Broughton Communities First Partnership, Wrexham

Report on Rapid Health Impact Assessment of Draft Health and Wellbeing Action Plan

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Foreword

The Broughton Partnership Board and the Broughton Strategy Team would like to thank all those individuals and partner agencies that have supported the Broughton Health & Well-being Working Group over the past 3 years, especially those who attended the health Impact Assessment on 27th November 2006. We hope that you found the day useful and believe that the information gathered will help to form the basis of the Health & Well-being section of the Broughton Strategic Action Plan (2007-10). Thank you for your enthusiastic participation and we look forward to continue to work with you in the future.

We would also like to thank Liz Green, Health Impact Assessment Officer, for her willingness to work very closely with the members of the Working Group, without whom the event would not have been possible and for her work in compiling this report.

Jon Sankey, Broughton Strategy Team Leader

Introduction.

A rapid health impact assessment (HIA) was conducted using the previous Health and Wellbeing Action Plan (Appendix One) for the Broughton Communities First Partnership, Wrexham (Appendix Two shows the geographical area and Broughton Partnership Structure). It was used as a basis to evaluate, review, inform and improve the next Health and Wellbeing Action Plan for the Partnership.

The HIA assessed the potential positive and negative health and well being impacts of the proposed activities within the plan on the local community. The HIA aimed to contribute to the next Health and Wellbeing Action Plan and inform the partnership of its priorities and local communities needs with regard to this Plan. It provided an opportunity for key stakeholders to provide practical recommendations on how the new plan could further improve the health of the population and be implemented effectively.

The HIA is the second undertaken within the Broughton Partnership and this one had a wider remit. It covered a wider scope than the previous HIA of a proposal for a Community Health Practitioner (2005) and aimed to move forward and inform the final Health and Wellbeing Action Plan. It encompassed a day long participatory stakeholder workshop on November 27th 2006.

A list of the attendees is included (Appendix Four).

An evaluation was undertaken at the end of the first session (results in Appendix Five).

Stage One.

Copies of the previous Health and Wellbeing Action Plan were circulated to the group and the members were asked to collate their top five priorities from this. The stakeholder group was wide and varied and encompassed not only local community members and community workers but also health professionals and representatives of the Local Health Board and Local Authority. The five chosen priorities were used as a basis for the rapid screening and appraisal session which followed. These are attached as Appendix Three.

Stage Two

Impacts on Health and Wellbeing

This table is a summary of where the group identified strengths and weaknesses (i.e. positives/negatives) in relation to the wider determinants of health and with regards to vulnerable groups and the wider population affected. This was based on the framework of 'what worked well' from the last Health and Wellbeing Action Plan and 'what could have been improved'. The overarching aim was to learn from this Plan and its delivery and then maximise the positive health implications and minimise /negate any potential negative impacts in the new Plan.

Stage Three

Community Health needs and actions highlighted for the new Health and Wellbeing Action Plan

The group were asked to think about the needs of the local community in terms of health and wellbeing, based on their knowledge and evidence and identify their top 5 priorities to be included in the next Plan. This are listed in Appendix Three. These are submitted along with the recommendations to be considered during the development of the new Plan.

Identified Priorities for the next Plan

<u>1</u> Information for Outreach - Health Provision for Young People

Positives(What worked well)	Negatives (What didn't work so well)
Addresses the rights of Young People	Parents need to know how to cope with teenagers who are aware of their rights
It is a good model of services	Under resourced
Central to area	Needs to include 'real -life sessions' ie
Informal	with a crying baby to inform teenagers of the reality of being a young mother
Anonymous service and can be private and used confidentially - unlike going to a pharmacy or GP/clinics	Needs someone dedicated/full-time there
Can allow for Professional Development for individuals within the Health and Youth fields	Not promoted well
Can empower practitioners to deliver services particular to young people	Monitoring not taking place
Information on health issues ie sexual health	Needs to tie-in to 'Health' and the LHB. They currently do not tie-in to the youth worker
A massive benefit to mental health and wellbeing	
	Currently just an information stand and leaflets
Provides specialised information to young people such as free workshops from RNIB/RNID to raise awareness of issues and how to handle them	↔Need for training for delivering some services ie sexual health and issues of STI's
issues and now to handle them	Consult with young people on service
	Tie-in to Education service
	Problem of area services not available on 'doorstep' and a lack of services in area ie nearest terminations available in Liverpool. Can make it easier for a teenager to have a baby
	Need to raise awareness of cost/benefit of prevention in health. Need to talk to LHB
	Need to emphasise that young people

