

**Minutes of the  
Stronger Communities and Health Improvement Group  
held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2009  
Daw Room, County Hall, Exeter**

<b>Attendance:</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Steve Brown	Assistant Director	Devon Primary Care Trust
Ian Tearle	Head of Health Policy	Devon Primary Care Trust
Becky Carmichael	Head of Health Improvement	Devon Primary Care Trust
Neil Gibbins	Deputy Chief Fire Officer	Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue
Tina Henry	Head of Health improvement	Devon Primary Care Trust
Iain Mellis	Head of Public Health Partnerships	Devon Primary Care Trust
Roger Bartlett	Partnership Development	Devon and Cornwall Constabulary
Ian Bollans	Head of Environmental Health	South Hams and West Devon
Neil Roberts	Chief Executive	Active Devon
Alistair Macintosh	Executive Director Devon Continuum –VCS Rep	Exeter Community Initiatives
Liz Wood	Ops Manager	Devon County Council
Karen Nolan	Chief Executive Devon Consortium	West Devon
John Tucker	External Contracts and Procurement manager	Devon and Cornwall Probation Service
Tamsin Young ( <i>notes</i> )	PA to Head of Health Policy	Devon Primary Care Trust

<b>Apologies for Absence:</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Alan Robinson	Strategic Director	South Hams District Council
Marguerite Shapland	Non Executive Director	Devon Primary Care Trust
Sue Craythorne	Community Strategy Officer	Devon County Council
Stephen Otter	Chief Constable	Devon and Cornwall Constabulary
Lee Howell	Chief Fire Officer	Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue
Steve Robinson		Teignbridge District Council
Alison Golby		Devon County Council
Andrew Lightfoot		Devon County Council
Marion Playle		West Devon District Council
Diana Crump		Living Options
Jay Talbot		Community Council of Devon

**SCHIG 01/09 Welcome and Introduction**

Steve Brown welcomed colleagues to the first meeting of the group.

## SCHIG 02/09 Context of the SCHIG

Ian Tearle outlined the background to the group and its relationship to the Healthier and Stronger Communities Partnership. Discussion covered:

- links to the district level Health and Wellbeing Groups and the thematic groups
- the added value of this group in terms of having an overview of the health improvement contribution to tackling health inequalities and links into the joint strategic needs assessment process
- the performance overview of local area agreement targets
- the possibility of changing the name of the group to the Health and Wellbeing Group – rejected at this point.

No	Action	Lead	By
1/09	All members to consider the role of the group and how it can add value.	All members	Next meeting

## SCHIG 03/09 Terms of Reference and Membership

Discussion focused on:

- links to the thematic groups
- it was suggested that membership from the Local Medical Committee and the Local Pharmaceutical Committee should be sought.

No	Action	Lead	By
2/09	Other partners to be identified and proposed for the next meeting.	All members	Next meeting

## SCHIG 04/09 Tackling Health Inequalities Action Plan

Ian Tearle explained the purpose of the plan, particularly in relation to identify other plans that set out the actions for key objectives and the performance management processes. It was recognised that the plan reflects the county level position and locality level plans, reflecting the inequalities that exist, which need to be developed and endorsed by district level Local Strategic Partnerships and overseen by the Local Health and Wellbeing Group. This would be in line with recommendations from the Audit Commission.

It was agreed that the Tackling Health Inequalities Plan was not the work programme for the SCHIG but that the group should have its own work programme which emphasises the stronger communities objectives alongside the health and wellbeing ones.

No	Action	Lead	By
3/09	Development of Tackling Health Inequalities Action Plans for localities.	Ian Tearle and Heads of Health Improvement	ASAP

### **SCHIG 05/09 Stronger and Inclusive Communities Briefing Paper**

It was decided the briefing paper should make the key characteristics for stronger communities more explicit, *ie learning, fair and just, active and empowered, influential, economically strong, caring, green, safe, welcoming and lasting.*

Discussion took place on the project plans for the Stronger and Inclusive Communities Board. It was agreed that the SCHIG could support the principles but it was not constituted to endorse the specific projects. It was recognised that further work is needed to develop the project plans but that the voluntary sector does not have the capacity to do this. It was agreed to raise this issue with the County Community Strategy Officer (CCSO) Lead.

<b>No</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>By</b>
4/09	Discuss the nature and extent of support for developing the project plans.	Ian Teale	Next meeting

### **SCHIG 06/09 Next Steps**

It was agreed that the next meeting should receive updates on:

- Locality Health and Wellbeing Groups
- the Stronger Communities Action Plan
- the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
- a draft work programme
- proposed health improvement strategies

### **SCHIG 07/09 Any Other Business**

None.

### **SCHIG 08/09 Date of Next Meeting**

It was decided that the next meeting would take place just after the Healthier and Stronger Communities Partnership Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2009. Date to be forwarded.