

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

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**From: General Manager**

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**Subject: Update Report to the Local Area Partnership**

**1. NHS Lanarkshire Restructure: Bellshill Locality Key contacts**

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**2. Community Events**

***Blue Light Disco***

The Blue Light Disc took place on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2011 with a Burns theme and 300 youngsters attended. All staff dressed in tartan and two pipers and a guest speaker who addressed the Haggis added to the night. The disco initiative has been running since 2008 and provides a safe environment for young people to enjoy themselves and gain access to information and support from a variety of local partners. Significantly there is evidence of a reduction in reported youth related incidents on the nights the discos are running.

***International Women's Day***

To mark the historical significance of this year's International Women's Day, members of the Bellshill District Community Forum in partnership with the NHSL Health Improvement team and Community Learning and development team, Bellshill organised a trip to New Lanark. A group of fifty women from Bellshill visited the New Lanark village on March 10, 2011 to learn more about life in the town and its founder, Robert Owen. The multicultural group, of all ages, set off from the Main Street YMCA at 10am to the town founded by the man whose ideas remain amazingly relevant and topical today. The women enjoyed the fascinating 'Annie McLeod Experience' ride, which takes

you on a journey back in time. A guided tour was also part of the visit. The women thoroughly enjoyed the tour as it gave them an opportunity to explore the world heritage site and also to find out how people lived and worked in Owens's time.

### ***Carers Information Day***

The Bellshill & District Community Forum in partnership with NHSL organised a carers' event on 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2011 at the Bellshill Cultural Centre. Over 50 attended the event and positive feed back was received. Representatives from a wide range of statutory and voluntary sector organisations took part by providing information stalls. Motherwell College provided complementary therapies. Fresh fruit and vegetables were made available by Lanarkshire Community Food and health Partnership.

### ***Multi Faith Celebration***

Humjolie in partnership with Princess Royal Trust Lanarkshire Carers Centre and Terrence Higgins Trust organised a multi faith and multicultural celebration on 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2011 at the John McCormack Community Centre, Carfin. The event was supported and funded by the Bellshill, Motherwell and Wishaw District Community Fora and NHS Lanarkshire. As well as entertainment, including a multi-cultural fashion show and light refreshments, there were health information stalls, Zumba workshops and health checks offered by the Keep Well team. More than 150 women from across Lanarkshire attended the celebration.

Humjolie raised £300 on the night through raffles and bought game consoles and some games for the children's ward at Wishaw General Hospital, which, along with an additional £2500 raised by people attending the Bellshill Mosque was donated to Wishaw General's Children's Ward on 11 March at the Bellshill mosque in a cheque presentation event.

### ***Cervical Screening***

Cervical Screening is a method of preventing cancer by detecting and treating early abnormalities which if left untreated, could lead to cancer in a woman's cervix. Early detection and treatment can prevent 75% of cancers developing. Cervical Screening saves around 5,000 lives per year in the UK. In Scotland all women between the ages of 20 to 60 years are offered a test every three years.

Despite the various health benefits many women continue to fail to attend screening appointments. In an endeavour to address this, a targeted approach will be provided to GP practices within the Bellshill area where the screening numbers are lower than desired. This will involve pampering sessions being

arranged to create a conducive environment for those women who find this procedure particularly frightening.

### **3. Conclusions**

The Locality is currently working to ensure Health Improvement is featured appropriately within the developing Neighbourhood Improvement Plans.

Local Area Partnership members are asked to note the specific health improvement activity within the body of the report.

Continuing evidence of good work within Locality and NHSL which can only be enhanced with continued partnership working, political will and engagement at all levels.

### **5. Recommendations**

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

- To identify specific areas for information to future LAPs in context of the Single Outcome Agreement and Community Plan.