Coalfield Area Committee

6 January 2010

Coalfield a Healthy Area Summary

1. Why has it come to committee?

1.1 At its meeting in June, the committee agreed its work plan for the 2009/10 municipal year and the Healthy priority is the fourth to come to committee for discussion and consideration.

2. Description of Decision

- 2.1 Area Committee is asked to:-
 - Note the actions identified in Annex 1

Provide more information on mobile health provision e.g. Sunderland Active Bus, to ensure that all areas of the Coalfield have access to services

Gather more information regarding healthy lifestyle activities commissioned by the Sunderland Teaching Primary Care Trust

Nexus to ensure full consultation with the Committee and local residents on the Secured Services Network

Request information from planners regarding bus accessibility at the new Primary Care Centre at Houghton

Refresh priorities in light of the health profile for the area (shown on page 2 of this report)

3. Key Facts

- 3.1 Residents in Coalfield self report as part of the Place survey that their health is generally worse than the City average. More residents in Coalfield consider that older people in the local area are able to get the services and support they need to continue to live at home for as long as they want to when compared to the City average. Residents' satisfaction with GPs and also their local hospital is in line with the City average.
- 3.2 The table below provides a snap shot of what key measures are informing us of in the Coalfield area.

Red = worse than City average		Green = better than City average			
Measure	City average	Copt Hill Ward	Hetton Ward	Houghton Ward	Shiney Row Ward
Residents claiming incapacity benefits	10.9%	11.3	15.9	11	11
Life expectancy	76.4 yrs	76	76.7	76.5	75.7
Mortality rates from circulatory disease	108 per 100,000 pop.	120.89	107.76	126.7	122.73
Mortality rates from cancer	136.15 per 100,000 pop.	99.9	160.22	143.69	148.31
% of residents smoking	25%	27	27	23	23
NHS Stop Smoking service users successfully quitting at 4 weeks	42%	53	56	51	50
Residents self reporting obesity BMI 30+	18%	15-18	11.5-15	15-18	15-18
Hospital admission due to alcohol related harm	610-1180 per 100,000 pop.	410-480	410-480	300-410	410-480
Children in Need (looked after within Local Authority, or supported by Local Authority)	4.1%	Below 4	Below 4	Below 4	5.7

4. Refreshing priorities

- 4.1 Committee are asked to consider the Coalfield Profile with regards to health improvement and refresh the priorities under the theme to focus on the key areas for improvement. From the information gathered, it would appear that the main areas for improvement are to reduce mortality rates from cancer and circulatory disease. By focusing on the two priorities which can impact on this issue a) Adequate support to improve wellbeing, and b) Accessible sporting and exercise facilities, preventative measures can be developed to improve lifestyles and health.
- 4.2 Attached as Annex 1 is the area summary for the Healthy theme. The annex covers:
 - Agreed priority
 - Current activity
 - Gaps/Risks
 - Actions

5. Background papers

- Sunderland Strategy Delivery Plans
- Local Area Agreements Delivery Plans
- Coalfield Local Area Plan
- Information provided by partners and officers at workshop event August 2009 and one to one meetings
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