



## Workshop: Community engagement and health

14 June 2010, Cheadle House, Cheshire, 09.45-16.30

### Community engagement and health

Involving citizens in improving their own health is an increasingly important theme for local authorities. However, moving beyond the warm language of citizen engagement to a reality where the wider public is empowered to work in partnership with local authorities is not an easy task. The importance of citizen engagement in health is recognised by the *Marmot review Fair Society - Healthy Lives*: "effective local delivery requires effective participatory decision-making at local level. This can only happen by empowering individuals and local communities".



### The Workshop

The workshop will bring a team from Gothenburg, Sweden over to Stockport to discuss effective citizen engagement in practice. The team is currently designing and building a new hospital in the city of Gothenburg - called Angereds Närsjukhus - based on the needs of the population by putting the opinions of patients and citizens central to the development of plans for the new hospital. It is a multicultural and socially deprived area of town, with 100,000 inhabitants.

Together with the team from Gothenburg, we will explore themes around community engagement and health in disadvantaged communities - or to use the latest terminology the 'co-production' of health. The workshop will be also a unique opportunity for colleagues with a direct role in community engagement and health improvement to come together to discuss experiences and help to shape approaches to community engagement in health in Stockport.

## Programme

- 09.45-10.00 **Registration**
- 10.00-10.30 **Welcome/Introduction**  
Cllr John Pantall (Executive Member Adults and Health), Jeni Bremner (EHMA Director)
- 10.30-11.30 **Swedish experiences of Community Engagement and health: Angereds Närsjukhus**  
Håkan Linnarsson (President of the Local Health and Medical Care Committee, Sweden), Marianne Olsson (Consultant, former project director for phase 1 of the creation of Angereds Närsjukhus), Lars Gelander (Head of paediatric clinic and Chief Medical Officer, Angereds Närsjukhus)
- 11.30-11.45 Break/Coffee
- 11.45-12.00 **Q&A**  
Jeni Bremner
- 12.00-13.00 **Facilitated reflections on the Swedish case study**  
Jeni Bremner
- 13.00-13.45 Lunch
- 13.45-15.15 **Action Planning session**  
Jeni Bremner, Sarah Newsam (Head of health improvement, Stockport Council)
- 15.15-15.30 Break/Coffee
- 15.30-16.15 **Key points from Action Plans including reflections from the Swedish Team**
- 16.15-16.30 **Conclusions and close**  
Jeni Bremner, Sarah Newsam

## Policy into Practice Programme: health in local government

The workshop is being run as part of EHMA's ongoing programme Policy into Practice funded by the Department of Health in England. The aim of the project is to support local authorities with international evidence and expertise on translating policy recommendations into practice, specifically on tackling inequalities and the wider social determinants of health.

The programme offers ongoing support for a 12 to 18 month period to local authorities who are already active in work to maximise health gain and minimise health inequalities. EHMA provides a tailored programme to each authority. More information on the Programme can be found [here](#).

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