

**SHEFFIELD FIRST FOR HEALTH COMMITTEE
REPORT TO NOVEMBER 2003 MEETING**

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SUBJECT: Health Inequalities Action Plan update

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SUMMARY:

This concise document is an initial attempt at providing an ongoing reporting mechanism on progress in developing the Sheffield First For Health Inequalities Action Plan. The template will be refined and amended subject to feed back received

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee are asked to note the report and the progress made

IMPLICATIONS FOR OTHER AREAS OF SHEFFIELD FIRST FOR HEALTH AND OTHER PARTNERS IN SHEFFIELD FIRST:

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Health inequalities framework and action plan

Health Inequalities Six Point Plan Update

Six point action plan	Proposed way forward	Progress to date
1.To improve maternal and child health by developing maternal health services (including mental health of mothers) for women in the target neighbourhoods.	Establishment of maternal health planning mechanism and strategy to include health inequalities agenda	Stakeholder event successfully held at Megacentre led by SE PCT. Small group charged with developing process for drafting broadly owned strategy.
2.implement action plan to improve attendance in schools in the target neighbourhoods, and support to children in the transition between junior and senior schools and on leaving school.	Action plan to inform Health and social care systems contribution to the agenda to be developed by Children's partnership	Awaiting action plan following Karen Worall presentation at September meeting
3. Systematic implementation of best practice in target neighbourhoods to improve take up of preventive and treatment services for major killers and referral and signposting to non-NHS services	To pull together key stakeholders involved in Service improvement, Access and Community Health Educators to further develop model of implementation for use by PCTs on priority health issues in the identified target neighbourhoods	Event to be organised once HAZ and NRF funding approved for CHE programme
4. To develop a multi agency action plan to tackle fuel poverty in the target neighbourhoods	To reconvene the Housing and Health Planning group To develop a more detailed action plan for joint working between health, social services and housing in identified target areas to combat fuel poverty, building on existing good practice	Awaiting the December commencement in post of Officer to lead process from within Housing.
5. Further development of health and social care policy and development of community enterprise and the social economy	Exploration of potential funding for the establishment of the resource outlined above, including HAZ if available. A future Round Table event on successful development in health and social care to be considered.	Social services will pursue the recommended focus on home care and re engage the social enterprise field to develop firm proposals
6. To review recruitment policy and practice so that more jobs in the NHS are filled by people from disadvantaged communities through support to the JOBNET initiative and apprenticeship schemes.	To bring together stakeholders in HR and workforce with the employment sector in Sheffield to determine best way forward	Event rescheduled for 27 January as a number of people who would bring a key contribution are unable to attend. Also recently secured the input of Yvonne Clarke. (developed the first gateway into health employment in Wolverhampton) who now works part of her time with the Department of Health on employment issues.