	are young adults and need an adult service Representatives on Partnership Board to have some input.
Improvements/Recommendations/Gaps I	dentified
people need to understand that MF associated impact that this can ha	ssionals within the Partnership in in 6 people are hard of hearing. Young P3 players contribute to deafness and the ve on families and their health and ss of this. Need representation/input on

1 Health and Wellbeing Centre or Holistic Community Centre

Positives (What worked well)	Negatives (What didn't work so well)
Continue to include in Action Plan.	There is a 'Health' centre in Gwersyllt
Need to influence the Communities First	already which has led to the restriction
Board	of services to Broughton
	Lack of access to this service and
	transport to get there
	Local population will expand in the future and therefore need to influence the LHB.
	Lack of ties between the social and medical professions
	Lack of representation - need to use political process to increase the pressure for a new centre
	Need to coordinate resources, services and interagency working
Can use buildings that are underused ie Brynteg for services like GP's or chiropodists	Financial implications of building a new centre. Issue of where to build the proposed centre - lack of land
Improvements/Recommendations/Gaps I	dentified
-Need for definition on what the commun	
HIA and consultation with the right people	
-Need to tie the social and medical profes	
with regard to centre and the Primary Ca	

3 Health and Wellbeing Awareness days

Positives (What worked well)	Negatives (What didn't work so well)		
The 'best' ones so far have been	Lack of publicity in some areas. The		
'piggybacked' on other things ie with	people of New Broughton knew nothing		
the fun day	of the last fun day		
Learnt from them and got more partners	Need to increase number of people on		
involved each time	the day - Get a celebrity?		
Opened up opportunities for partners to	Lack of volunteers		
develop more activities			
Geared to young families and groups	Other important groups not targeted -		
that need support	need to include these in other		
	ways/days/formats		
	(a)s, aays, formats		
Advertise services that people may not	If they are just about 'health' then they		
know about	can be 'dry and boring'		
	can be any and borning		
Day can signpost people to the right	Lack of accessibility - need to think		
agencies	about these issues		
agencies	about these issues		
	Only opportunity for health checks to be		
	done in an informal atmosphere		
Improvements/Recommendations/Gaps Identified			
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Re look at Planning for the day			
Link to other agencies			
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Review publicity for the day and maybe rename it?			

<u>4</u> <u>Sustainable Activities</u>

Positives (What worked well)	Negatives (What didn't work so well)	
Can reinforce health messages	No calendar of when awareness days will	
Other agencies offer support ie AVOW	take place. Need to list them and put out with Newsletter	
Development of volunteer bureau in last plan - needs to be carried through	Lack of publicity - Put in Local Newspaper as Community House do. Tie in with Community Notice Boards Problems with CRB checks etc and	
Lots of activities on offer with Local Authorities ie free swimming for over 50's etc	getting people to help/volunteer	
Lots of clubs in existence promoting healthy exercise and social aspects ie crown green bowling, football	Problem in getting people motivated to go and to continue going. Transport difficulties in accessing this. Problems with buses in some areas.	
Coaches tied in to Youth Service activities - drop in sessions which can lead to sustained team development	Build on this in other ways ie MUGA (Multi Use Games Area)	
	Lack of recruitment of young people - this is essential for sustainability. Need to target other age groups	
	Many activities rely on one person alone. Need to tag on with other organisations and their activities - ie ramblers/groundwork	
	Difficult barrier of 'health' word. Need to make the emphasis different ie onto gardening rather than exercise	
Promotion of healthy snacks after activities	Use of 'trim trails' but not accessible to all ie wheel chairs. Maintenance of this. Use countryside and basics in place	
Improvements/Recommendations/Gaps I	dentified	
-Local people are key. -Better turn out if 'piggy backed' onto other activities from groups already doing these ie Surestart -Don't mention the 'Health' word -Tie in to play schemes		

