



SHEFFIELD HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD PAPER

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Subject: Due North: Report of the Inquiry on Health Equity for the North

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Summary:

The attached report: *Due North, Report of the Inquiry on Health Equity for the North* was commissioned by Public Health England from the Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES) at the University of Liverpool, and written by a panel led by Professor Margaret Whitehead. The brief was to examine health inequalities in the North of England – both within the North and between the North and the rest of the country, to ‘provide fresh insight into policy and actions...’.

The report makes a very clear link with the need for economic development in the North, and the need to invest in the development of people and places. Equally, the need for devolution and democratic renewal (to give local people more power over the conditions in which they live), is emphasised. There are recommendations for actions in the areas of tackling poverty, actions in early childhood, democratic renewal and strengthening the role of the health sector.

Many, but not all, of the recommendations are already being implemented in Sheffield, and are included in our *Health Inequalities Action Plan*.

Recommendations:

- The Health and Wellbeing Board should consider the report and determine whether there are additional actions, following the report’s recommendations, that should be included in the *Health Inequalities Action Plan*.
 - That in light of the emphasis in the report on the importance of the local economy in addressing health inequalities, that the Health and Wellbeing Board should refer it to the Sheffield Executive Board and the Local Enterprise Partnership.
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Background Papers: Due North, Report of the Inquiry on Health Equity for the North

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