



Increasing life expectancy by reducing inequalities Project

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Presentation

- Background to project
- Methodology
- Findings
- Action plan
- Milestones and next steps



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

Pleck and Palfrey LNP Areas

| LNP Area | Smoking cessation | Child health | Teenage Pregnancy | Falls | Long Term Conditions | Housing |
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| Pleck | | | | 0 | 0 | |
| Palfrey | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |



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



Way forward for Pleck and Palfrey LNP

- Note and accept the health priorities identified within this commission.
- Ensure these priorities are reflected within LNP pledges.
- Ask for updates in line with project milestones



What else is happening

Walsall tPCT's Local Development
Plan (LDP)



LNP Health CAG

December 5th Next CAG
(HEALTH SERVICES)



Local Development Plan (LDP)

tPCT process to agree 3 year plan (2007-2010) for the future provision and development of health services for Walsall people.



LNP input to LDP (Stakeholder Events in Autumn)

- Want to understand what local people see as important needs.
- Need views on the list of current health priorities that has been drawn up and input to it.



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



Project - milestones

- Oct/November: Agreed robust action plan
- December: Detailed proposals outlining how each agency will deliver on targets
- January: Outline report on performance monitoring arrangements
- End March: Final report