

Health Improvement Plan Workshop November 2007 Collated Group Information

Poverty

What has worked well?

£200 heating allowance
Free transport for over 65's
Focus groups locally through NEA and the Community of Interest
Cooking Programme
Benefit pick up focus
Expert patient

What hasn't worked?

Not enough information in public area
Public areas for people to pick up
Obesity issue is growing
Private landlords & high rent is still increasing
TV Licenses
Pensioner's credit is still means tested
Appropriately assessed housing (staff are not experienced enough)
Lack of funding for community groups for health & well-being

What gaps are there?

Proper wages
Information sharing
Resource management, courses & programmes

Proposed future action?

Poverty awareness

- What is Poverty?
- Poverty plus debt plus credit

Resource management
Promotion of community of interest or poverty
More focus groups, more direction
More education programmes
Winter fuel vouchers for young families

More political input and acceptance
Individual drive to the anti-poverty strategy to give it teeth
Child poverty is still a big issue
Cost of oil, gap of cost, cost increasing
Annual cost of living rise related to inflation
Windmill in areas to allow electricity costs to be less
Reduced rates for all over 70's
Free TV licenses
Solar roof panels
Programmes to solve the fuel poverty issues in winter