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Subject: Update Report to the Local Area Partnership

1. NHS Lanarkshire Wide Update

1.1 Childsmile

More than 10,000 Lanarkshire children have had their teeth varnished in the first 6 months of 2012 as part of the Childsmile Programme.

The programme targets all pre-school, and P1–P4 children and emphasises the importance of toothbrushing, as well as helping parents establish a healthy diet from the earliest stage. The programme works with general dental practitioners to offer four applications of fluoride varnish to all nursery age children.

1.2 Patient Focus and Public Involvement Strategy (PFPI)

NHS Lanarkshire's Patient Focus & Public Involvement Strategy provides a framework to deliver services in Lanarkshire that are designed for and involve service users, where people are respected, treated as individuals and involved in their own care.

The Bellshill Community Forum chair attends the NHS Partnership Forum meeting and shares information with the wider community forum membership.

2. Locality Update

2.1 Speednetworking Event

Due to the success of the speednetworking event (19th May 2012) reported within the previous Local Area Partnership Report, the Locality Health and Care Partnership has planned an additional event for the 23rd October 2012. This will enable greater numbers of staff across agencies to attend and receive information in relation to specialist nursing services available within NHS Lanarkshire.

2.2 Multi-Agency Case File Audit

Locality staff will be participating within the planned multi-agency case file audit scheduled to take place during week of 29th October. The case file audit is Tripartite drawing on cases across the age and care sectors. The focus will be on Children's Services, Adult Services and Justice. Case files will be drawn from Locality Planning Group structures and learning will be shared within the Locality Planning structures of Children's Services (Locality Children's Planning Group) and Adult Services (Locality Health & Care Partnerships)

2.3 Community Service Provision

Bellshill Locality provides a range of Community Health Services from Viewpark Health Centre and Bellshill Clinic.

Current service provision includes:

Treatment Room Services	Midwifery
Immunization Clinics	Enuresis Clinics
Baby Clinics	Counseling Services
Dietetics	Family Planning
Smoking Cessation	Dental
Addictions	Speech Therapy
Podiatry	Mental Health services
Family Planning	Speech & Language Therapy
Physiotherapy	

3. Health Improvement Update

3.1 Feeling the Pinch Campaign

NHS Lanarkshire has been working with North Lanarkshire Council to raise awareness of the Welfare Reforms before they come in to force.

During October a small campaign will be delivered to encourage people to still look after their health when they may be feeling the pinch financially. The campaign will signpost people to the NLC Your Money telephone support line and website where they can receive some information about services accessible locally. Postcards for the campaign will be issued through a school bag drop across North Lanarkshire Schools as well as available in health and community settings. Information will be available in GP Practices and pharmacies.

3.2 Play Safe, Home Safe

NHS Lanarkshire Bellshill Health Improvement Team teamed up with Strathclyde Police and Motherwell College to promote alcohol and sexual health awareness at Motherwell College Fresher's week on the 27 August.

The focus was on sexual health and alcohol, as being under the influence of alcohol can affect an individual's judgement and make them vulnerable to engaging in risk-taking behaviour which can result in sexually transmitted infections (STI).

In addition there is also considerable evidence to show that levels of drinking in adulthood are defined by drinking patterns in adolescence and early adulthood. Excessive alcohol can lead to major health issues in later life such as liver and brain damage, coronary heart disease, stroke, some cancers and mental health problems.

In Lanarkshire around 23% of the population exceeds their recommended weekly alcohol limit which is 22 units for a man and 14 units for a woman.

Similarly STI's such as chlamydia, gonorrhoea, genital herpes and genital warts, are showing signs of an increase.

130 young people were consulted about their fears during a night out and what we can do to help. The full report will be available at the end of September and distributed to the Community Safety Sub Group, the Collaborative Themes Working Group, youth providers and the Locality Childrens Planning Group.

4. Conclusions

Local Area Partnership members are asked to note the content of this report for information.