5 Expansion of Programmes

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Positives (What worked well)	Negatives (What didn't work so well)
Surestart have achieved a lot.	Could tie in more with this ie
Continuation of these programmes	promotions material can be put in Birth
	Packs (see Erica)
Ties in with the NEWCIS programme	No group for unpaid carers.
Monitoring and evaluation figures	Difficulty in accessing information on
available ie Surestart. This can be used	funding and short notice of being told
to support future bids for funding	that there is money available. Often
	only 2 or 3 days before closing date
Builds self-esteem through volunteering	
in the community.	
Can build on work training	
opportunities. Educational support is	
offered in conjunction with work	
experience which can support	
interviews. This is particularly true of	
vulnerable groups and disability groups	
in particular.	
	Use of internet to raise
	awareness/inform people.
	Wellbeing side of the Working group
	needs to be developed
	Done nothing with Warmer Wales nor
	other strategies in Wrexham. Need for
	information on these for the
	Partnership, so that they know what to
	exploit. Tie in more with Social
	Services. Need to exploit contact for
	the benefit of all - both the Population
	and the Organisations
Improvements/Recommendations/Gaps	
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Recommendations

A number of recommendations were agreed by the group and are mainly with respect to the Health and Wellbeing Action Plan and its influence on the health of the community: However, there were 3 main themes for the document which the Partnership Board need to consider.

The primary recommendation from the group was that Health and Wellbeing is a cross cutting theme for the Broughton Partnership. Health and wellbeing has an impact on all the other working groups within the partnership and should be considered within them.

The second main recommendation from the group was that there was a need to raise awareness of the effects of diversity and disability throughout the Partnership. This could take the form of awareness raising training. The RNID kindly offered to provide this.

The third main recommendation is to enhance working between the different sectors that work within the Partnership. To tie together the aims of the Health and Wellbeing Action Plan with those of the Local Authority, Local Health Board and other sectors in order to provide better access to services for the community as a whole.

Conclusion

The group considered that the implementation of the above recommendations on the draft Health and Wellbeing Action Plan would have the potential to improve health and reduce health inequalities in the Broughton area. It has been used as a basis for work within the Partnership to produce a new Strategic Action Plan, to be produced during the summer 2007. The findings indicate that the Plan has had many positive impacts but that there were a number of factors that have hindered its delivery. This will be addressed in the next version. It has also given a more defined and realistic vision of what can be achieved by the Plan. Indeed, the work on the day has already led to some positive outcomes by focussing minds on health and wellbeing implications and the work of the summer.

The findings of the day will be disseminated to the Partnership Board and the Health and Wellbeing Working Group, who commissioned the HIA. It was encouraging that all partner agencies were enthusiastic and expressed a desire to build on previous work. Furthermore, all participants have expressed that this was a positive and useful experience. The one day session has demonstrated that there is a wealth of ideas in relation to this area and further HIA work could be undertaken in the future.

It is anticipated that these findings will form the basis of proposals to the Local Health Board and partner organisations and potential funding sources in order to further the project and benefit the health and wellbeing of the local population.

