

Health inequalities event

05/12/24

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Purpose of the session

- To provide an insight into inequalities in Bury and our approach to using our health and wellbeing board to identify and address them.
- An overview of how all our plans and strategies are contributing to reducing inequalities.
- An interactive session working through how all partners can build on their existing contributions to further reduce inequalities through the LETS principles.

Health inequalities event (Part 1)

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Areas of discussion

- Transport strategy
- Economic development strategy
- Community Safety Partnership strategy
- Volunteering strategy
- Housing strategy

key question

- What more can be done to reduce inequalities within these strategies?

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Key themes

- Need for ongoing focus on younger people with positive opportunities for most disadvantaged and deprived.
- Need to focus on raising aspirations while understanding the barriers different groups experience.
- Need to challenge norms and stereotypes to open up wider opportunities for different groups.
- Reinforce the need for decent pay, flexible employment and career progression.
- Need to create an attractive town/place to want to come to Bury to work
- Create a village/communities (protective measures), resilience building
- Need to fully utilise data and intelligence to understand local issues
- Appropriate support for people who have not met thresholds

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Key themes

- Need more structured support and opportunities into volunteering.
- The importance of sharing the impact and difference volunteers can make to promote.
- Focus on bringing tired and dated existing accommodation up to scratch.
- Have a focus on how our young people with specific needs are supported to step up to maintain their own tenancies.
- Explore how affordable and availability can be addressed particularly in the areas where there is a shortage e.g. Prestwich, Ramsbottom and Whitefield.
- More dedicated support for specific groups including asylum seekers and refugees during the transition period of right to remain.

Health inequalities event (Part 2)

Areas of discussion

- Behaviours and Lifestyles
- Environment, place and community
- Wider Determinants
- PSR / Health and care

key question

- What more can we do in each quadrant to improve health and reduce inequalities

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Key themes

- Opportunities for mentoring, develop network (growing the village, 16-34 year).
- Utilising community hubs as the place.
- Working through skills to grow confidence and employability skills, MH resilience.
- Focus on speech language and communications in EY.
- Making businesses part of the community.
- Vape shops / gambling establishments / on and off license premises.
- Ensuring accessibility and instilling ownership and pride in area.

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Key themes

- Food banks – growing community connections
- Creating Safe Spaces – CSP – encouraging/enabling people to access green spaces, retail.
- GP access and provision making it more equitable.
- Describing and communicating the operation of primary care.
- Neighbourhood ability to identify cohorts most at risk of experiencing inequalities.
- Localised provision where possible.
- Clarity of service offers.
- CVD focus.



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Next step

- Development of implementation plan
- Utilise Health and Wellbeing Board as vehicle to drive plan
- Use the health and wellbeing board performance framework to measure progress
- Use the wider network community to share and grow good practice