

**NHS LANARKSHIRE**  
**NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP**  
**BELLSHILL LOCALITY**

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**1. NHS Lanarkshire Wide Update**

**2. Issues Specific to the Locality**

The new community Health Clinic is planned to open mid November 2008.

**3. Health Improvement**

The Locality 'Calendar of Events' and planning arrangements within the LAT (Local Area Team) and Community Forum have been the main drivers and focus of local multi-agency health improvement activity. This process will be strengthened through the Local Neighbourhood Improvement Plans in terms of the health and wellbeing single outcome agreement. The Calendar of Events activity is currently co-ordinated by the Locality Public Health Practitioner (Sharon Simpson) and Senior Health Promotion Officer (Christine Reid) who establish the appropriate links with local partners for specific campaigns.

**Sexual Health Awareness Week (6<sup>th</sup> August)** provided a platform for the Local HPV vaccine campaign. Community Health Educators facilitated a play "Sheila's Wheels" to local young people and Youth Workers at Bellshill YMCA and provided an opportunity for any questions and concerns regarding sexual health issues and the HPV vaccine. Youth workers are currently organising a roll-out of this initiative across other youth groups within the area. Planning is currently underway for a specific evening at Sir Matt Busby Sports Complex in partnership with Learning and Leisure. School briefing events have also taken place in preparation for HPV campaign. Preliminary reports suggest a 95% uptake of HPV vaccine in Bellshill in first wave vaccination sessions.

The Youth 'Health Spot' service at Bellshill YMCA was established earlier this year and is available on a weekly basis (Wednesday) from 7 pm – 9.30 pm. The service consists of a number of health improvement/youth provision 'zones' one of which is a family planning service staffed by a NHSL family planning nurse. The service specifically targets young people 13-19 years of age who are able to access both health and family planning advice, pregnancy testing, Chlamydia testing, contraception and emergency hormonal contraception. As the service is now an

integral component to the NHSL family planning service, young people requiring medical intervention/pregnancy counselling are 'fast-tracked' to Bellshill Clinic on the same night where a family planning doctor will see them. The Bellshill service was established in an effort to respond to the above average teenage pregnancy rates within the Locality and is a 'HEAT' target service priority for NHSL.

The impact of teenage pregnancy has been clearly described in both national and local multi-agency strategy documents and the Locality is very keen to ensure young people are given access to the relevant services, support and advice which they may require. The Locality Service Development Manager (Public Health) is currently leading a pan-Lanarkshire group to develop services for teenage parents and enhance an integrated pathway of care in partnership with education and other relevant agencies in this respect.

Since local service launch earlier this year, over 300 local young people have accessed the 'Health Spot'. Evaluation data in terms of interventions provided is available and the service is currently awaiting network connection to the national sexual health database to support public health intelligence availability and inform future service development. The YMCA have been a supportive and proactive partnership for this service. Service sustainability for the future will be discussed via LAT structures.

**The Postnatal Depression Intervention Group in Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre** was launched on 18 September 2008. The Group will be facilitated by the Community Mental Health Team (FIT) and the Public Health nursing service and will use an evidence based intervention model based on the well established 'Life after Birth Groups.' This service will improve access for local women who previously required to attend Airbles Road and will also provide crèche services, community café/healthy eating provision and other social/community network availability. The Locality has been asked by NHSL to pilot new referral and assessment documentation to assist in a more robust evaluation framework for the service. Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre has provided the appropriate partnership facility and support for this service provision.

**Healthy Living and Wellbeing Initiative:** The Locality is in active planning stages to establish a Healthy Living and Wellbeing Initiative across the area. It is proposed that the base area or 'hub' for this initiative will be Viewpark given its high SIMD profile and health indicator profile although dynamic outreach service provision will be experienced across the Locality geographic area. Service theme proposals are 'upstream' involving children and young people/positive mental health and wellbeing. A multi-agency parenting strategy is being prepared within North Lanarkshire and will be implemented as part of this initiative. Baby massage and weaning workshops are already in place. A children's healthy weight intervention group will be launched in Sir Matt Busby in October 2008. The Locality is awaiting further guidance from NHSL in relation to this partnership service.

#### **4. Performance Report Including Community Planning Indicators**

#### **5. Updates Requested by the LAP**

## **6. Conclusions**

Lots of good work going on.

## **7. Recommendations**

The LAP members are asked to note the report and to approve the following actions with regard to:

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*Makes these actions a matter of record.*