

## North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership Strategic Partnership for Health Improvement

### Key points from meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2006

Partners' expectations from the group:

- Developing Local Area Agreement (LAA) is a process that is used a means to an end – needs to add value to existing work
- Delivery that matters locally
- Targets developed that stretch performance in improving health and tackling health inequalities, but that we're confident we can achieve
- This group works as an advocate for health in the other theme areas
- A role for different skills and backgrounds

Purpose of group agreed:

*...to provide a forum in which the member bodies can work together to identify and deliver health improvement priorities and ensure health improvement is embedded within the other thematic partnership strategies. Setting meaningful targets will stretch performance. The group will also act as a resource for other partnerships and organisations who wish to develop health improvement initiatives.*

Core membership:

- Theme leads
- District Council rep
- Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) reps
- Mental Health
- North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) corporate / adults / children
- Mental Health
- PCT(s)

White papers *Choosing health* and *Our health our care our say* discussed as key background documents on improving health and shifting the focus of the NHS and social care services to community (rather than acute) settings.

LAA timetable discussed:

- Initial headline priorities being discussed by LAA Management Group on 15 March
- Draft LAA in August
- Draft goes to wider NYSP partnership September
- Submitted to Government Office for negotiation in October

Department of Health (DH) Public Service Agreements (PSAs) 1, 2 and 3 agreed as broad headline targets for Healthier Communities part of LAA. These cover reducing mortality from heart disease, stroke, cancer and suicide; reducing health inequalities; and tackling the underlying determinants of health. In addition there are several related targets in other Government Department PSAs. Delivery of these will need increased focus on lifestyles and access to services. Fits well with existing Community Strategies.

Workshop to develop more detailed priorities and actions 17<sup>th</sup> May am.