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Appendix One

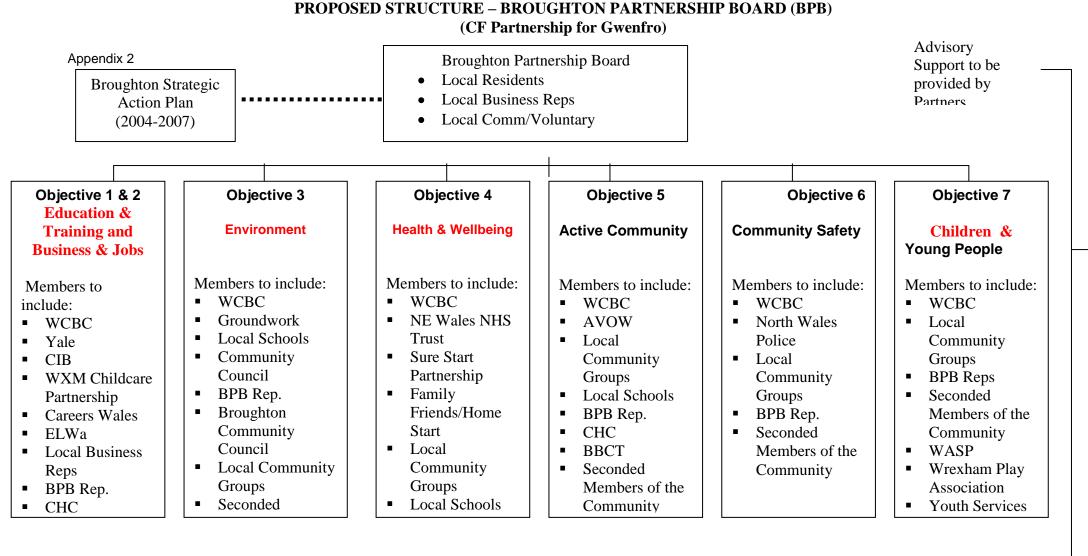
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Theme: Health and Well-being	Atto	JII I I 0-I 01 IIId		
Action Name	A Better Start in Lif	e e		
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Rationale/Need for action	Gwenfro, ranki	as measured by th ing 51 out of 865 ward Broughton ranks 385.		
	of limiting lor 1991. Gwenfro	an above average pro- ng-term illness (22%) has the highest prope erm illness (25.6%) co	representing an incortion of its population	rease of 6.4% since on with some form of
	211 st most dep	elsh Index of Multiple prived ward in Wales oughton was the 418 rd	in terms of health,	out of a total of 865
	lack of knowle	essages highlighted in dge about nutrition.		
Action Description	Surestart would like to see an expansion of this programme, including 'Cook and Eat' parent/child sessions, 'Healthy Eating Parties' for first birthday celebrations, and a 'Surestart Welcome Pack' after birth to signpost to services on offer. This action could also propose to subsidise the cost of food for parents.			
Related Themes	Children and Y	oung People		
Priority Rating (where 1 = high priority and 3 = low)	2/3			
Organisations who should be involved	Lead = Surestart			
	Other agencies =W	rexham Local Health	Board, WCBC	
Timing	Start Finish			
		2004		h 2007
Indicative Cost (£)	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	Total
	£10,000	£10,300	£10,609	£30,909
Potential sources of funding:	CymorthWCBC			
Outputs	300 beneficiaries			

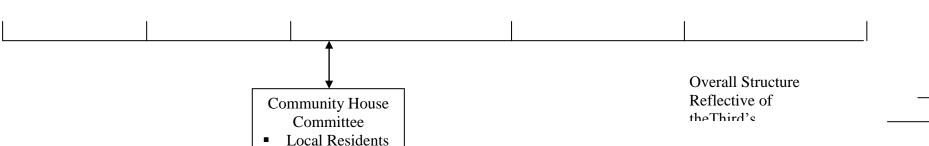
		Strategic Action Plan on Pro-Forma		
Theme: Health and Well-being				
Action Name	Joining up health pro	ovision		
Rationale/Need for action	premises of on	l health facilities is pe e GP in the area is fel to access alternative p	t to be insufficient to	
Action Description	An estate strategy of primary health care provision in Wrexham is currently being carried out. This will highlight inadequacies in current provision, highlighting where efficiency costs can be made, and also facilitating the take-up of provision within areas. Qualitative evidence highlighted some issues relating to the adequacy of the primary care estate in the Broughton Community. If the estates strategy deems this also to be the case, and action is taken to remedy this situation, this action should actively promote the joining up of health provision in shared premises, where possible.			
Other related themes				
Priority Rating (where 1 = high priority and 3	4			
= low)				
Organisations who should be involved	Lead = Wrexham L	ocal Health Board, Bro	oughton Strategy Tear	m
	Other agencies = N	E Wales NHS Trust, A	AVOW, WCBC	
Timing	Start Finish		nish -	
Indicative Cost (£)	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	Total
Potential sources of funding:	□ N/A	-	-	-
Outputs	1 research project			

