

County Durham LINK
Meeting/Event

Date: 16th March 2010

Event: Health And Well Being Partnership

Number/range of attendees: Approx. 20. Mainly Senior Officers from Health Service

Purpose of meeting/event: HWB Partnership is a Subgroup of County Durham Partnership

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As well as the regular business items, this meeting always provides a forum for presentations around major issues – on this occasion this included presentations on Teenage Pregnancy (with interesting breakdown on a ‘district’ basis), Fire Deaths, the Healthier Durham Fund (by the Fund Manager, County Durham Partnership) and the National Report on Health Inequalities (the Marmot Report). As is always the case, I would not wish to labour this report with detail of each presentation, but would be happy to forward copies of slides or the accompanying papers to anyone who would be interested.

As far as general developments are concerned, perhaps the most important issue to note is the developments around Health Networks. LINK members need to be aware – if they are not already – that five Networks are being established and are expected to have met and established three key priorities by the end of April – the districts (with the designated ‘Lead’ individual in brackets) are as follows:

Dales (Robert McEwan/Sue Jennings)
Derwentside (Lee Mack/Ian Miller)
Durham and Chester-le-Street (Gerald Tompkins/Colin Carter)
Easington (Malcolm Fallow/Heather Hunt)
Sedgefield (Graeme Grieg/Michelle Baldwin)

Colleagues on the LINK Management Group are urged to make contact and note developments with the Health Networks as they progress and the need to co-ordinate with LINK activity is crucial.

The group is also looking to develop a series of 'High Level Indicators' from a list which will effectively inform the Health section of a refreshed Sustainable Communities Strategy. A draft list has been circulated and includes cutting down on deaths from Cancers and CVD as well as improving the self reported levels of wellbeing.

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