



Increasing life expectancy by reducing inequalities Project

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Background (1)

- 2005 project commissioned by Walsall Borough Strategic Partnership
- Short term, high impact measures to deliver Neighbourhood Renewal Fund Floor Target

“by 2010, to reduce the inequalities in health outcomes by 10% as measured by infant mortality and life expectancy at birth”



Background (2)

- Reduce the gap in life expectancy by 10% between Walsall and the national rate
- Increasing life expectancy for men from 74 to no less than 76.9
- Increasing life expectancy for women from 79.6 to no less than 81.1



Background (3)

- Reduce infant mortality gap by at least 10% between Walsall and the national rate
- Reduce Walsall rate from 7.1 per 1000 to no more than 5.7 per 1000 by 2010



Methodology

- Ward based data analysis
- 80 indicators across range of domains (health, Housing, Education, Employment, Crime)
- Review of evidence of effectiveness
- Service provision
- Stakeholder views



Findings (1)

- Variation in life expectancy between wards
- Gap between worst and best is 11.1 years for men and 8.8 years for women
- Greatest impact on life expectancy need to focus on very young and the old (over 60)



Findings (2)

- Top five indicators (in order):
 - Income
 - Health
 - Employment
 - Access to own transport
 - Crime & safety

High impact by 2010 (1)

	Smoking cessation	Child health	Teenage pregnancy	Falls	LTC	Housing
St Mathews				○	○	○
Birchills Leamore	○	○	○	○		○



Impact in longer term

- General Lifestyle
- Education
- Income
- Crime & safety
- Picked up in health inequalities strategy



Other key messages

- Community engagement
- Focus on faith groups and women's group BME
- Strengthening capacity, fitness for purpose
- Mainstreaming resources
- Leadership role of WBSP
- Partnership working



Action plan

- Action plan for PCT, MBC, SERCO, Acute trust
- Robust actions around smoking, breastfeeding, teenage pregnancy, housing (health through warmth), flu immunisation
- More work needed falls, housing, long term conditions



Next Steps

- Consider relationship to our LNP pledges
- Shared 'risk taking.
- What do we target next and HOW!
- Partnership is key why
- Development where and who can help?