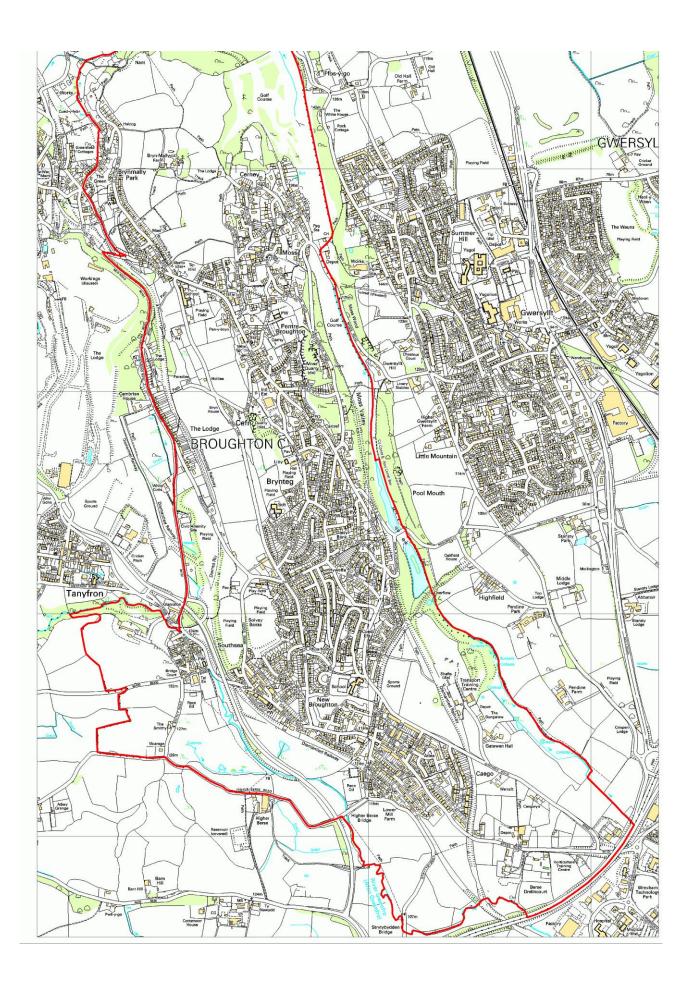
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		on Pro-Forma		
Theme: Health and Well-being				
Action Name	Outreach Provision f			
Rationale/Need for action	of limiting lon 1991. Gwenfro limiting long-te In the 2000 We	g-term illness (22%) has the highest prop rm illness (25.6%) co elsh Index of Multipl	ompared to 21.5% in V e Deprivation Gwenfr	rease of 6.4% since on with some form of Vrexham. ro was classed as the
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	has an under a national figure	18 conception rate o of 52.4 per 1,000.	teenage pregnancy, fo f 56.5 per 1,000, thi	s is higher than the
Action Description	been very successful action proposes that provided on a part-ti a confidential service Furthermore, this act issues, counselling e physical and mental Ideas for this action	in encouraging youn some form of outreac me basis in the Broug e that encourages you tion could seek to pro tc, thus enabling a ho well-being of young p can be explored, but of e at Community Hous oung People	raceptive service for ye g people to access the ch provision of the Info ghton Community. Th ng people to take up p vide information arou listic support service t people. Dutreach provision for se or the Memorial Ha	ir services. This ormation Shop is this service must offer provision. Ind mental health to meeting the these services could
Priority Rating (where 1 = high priority and 3 = low)	2/3			
Organisations who should be involved			CBC Education, Leisu epartment) and Broug	
	Other agencies =		1	
Timing	StartFinishApril 2005March 2007			
				h 2007
Indicative Cost (£)	2004/2005	2005/2006 £5,000	2006/2007 £5,150	Total £10,150
Potential sources of funding:	 WCBC Local Health B CF 		13,130	210,130
Outputs	400 beneficiaries (20	00 p/a)		

