Projects:

1. Garden (AMH (Adult Mental Health) commissioned service)

1a. Garden (PTSD Stabilisation for Tamil asylum seekers (SLaM funded))

2. Sow & Grow (Dementia commissioned service)

3. Art & Craft (AMH service)

4. Growing Lives (Work and qualification based AMH service)

Supplementary weekly activities include: Tai Chi/Mindfullness, Counselling, Craft Workshops, Community lunches and Choir.
Garden

Outcomes measured for 48 participants per 12 months:

1. Improved Mental Health
2. Improved Social Inclusion
3. Improved Independence

“\[quote\] I had become completely shut off from friends, I found it very hard to trust and have patience. You have provided me with a grounded, non-judgemental, safe place. You have allowed me to get to know people again and spend time with people. You have restored my faith in humanity. \[/quote\]
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Outcomes measured for 24 participants per 6 months:

1. Improved or maintained cognitive function
2. Improved ability to undergo physical activity
3. Improved Independence
4. Improvements in wellbeing

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Considerations:

1: National/Local strategy vs aims and objectives

2: Relational, yet transient

3: Reactive