



**Sheffield First Health and Well-being Partnership
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Presentation/Paper Title	LAA Healthy Communities Progress Report – Developing an Enhanced Public Health Focus for Communities of Interest
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Purpose of Paper	To update the Partnership on progress in developing the LAA enhanced public health focus for Communities of Interest
Key Decisions for SFHW	Paper for information only
Related Objective/Priority of the Health and Well-being 2010 Strategy	
Objective 1. To develop a strategic approach to public health	
Priority 1.1. Development and Delivery of Enhanced Public Health Programmes	
(Up to) Five Key Points of Paper	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Healthy Communities Section of the LAA sets out a commitment to developing an enhanced public health focus on communities of interest • Six priority communities of interest have been identified with work having commenced for the first of these, BME communities • This work is being taken forward through ‘health needs assessments’ for the identified communities • This process will inform the neighborhood enhanced public health programmes and challenge existing city-wide policy and practice • There is a need to identify the necessary resources required to implement this work 	
How does this work support the reduction of health inequalities?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This work is specifically intended to reduce the health inequalities between the identified communities of interest and the city average 	
Other Key Points to Note:	

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Progress in Year One 05/06

- A community of interest trailblazer focused on BME Communities was undertaken. (See complementary report).
- Further priority communities of interest identified were:
 - People with physical, sensory and cognitive impairment
 - Residents of supported housing
 - Travellers
 - Homeless people
 - Asylum seekers and those refused asylum but still living in Sheffield
- The process being used to develop an enhanced public health focus on the communities of interest is 'health needs assessments'. This methodology is described as:

'systematic method for reviewing the health issues facing a population, leading to agreed priorities and resource allocation that will improve health and reduce health inequalities' (NICE June 05)

This methodology was chosen to provide city-wide cross-cutting evidence of need for these specific communities which could be used to:

- Inform the neighbourhood enhanced public health programmes
- Challenge existing city-wide policy and practice across the health and well-being (and wider) services and activities.

Challenges to Progressing this Work

- The inequalities and inclusion issues for the identified priority communities of interest have been widely acknowledged for some time. This means that a considerable amount of activity has already been focused on these communities in Sheffield and beyond, e.g. the Vulnerable People's Task Force work with homeless people and the work emerging from the social exclusion unit.

This means it is necessary to carry out a scoping out of the range of work and infrastructure, which is already in place prior to progressing any further work.

- Many of the cause and effects of inequalities for these communities of interest are relevant to other partnerships within the Sheffield First family, e.g. BME communities has been identified as a cross cutting priority for the whole of the Sheffield First Agreement. It will therefore be important to ensure that any work undertaken in the healthier communities block is joined up with other relevant work being carried out through other partnerships.
- An assessment of the resources which are needed to implement this work has not yet been carried out and subsequently resources have not been identified to implement this work. However, Sheffield First Health and Well-being Partnership have committed to this work through the approval of the Three Year Plan in September 05.

Next Steps

- Public Health Partnership Board to carry out:
 - A scoping of previous, current and planned work and infrastructure across Sheffield and the Sheffield First family in relation to the priority communities of interest
 - Identification of the necessary resources required to implement this work
 - Report back to SFHW for discussion around resources/proposals to implement this work

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