		Strategic Action Plan on Pro-Forma		
Theme: Health and Well-being				
Action Name	Developing recreation	onal facilities		
	1 0			
Rationale/Need for action	of limiting lon 1991. Gwenfro limiting long-te In the 2000 We 211 st most dep	an above average pro g-term illness (22%) has the highest propo rm illness (25.6%) cor elsh Index of Multiple rived ward in Wales bughton was the 418 rd	representing an inc ortion of its populatio mpared to 21.5% in V e Deprivation Gwenfr in terms of health, o	rease of 6.4% since n with some form of Vrexham. To was classed as the put of a total of 865
Action Description	resources such as the countryside greenspa this resource. The development of the disused steel wor	encourage take-up of re e Moss Valley Park. M ace for the community other potential resource rks railway tracks, and evelop links to leisure f	loss Valley represents of Broughton and us ces, e.g. developing a consider re-opening	s the nearest e should be made of heritage trail along the Solway Banks-
Linkages to other themes	Active CommunicationEnvironment	nity		
Priority Rating				
(where $1 = high priority and 3$	2			
(model 1 m grippier up und e = low)				
Organisations who should be	Lead = WCBC Envi	ronmental Services, W	VCBC Education, Lei	sure and Libraries
involved		,	,	
	Other agencies = G	roundwork		
Timing	Sta	art	Fi	nish
	April 2005 March 2007			
Indicative Cost (£)	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	Total
	-	£45,000	£46,350	£91,350
Potential sources of funding:	CFHeritage Lotter			
Outputs	2 environmental enh 500 beneficiaries	ancements		

	Broughton S	trategic Action Plan	l	
		n Pro-Forma		
Theme: Health and Well-being				
Action Name	Health and Well-beir	ng Awareness day		
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Action Description	health and well-being checks – Blood Press plans drawn up, nutri	g. Other activities can sure checking, choles ition advice etc. This	neld which aims to rais n be present, but there of trol testing, health ques action suggests that the mmunity Promotional	could be free health stionnaires, fitness e Health and Well-
Linkages to other themes	Active Community Safe			
Priority Rating (where 1 = high priority and 3 = low)	2			
Organisations who should be involved	Community and volu	intary groups, Wrexh	''s Leisure, Libraries & am Local Health Board art Health Team, North	l, GP surgeries,
	Other agencies =			
Timing	StartFinishApril 2004March 2007			
Indicative Cost (£)	2004/2005	2004 2005/2006	2006/2007	Total
	£2,500	£2,575	£2,652	£7,727
Potential sources of funding:	 Local Health Bo WCBC Surestart CF Cymorth 			,.
Outputs	1 per annum 450 beneficiaries (15	0 per event)		







Appendix Three

Things that worked well from last H and W Action Plan and participants wanted to keep:

- 1 Info Shop
- 1 Health and Wellbeing Centre
- 3 Awareness Days
- 4 Sustainable Activities
- 5 Expansion of Programmes

Broughton Health and Wellbeing Action Plan

5 things to incorporate into the next plan

Taken from post it notes board on the day:

