the above, they were asked to tell us why (free text box). A total of 1 comment were received. Below is a summary of the themes raised:

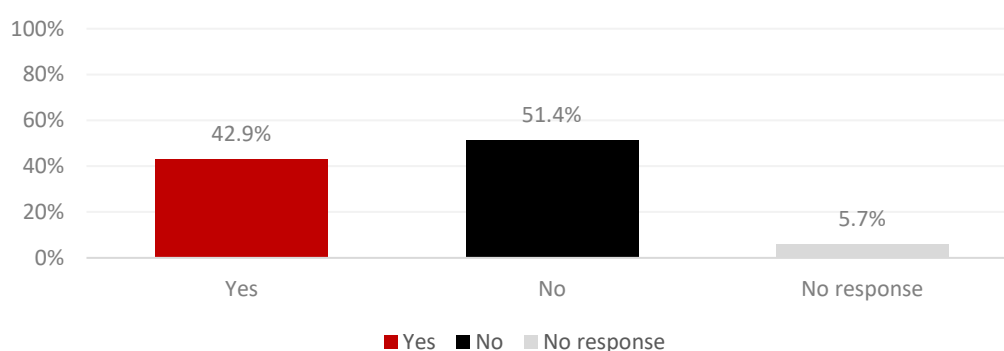
- **Focus on Northfield:** A question was raised about the rationale for focusing solely on Northfield.

## Gaps in Priorities

### 1. Do you believe there are any important issues which are not covered by our priorities? (Base = 35)

| Response    | Count | Percentage (%) |
|-------------|-------|----------------|
| Yes         | 15    | 42.9           |
| No          | 18    | 51.4           |
| No response | 2     | 5.7            |

#### Do you believe there are any important issues which are not covered by our priorities?



If respondents had answered 'no' to the above, they were asked to tell us why (free text box). A total of 15 comments were received. Below is a summary of the themes raised:

- **Green and open spaces:** Protection of existing green and open spaces, recognising their mental health benefits, and provision of safe outdoor spaces for children of all ages.
- **Support for older and vulnerable people:** Increased support for older people, including day centres and home-care services, and recognition of an ageing population. Requests also included support groups for neurodivergent adults.
- **Roads and infrastructure:** Concerns about the condition of roads, including potholes and maintenance, and the impact on safety, active travel, and general accessibility.
- **Community facilities and basic services:** Emphasis on maintaining existing facilities to an appropriate standard and ensuring basic services are delivered effectively.
- **Health and access to services:** Concerns about health issues such as obesity and the need for better access to GP and local health services.

- **Food growing and allotments:** Requests for more allotments or local growing spaces to enable residents to grow food and help address food poverty.
- **Community safety and antisocial behaviour:** Concerns about antisocial behaviour, environmental issues, and the need for effective policing and community engagement to improve safety and trust.
- **Governance and transparency:** Requests for clearer communication, transparency about council plans, and accessible mechanisms for reporting and addressing local issues.
- **Uncertainty or no clear view:** Some respondents indicated uncertainty or felt they needed more time to consider the question.

**2. Do you think that the proposals set out in the plan could have any potential negative impacts on any groups of people with reference to the listed protected characteristics? (Base = 35)**

| Response                       | Yes (%) | No (%) | No response (%) |
|--------------------------------|---------|--------|-----------------|
| Age                            | 8.6     | 85.7   | 5.7             |
| Disability                     | 2.9     | 91.4   | 5.7             |
| Gender reassignment            | 5.7     | 82.9   | 11.4            |
| Marriage and Civil Partnership | 5.7     | 85.7   | 8.6             |
| Pregnancy and Maternity        | 5.7     | 85.7   | 8.6             |
| Race                           | 2.9     | 88.6   | 8.6             |
| Religion or Belief             | 5.7     | 85.7   | 8.6             |
| Sex                            | 5.7     | 85.7   | 8.6             |
| Sexual orientation             | 5.7     | 82.9   | 11.4            |

If respondents had answered ‘yes’ to the above, they were asked to tell us which negative impacts they could identify (free text box). A total of 5 comments were received. Below is a summary of the themes raised:

- **Age and Inclusion:** Concerns that proposals prioritise younger people and “new Scots,” potentially disenfranchising older residents and excluding those who are not digitally literate.
- **Religion:** Call for greater emphasis on Christianity, with concern about the ending of traditional practices such as school nativity plays.
- **Moral Clarity:** Views that current approaches make it more difficult to distinguish between right and wrong.
- **Family Structure:** Objection to a perceived agenda that is seen as undermining the traditional nuclear family of a man and a woman with children.

**3. Are there any system changes which you are interested in getting directly involved with? (Base = 35)**

| Response    | Count | Percentage (%) |
|-------------|-------|----------------|
| Yes         | 5     | 14.3           |
| No          | 25    | 71.4           |
| No response | 5     | 14.3           |

If respondents had answered 'yes' to the above, they were asked to tell us which change they want to get involved with (free text box). A total of 9 comments were received.

