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Report to: Inner East Community Committee - Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Gipton & Harehills and Killingbeck & Seacroft

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Key themes and proposed actions resulting from discussions at the Inner East Community Committee on 22nd January 2015

Summary of Main Issues

1. The report at **Appendix A**, relates to information collected at the Community Committee discussions around Social Isolation on 22nd January 2015. The information generated in workshops has been summarised into main themes, which were thought important to consider when trying to tackle Social Isolation in the Inner East area of Leeds.
2. A wide range of factors can create or exacerbate the social isolation that affected individuals feel. Therefore, this report has implications for a number of partners, who have a key role in improving our community's health and wellbeing. A partnership approach will be required, to re-build the neighbourliness, which many people believe is the cornerstone of reducing social isolation, to providing more support to those who are out of work, living with a medical condition, or caring for a loved one. A tailored approach including advocates and befriending schemes to reach out to particular sub groups, such as men, LGBT, disabled groups and BME groups will also be required.
3. As well as submitting this report for the information of the Inner East Community Committee and using it to prepare the foundations for a local action plan, in conjunction with the Elected Member Health Lead, it will also be used to generate a consolidated report, which will be submitted to Leeds North and Leeds South and East CCGs, in order to inform commissioning discussions and decisions, particularly around Social Prescribing.

Recommendations

1. That the Inner East Community Committee take note of the findings of this report and support follow on actions by key partners and stakeholders.