Cross cutting theme: Inclusion of all

- More: Sustainable sports opportunities; Sports leaders; Coach Education opportunities
- That deaf and hard of hearing individuals are considered within all aspects of community activities
- Breast feeding support group; ongoing training for breast feeding peer supporters; smoking cessation scheme ongoing; community parents
- Closer links between Youth Services and health; Sustainable, focussed link to identify smoking cessation etc, sexual health, addictions
- Alcohol/substance misuse workers; innovation pilot schemes
- Develop exercise opportunities; increase well-being focus of working group; Broaden number of organisations delivering activities and projects in area; increase awareness and services to minority groups ie impaired sight and hearing; identify needs of BME minority groups
- Breast feeding group; More talks to the older person on things that are going on about health
- Information and training across the board for professionals delivering services on issues affecting disabled groups – the 'social model' of disability, in our case specifically deafness but other disabilities as well
- Try and develop cross generational links; link in to Yale College to develop basic courses to build self confidence in vulnerable groups to get back into work eg informal carers/young mums
- Suitable facilities to hold clinics for leg ulcers, diabetes, health promotion and resources to support them; transport to get people to appointments; recreational activities for young people
- Specialist input for young people around primary care; promotion of trim trails etc to promote self development; training for local people to support health impact work ie food, diet, sexual health, health promotion

- A new health and wellbeing centre covering the whole community; community health promotions officer; specific events aimed at locality ie carers events; Substance misuse clinic or similar
- Youth development worker to help improve services for young people; breast feeding support café/clinic; community parent scheme; more training opportunities for young parents
- Educate on practicalities of bringing up children; results of smoking and inform youngsters maybe through other youngsters; bring young and old together to make them understand each other
- Recreational areas; take steps to separate activities ie dog walkers, golfers, horse riding etc
- Access to dental health information particularly as the new method of NHS treatment is to treat problems rather than educate on how to avoid problems

Appendix Four

Facilitator

Liz Green – Health Impact Assessment Development Officer, Welsh Health Impact Assessment Support Unit.

Attendees

Jon Sankey	Broughton Strategy Office
Sylvia Johnston	Broughton Strategy Office
Eva Jones	Community House, Local resident
Jerry O'Keefe	Health and Wellbeing Officer, WCBC
Monica Edwards	Surestart, NEWT
Dee McCann	North East Wales Trust
Brenda Lewis	North East Wales Trust
Fred Derbyshire	Youth Service, WCBC/Local Resident,
Marlene	Guides and Broughton Partnership Board/Local Resident
Joan Chaloner	Community Health Council
Myra Redman	Sports Development Officer, WCBC
Julie Cooper	Association of Voluntary Organisations in Wrexham
Erica Hedgewick	Surestart
Maggie O'Sullivan-	School Nurse
Jones	
Sue Brooks	RNID Cymru
Elen Morris	RNID Cymru
Noel Cleverley	Broughton Partnership Board/Local Resident
Kate Meredith	Planning and Commissioning Social Services, WCBC

Evaluation Results

Expectations/Comments on workshop and rating (1 = poor, 10 = excellent):

Expectations/Comments on workshop and rating (1=poor, 10=excellent):

-Understand the priorities for the community and participate in the development of action plans (10)

-Very good. Got a lot out of it and there is a lot more to do (10)

-To come to a consensus about the way forward for the action plan for Broughton and highlight the priorities. A very well facilitated group. Thank you. (8)

-Informative. Useful to make links with key individuals. Good to see a clear community focus. Would have like to have seen a broader group – it was clear where the 5 focus areas would be – based on the bias of the group (8)

-Sharing of knowledge and ideas. Very good interagency contacts. Obviously a big subject. (8)

-Unexpected enthusiasm by the group. It is very obvious that another session is needed re- plan for Broughton Health Centre etc and the inclusion of various other smaller GP's to all encompass the various items discussed. (8)

-Look at action plan and share information to improve it. Looking at the bigger picture for the community to improve health and wellbeing in the long term (8)

-Great to hear such a diverse range of opinions (8)

-Ideas for people living and working locally as to where and how they wanted to develop schemes and projects. Opportunity to feed in my own knowledge and experience as to where/what/how to develop schemes and project ideas as to how to link in with Communities First from my perspective (SSD Planning and Commissioning) (8)

-To review to health and wellbeing section of the action plan and to agree actions to include in the next one. Use information as a basis to carry out further wider consultation (8)

-A very informative day – Professional and community members appeared to have very similar goals re info/outreach and health centres. A very worthwhile exercise, hopefully this will facilitate the production of a concise attainable Action Plan (8)