## North Respondents Demographics

| Sex                                                           | Count | Percentage (%) | Aberdeen City (%)  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------|--------------------|
| Man                                                           | 15    | 42.9           | 49.0               |
| Woman                                                         | 16    | 45.7           | 51.0               |
| Non-binary                                                    | 0     | 0.0            |                    |
| Prefer not to say                                             | <5    | 5.7            |                    |
| Missing                                                       | <5    | 5.7            |                    |
|                                                               |       |                |                    |
| Age Group                                                     | Count | Percentage (%) | Aberdeen City (%)  |
| Under 16                                                      | 0     | 0.0            | 16.3               |
| 16-24                                                         | 0     | 0.0            | 12.2               |
| 25-34                                                         | <5    | 5.7            | 15.6               |
| 35-44                                                         | 5     | 14.3           | 15.0               |
| 45-54                                                         | <5    | 11.4           | 12.0               |
| 55-64                                                         | 10    | 28.6           | 11.7               |
| 65-74                                                         | 8     | 22.9           | 9.2                |
| 75-84                                                         | -     | -              | 5.8                |
| 85+                                                           | <5    | 11.4           | 2.2                |
| Prefer not to say                                             | 0     | 0.0            |                    |
| Missing                                                       | <5    | 5.7            |                    |
|                                                               |       |                |                    |
| Sexual orientation                                            | Count | Percentage (%) | Aberdeen City (%)  |
| Gay or Lesbian                                                | 0     | 0.0            | 1.9                |
| Straight/Heterosexual                                         | <5    | 11.4           | 87.3               |
| Bisexual                                                      | 0     | 0.0            | 2.6                |
| Prefer not to say                                             | <5    | 8.6            | 7.5                |
| Missing                                                       | 28    | 80.0           |                    |
|                                                               |       |                |                    |
| Do you consider yourself to be trans or have a trans history? | Count | Percentage (%) | Aberdeen City (%)  |
| Yes                                                           | 0     | 0.0            | 0.6                |
| No                                                            | 32    | 91.4           | 94.3               |
| Prefer not to say                                             | <5    | 2.9            | 5.1                |
| Missing                                                       | <5    | 5.7            |                    |
|                                                               |       |                |                    |
| Ethnicity                                                     | Count | Percentage (%) | Aberdeen City (%)  |
| Asian/Asian British                                           | 0     | 0.0            | 5.8                |
| Black/African/Caribbean/Black British                         | 0     | 0.0            | 4.3                |
| Mixed/Multiple – Other                                        | 0     | 0.0            | 1.8                |
| White - English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/ British        | 30    | 85.7           | 75.2               |
| White - Gypsy or Irish Traveller                              | 0     | 0.0            | 0.1                |
| White – Other                                                 | <5    | 2.9            | 10.4               |
| Prefer not to say                                             | <5    | 8.6            |                    |
| Missing                                                       | <5    | 2.9            |                    |
|                                                               |       |                |                    |
| Legal marital status                                          | Count | Percentage (%) | Aberdeen City (%)* |
| Married/Civil Partnership                                     | 18    | 51.4           | 39.5               |

|                                                                |              |                       |                          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Single                                                         | 6            | 17.14                 | 60.5                     |
| Prefer not to say                                              | 5            | 14.3                  |                          |
| Missing                                                        | 6            | 17.1                  |                          |
|                                                                |              |                       |                          |
| <b>Religion</b>                                                | <b>Count</b> | <b>Percentage (%)</b> | <b>Aberdeen City (%)</b> |
| None                                                           | 13           | 37.1                  | 58.0                     |
| Buddhist                                                       | 0            | 0.0                   | 0.5                      |
| Christian                                                      | 5            | 14.3                  | 7.5                      |
| Church of Scotland                                             | 9            | 25.7                  | 14.6                     |
| Roman Catholic                                                 | <5           | 5.7                   | 8.6                      |
| Hindu                                                          | 0            | 0.0                   | 1.3                      |
| Jewish                                                         | 0            | 0.0                   | 0.1                      |
| Muslim                                                         | <5           | 2.9                   | 2.9                      |
| Sikh                                                           | 0            | 0.0                   | 0.1                      |
| Humanist                                                       | 0            | 0.0                   | -                        |
| Pagan                                                          | 0            | 0.0                   | 0.4                      |
| Other Religion or Belief                                       | 0            | 0.0                   | 0.3                      |
| Prefer not to say                                              | 3            | 8.6                   | 5.8                      |
| Missing                                                        | <5           | 5.7                   |                          |
|                                                                |              |                       |                          |
| <b>Day to day activities limited</b>                           | <b>Count</b> | <b>Percentage (%)</b> | <b>Aberdeen City (%)</b> |
| Yes                                                            | 8            | 22.9                  | 24.1                     |
| No                                                             | 24           | 68.6                  | 75.9                     |
| Prefer not to say                                              | <5           | 5.7                   |                          |
| Missing                                                        | <5           | 2.9                   |                          |
|                                                                |              |                       |                          |
| <b>Look after someone or provide support</b>                   | <b>Count</b> | <b>Percentage (%)</b> | <b>Aberdeen City (%)</b> |
| Yes                                                            | 5            | 14.3                  | 8.7                      |
| No                                                             | 25           | 71.4                  | 91.3                     |
| Prefer not to say                                              | <5           | 2.9                   |                          |
| Missing                                                        | <5           | 11.4                  |                          |
|                                                                |              |                       |                          |
| <b>Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) Quintiles</b> | <b>Count</b> | <b>Percentage (%)</b> | <b>Aberdeen City (%)</b> |
| Quintile 1 (most deprived)                                     | <5           | 8.6                   | 10.1                     |
| Quintile 2                                                     | 5            | 14.3                  | 22.4                     |
| Quintile 3                                                     | <5           | 2.9                   | 16.0                     |
| Quintile 4                                                     | 5            | 14.3                  | 14.4                     |
| Quintile 5 (least deprived)                                    | 10           | 28.6                  | 37.1                     |
| Missing                                                        | 11           | 31.4                  |                          |

\* 'single' includes separated, divorced, widowed and never married