

Minutes



INNER EAST HEALTH & WELLBEING SUB GROUP
DATE/TIME: 9th July 2013, 10am, Reginald Centre
CHAIR: Cllr Roger Harington

- 1.0 Present:** Councillor Ron Grahame (CRG): Councillor Roger Harington (CRH), Councillor Vonnie Morgan (CVM), Liz Bailey (LB), Louise Cresswell (LC), Janet Smith (JS), Andrew Birkbeck (AB)

Apologies: None

ITEM DISCUSSED	ACTION
1.00 <u>Minutes & matters arising</u>	
1.1 The minutes were approved as an accurate record.	
<p>1.2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.2 – CRH reiterated his request to be invited to the next Harehills Obesity meeting – JS to ensure this happens. • 3.4 – CVM said that as much as she could, she would attend future meetings of the IE H&W Sub Group, but due to workload pressures she may - on occasion - have to pass on her apologies. • 4.4 - CRH reported that since the last meeting, he had attended a number of smoking cessation sessions across the ENE patch and had been impressed by the inclusive approach. Cllr Grahame raised the issue of E-Cigarettes and had concerns around their use. Cllr Grahame also asked about the availability of a leaflet/factsheet detailing all of the chemicals and carcinogens in an average cigarette – AB to provide this leaflet to CRG. • 6.3 – CRG reported that there had been 171 suicides recorded in Leeds in the past 3 years and this remained a major area of concern for him. 	<p>JS</p> <p>AB</p>
1.3 AB to ensure in future that both the agenda and Health Tracker are circulated to attendees a week (7 days) prior to the meeting.	AB
2.00 <u>Health Tracker</u>	
2.1 LB presented a matrix of projects that their team is currently involved in the Inner East area. Members agreed that this should be a working document to be regularly added to and updated for the group's reference. LB, JS and LC drew particular attention to the following issues:	LB

2.2	<p><u>Niche Tobacco</u>: JS reported that a NT project is currently underway in Harehills and is being jointly run with West Yorkshire Trading Standards. JS further reported that this project, which includes the employment of an Outreach Worker, is progressing well and engagement with local community - to date - has been positive.</p>	
2.3	<p>CRH asked what the law was regarding NT and in particular Shisha Bars. LB said she would provide CRH with the contact details of lead officer for the Health and Safety Team, whose remit this fell under.</p>	LB
2.4	<p><u>Alcohol</u>: LB reported that she had met with representatives from the Police and the Head of the Leeds Addiction Unit about a project that is to start in October 2013 around referring drunk and disorderly offenders to attend a course on alcohol abuse as an alternative to the statutory £80 fine.</p>	
2.5	<p>CRG said he had heard of repeated alcohol-related issues involving people drinking on the corner of Cherry Row and Lincoln Road. LC said that she was aware of these incidents and East Leeds Health for All were looking to help tackle these issues by holding a alcohol awareness drop-in sessions at Lincoln Green Practice every Thursday (http://www.nhs.uk/services/gp/overview/defaultview.aspx?id=43871). LC also mentioned the increased role of the alcohol sub group in addressing local issues and the possibility of more outreach work.</p>	
2.6	<p>CRG raised concerns about the closure of alcohol-rehabilitation centres across Leeds and the prospect of the increased re-direction of patients to Richmond Hill (i.e. the possible redevelopment of the Butterfield Manor site). CRG asked LB to make contact with Rob McCartney of Leeds Housing Options to discuss this matter further.</p>	LB
2.7	<p><u>Suicide</u>: LB reported that she had met with Connect Housing and was exploring ways of engaging vulnerable tenants who have mental health issues and may be contemplating thoughts of suicide.</p>	
2.8	<p>CRH asked LB whether the Samaritans are being fully utilised in a bid to reduce suicide rates. LB said she would talk to representatives of the Smaritans to ensure that they were being involved in conversations about reducing suicide rates in future.</p>	LB
2.9	<p>LB said she would shortly be sending out a list of bursaries to partners that could help them fund training for their staff in how to support and interact with vulnerable people.</p>	
2.10	<p><u>Welfare Reform/Financial Inclusion</u>: LC said that 30 frontline staff had recently been given training on the threats posed by money lenders and loan sharks to residents across Inner East Leeds. LC furthered that the Ebor Gardens Advice Centre had received lots of referrals on this issue.</p>	
2.11	<p>CRG and CRH said that there was a need to better promote services on offer to local residents, particularly in light of the changes to benefits system. LC said a promotional video was being rolled out in GP's surgeries across the patch and that Feel Good Factor was being commissioned to do door-to-door work around the area.</p>	

2.12	<u>Housing</u> : LB reported that there was a workshop on Fuel Poverty planned for September and any actions following that workshop would be picked up by LB and her team.	
2.13	LB said that Gypsy and Travellers had the poorest health of all the ethnic minorities in Leeds and indeed the wider UK; an issue that she would be giving more attention to.	LB
2.14	Work was underway regarding the standard of private housing provision in Cross Green - LB to provide more details.	LB
2.15	CRG asked for details on the budget relating to the Families First (Troubled Families) agenda. LB agreed to provide a breakdown.	LB
3.00	<u>Any Other Business (A.O.B)</u>	
3.1	CRH asked for a full list of the consortiums, partners (and their projects) currently working in the Inner East area – LC to provide to the Sub Group.	LC
3.2	CRH asked for update as to the state of play with a Health Trainer in Gipton. JS explained a resource would be allocated in the near future - JS to update.	JS
4.00	<u>Time and Date of next Meeting</u>	
4.1	10 th September 2013, 10am, Reginald Centre – AB to book venue	AB