

**EXTRACT FROM LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT 2007/08 6 MONTH
PERFORMANCE REPORT – APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2007.**

HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES AND OLDER PEOPLE SUMMARY

**Outcome One: REDUCTION IN HEALTH INEQUALITIES VIA
INTEGRATED AND TARGETED INTERVENTIONS TO MAKE HEALTHY
CHOICES EASIER**

There are risks to the delivery of the outcome and to some of the targets set out under it. However, there are plans and actions in place that are likely to address these.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

Health Inequalities remains a high priority for the Stockport Partnership and in particular, the Primary Care Trust (PCT) and the Council. Performance remains strong in relation to the reward target on smoking cessation and other key priorities eg. circulatory disease prevention and social prescribing for mental wellbeing (although the latter formally falls under the mental well-being outcome, it is directly relevant to health inequalities as mental well-being is one of the five priorities in the new Health Inequalities Strategy).

In relation to smoking cessation, the PCT and Council have worked closely to maximise the opportunities presented by the ban on smoking in public places in July. This has led to increased awareness and compliance in comparison with national figures. In addition, approaches such as social marketing to design more innovative, consumer led services is successfully improving access to cessation support and quit rates.

Also of particular note is the primary and secondary preventative work around circulatory disease which has led to reducing the inequalities related to cardiovascular disease (CVD) mortality. The high quality of Stockport's primary care based services and the innovative and well established Coronary Heart / Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factor Screening Programme (CVDRFS) are key initiatives. The focus is on using a health equality audit (HEA) methodology, to identify inequalities in access and measures to improve access.

EXCEPTIONS

The cancer target remains very challenging, but planned workstreams on Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), smoking cessation and screening are expected to accelerate performance.

The rapid increase in the number of obese people in Stockport is also a major concern and this target remains a challenge. Work is underway through the joint strategic needs assessment (JSNA) to analyse how future levels of obesity might change and to identify the most effective future responses. Work is also progressing to increase recording levels of BMI within general practice with two specific initiatives planned to take place in 2007/08. With the release of the 'Foresight' report, the Public Health Partnership Board (PHPB) have also requested a review and strengthening of Stockport Obesity

Strategy to ensure a comprehensive portfolio of interventions with inbuilt sustainability. This will include the range of work undertaken by the Council which contributes towards addressing obesity and relevant areas of collaboration with the PCT. There is a clear programme of work to reduce childhood obesity based on multi agency work

Outcome Two: PROMOTION OF MENTAL WELL BEING FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SOCIAL INCLUSION MODEL FOR MENTAL HEALTH

There are no more than minor risks to the delivery of this outcome and to a small proportion of the targets set out under it. Where risks exist there are clear plans and actions in place that will address them.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

Good performance is reported in relation to this outcome. The social inclusion targets in relation to the numbers of people on care programme approach (CPA) being offered the opportunity to work, attend educational courses and to volunteer continues to perform well. All areas are on target and education is exceeding the target. This is considered to be a result of strong partnership working between mental health workers and local college providers. Volunteering opportunities are increasing with collaboration between MIND and the Well Being Centre and the development of a 'volunteering bank'. Again this area is likely to exceed the target.

A new service user-run social enterprise, the Oasis café opening at the Mental Health Unit in November will offer volunteering and employment posts and is an exciting innovative development. With the planned development of linked businesses such as food production, Stockport is developing an exciting and different approach to increasing opportunities for people with mental health issues including those on CPA.

In terms of the Quality of Life indicator at the Well Being Centre, this tool is now being used but data will not be available until the annual report 2008. It is worth noting that the Well Being Centre conducted a user survey in June 2007 and evidenced that 99% rated the services offered as excellent or good and 96% reported the interventions received made a positive difference to their well being. This is clearly encouraging for when the more detailed tool is completed.

EXCEPTIONS:

Performance on the social prescribing element of this outcome is generally on track for achieving their stated targets with the exception of the Physical Activity Scheme. Work is underway to develop new pathways, for mental health services, this it is anticipated will result in increases in referrals, towards the end of the year.