-To look at the progress within the area of health and wellbeing and how to progress forward. Establish any new ideas (7)

-Found it very interesting and comments, ideas were very forthcoming. It led to some very interesting conversations. Look forward to taking some of the ideas further (7) -PM only – Excellent emphasis on primary prevention of disease and illness in the community (7)

Appendix Six

The next two pages show part of a toolkit that was used during the appraisal taken from "Improving Health and Reducing Inequalities – A Practical guide to health impact assessment" (Welsh Health Impact Assessment Support Unit & Partners, 2004.)

1. Lifestyles	 Diet Physical exercise Use of alcohol, cigarettes, non-prescribed drug Sexual activity Other risk-taking activity
2. Social and community influences on health	 Family organisation and roles Citizen power and influence Social support and social networks Neighbourliness Sense of belonging Local pride Divisions in community Social isolation Peer pressure Community identity Cultural and spiritual ethos Racism Other social exclusion
3. Living/environmental conditions affecting health	 Built environment Neighbourhood design Housing Indoor environment Noise Air and water quality Attractiveness of area Community safety Smell/odour Waste disposal Road hazards Injury hazards Quality and safety of play areas
4. Economic conditions affecting health	 Unemployment Income Economic inactivity Type of employment Workplace conditions
5. Access and quality of services	 Medical services Other caring services Careers advice Shops and commercial services Public amenities Transport Education and training Information technology
6. Macro-economic, environmental and sustainability factors	 Government policies Gross Domestic Product Economic development Biological diversity Climate

Vulnerable and/or disadvantaged population groups

The target groups you identify as vulnerable or disadvantaged will depend on the characteristics of the local population and the nature of the proposal itself. The most disadvantaged and/or vulnerable groups are those which will exhibit a number of characteristics, for example children in living poverty. This list is therefore just a guide and you may like to focus on groups that have multiple disadvantages.

1. Age related groups*

- Children and young people
- Older people

2. Income related groups

- People on low income
- Economically inactive
- Unemployed
- People who are unable to work due to ill health

3. Groups who suffer discrimination or other social disadvantage

- People with disabilities
- Refugee groups
- People seeking asylum
- Travellers
- Single parent families
- Lesbian and gay people
- Ethnic minority groups**
- Religious groups**

4. Geographical issues

- People living in areas known to exhibit poor economic and/or health indicators
- People living in isolated areas
- People unable to access services and facilities

You will also want to assess the impact on the general adult population and/or assess the impact separately on men and women.

Please note that this list is a guide and is not exhaustive.

* Could specify age range or target different age groups for special consideration.

** May need to specify.

About the Welsh Health Impact Assessment Support Unit.

Health Impact Assessment is a process which supports organisations to assess the potential consequences of their decisions on people's health and well-being. The Welsh Assembly Government is committed to developing its use as a key part of its strategy to improve health and reduce inequalities.

Health impact assessment provides a systematic yet flexible and practical framework that can be used to consider the wider effects of local and national policies or initiatives and how they, in turn, may affect people's health. Health impact assessment works best when it involves people and organisations who can contribute different kinds of relevant knowledge and insight. The information is then used to build in measures to maximise opportunities for health and to minimise any risks. It also provides a way of addressing the inequalities in health that continue to persist in Wales.

Welsh Health Impact Assessment Support Unit

WHIASU is based in the Cardiff Institute of Society, Health and Ethics which is part of Cardiff University's School of Social Sciences. It is funded by the Welsh Assembly Government, through the Wales Centre for Health and is resourced to cover both North and South Wales.

The key roles of WHIASU are:

• To support the development and effective use of the health impact assessment approach in Wales through building partnerships and collaborations with key statutory, voluntary, community and private organisations in Wales.

• To provide direct information and advice to those who are in the process of conducting health impact assessments.

• To contribute to the provision of new research, and provide access to existing evidence, that will inform and improve judgements about the potential impacts of policies, programmes and projects.

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