

NHS LANARKSHIRE
NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP
BELLSHILL LOCALITY

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1. NHS Lanarkshire Wide Update

The new Bellshill Community Health Clinic was officially opened on Monday 16th March 2009 by Michael McMahon, MSP.

2. Issues Specific to the Locality

Living Better Project: This project is ongoing and the reference group is meeting at the end of March and from this a plan will be developed to roll out the project to the locality.

Keep Well Project: This project is currently rolling out within John St Practice and Dr Menon's Practice and will over the coming months roll out to all practices within Bellshill Locality.

Mild/Moderate Mental Health Pilot: This pilot in Bellshill and Airdrie is nearing completion and the final evaluation report will be available within the next two months for wider consumption.

3. Health Improvement

Launch of Lanarkshire Bowel Cancer Screening Programme

Bowel cancer, also referred to as colorectal cancer, is the third most common cancer among men and women and is second only to lung cancer as a cause of death in men and women together.

The national Bowel Screening Programme started in March 2007 and will be rolled out in Lanarkshire from August 2009 to all men and women between the ages of 50 and 74 years old. The programme will be fully operational across Scotland by December 2009. Introduction of the Bowel Screening Programme will allow earlier detection of colorectal cancer before people have symptoms suggestive of the disease.

A key challenge for successful implementation of the programme is to ensure that there is good knowledge and awareness of the key messages throughout different communities. Partner organisations have established networks to ensure that this challenge is addressed.

A Stakeholders Event has been organised for the morning of Friday 3 April, 2009 to bring key people together to raise awareness of the programme and to identify opportunities for communicating and engaging with communities. A representative from the Bellshill and District Community Forum has been identified to attend the Stakeholder Event.

No Smoking Day

This took place on the 11th March and was used as an opportunity to 'refresh' the promotion and marketing of all local smoking cessation services at Bellshill Cultural Centre. Evans Easy Space, a local workplace was also targeted.

Services are available at 4 community venues, a mix of morning afternoon and evening sessions. Access details below;

Referral via GP or other Health Professional, or self referral

Call 08452 177707 or text ADVICE to 81066

Viewpark Health Centre (no appointment necessary)

Every Wednesday: 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre (no appointment necessary)

Every Tuesday: 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Cultural Centre, Bellshill (no appointment necessary)

Every Thursday: 10.00am -11.00am

John Street Community Centre (appointment required)

Every Wednesday: 6.00pm – 7.00pm

International Women's Day

Bellshill and District Community Forum organised the 'One Gender, Many Cultures' event for women on 14 March at Viewpark Community Education Centre. This was supported by Bellshill Locality's Health Improvement Team and Community Learning and Development. The evening was a great success with over 90 women attending. This was a celebration of being a woman and cultures with a range of music (Scottish, British, Indian and Pakistani) and dance (Scottish, British, Indian, Pakistani and American-cheerleading) on offer.

Healthy Living Initiative

Healthy Living Initiatives are characterised by the provision of services that impact on health and contribute to the broader development and wellbeing of communities. They require to be locally run and rooted in the community, a commitment to tackling health inequalities, and a partnership approach to health and wellbeing.

This will be a major piece of work involving consultation with local people and partners in the voluntary and statutory sector. The main aim is to tackle inequalities through focused work on the following:

- early years
- promoting positive mental health
- youth diversionary activities
- Black and Minority Ethnic Consultation with partners is ongoing.

Performance Report Including Community Planning Indicators

4. Updates Requested by the LAP

Nil

5. Conclusions

This report demonstrates the activity across the Locality and there is evidence of excellent partnership working across the agencies.

6. Recommendations

The recommendation is that the LAP members are asked to note the contents of the report and take up an update at the next meeting.