



## Sheffield Health and Wellbeing Board

Engagement Event 29 May 2014

### Tackling Health Inequalities

#### Event Summary

#### What was the event?

Sheffield's Health and Wellbeing Board is a group of senior councillors, GPs, managers and representatives of Sheffield people who work together to connect health, social care and wellbeing in Sheffield. It has several engagement events a year.

This event's main focus was on looking at what Sheffield's Health and Wellbeing Board could do to tackle health inequalities, a topic that has been a priority for the Board since it was created.

#### Who came to the event?

A wide variety of people attended – members of the public, service users, providers including NHS hospitals and voluntary, community and faith sector organisations, frontline workers, and statutory organisations – as well as Health and Wellbeing Board members.

#### What did people say about the event?

People enjoyed the event, with all but one giving it 4/5 or 5/5. They enjoyed meeting others and talking about different themes.

#### What's next?

The Health Inequalities Action Plan will be discussed at the Health and Wellbeing Board on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014. The feedback from this event will be fed into the final version of the plan.

#### Summary of conversations and views

We have summarised some of the main themes coming out of the event below:

- We need to be sure to promote and communicate good health and wellbeing, and promote the services which'll help and support people to be healthy and well.
- See people as a whole, covering mental *and* physical health; don't just offer medical solutions.
- Work should be done to increase spend in preventative activity.
- Develop the role of the GP (and other frontline workers), ensuring their awareness of key services that support those who are particularly affected by a health inequality.
- People and communities have a range of resources and assets at their disposal – they should be used as partners.
- We need to ensure we involve people, their families and providers in decision-making and use their feedback.
- Access to services is a crucial issue – and there *are* things we can do to improve this.
- Organisations should work together to achieve better outcomes for people. Some professional cultures may need to be challenged.
- Quality and dignity are really important things.
- Pilot projects are good but we need to make sure that projects that work become widespread.
- The Health and Wellbeing Board can add value – and attendees and organisations can add value as well.

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