



**Bellshill & District Community Forum**  
**Report to Local Area Partnership**  
**April 2013**



### **Background**

The Community Forum has held three business meetings since the last LAP:

- Thursday 20 December 2012
- Thursday 22 February 2013
- Thursday 22 March 2013

This paper aims to give LAP members a brief update on Community Forum activity over the past few months.

### **Community Forum Update**

The Bellshill and District Community Forum have progressed the following;

#### *Calendar of Events/Wall Planner*

The 5<sup>th</sup> calendar was disseminated to our Community Planning Partners at the February 2013 LAT meeting.

#### *Spending Plan*

On the 21 February the Community Forum sub group met with the Service Manager and Health Improvement Senior to produce a proposed budget plan for 2013-2014. This will be finalised and signed off in the coming weeks.

#### *International Women's Day.*

Bellshill and District Community Forum also funded a women's health event in Viewpark on the 8 March to celebrate International Women's Day. Over 30 women enjoyed a range of health information, beauty treatment, massage, zumba and laughter therapy. The women were also consulted on what their biggest health concerns were and how local services could address this.

The North East Community Forum also funded a visit to the Scottish Parliament for local women to attend a debate on women's issues hosted by the Scottish Women's Convention. 11 women from the North East Unit (5 from Bellshill, 4 from Motherwell and 2 from Wishaw) attended on the 9 March. A full report on both events will be available by the end of April.

#### *Carers Health and Wellbeing Roadshow*

The Community Forum funded its 5<sup>th</sup> carer's event on the 26 February in Bellshill. Over 50 carers received information from a range of support organisations and attended a workshop on welfare reform. A second event will take place at the Mosque on the 12 June during Carers Week. Feedback has been very positive and a report on both events will follow.

### **There are no further Community Forum issues for consideration at the LAP**

The dates of the next Community Forum meetings are:

- Thursday 18 April 2013
- Thursday 16 May 2013
- Thursday 20 June 2013