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**Views Wanted On New Health And Wellbeing Stratgey**

North East Derbyshire District Council wants local people to comment on their ‘health offer’ as part of a new draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

While health in the District is relatively good but the gap in life expectancy between the least and most deprived areas in the District is 8.7 years for men and 4.7 years for women and the council wants to close these gaps.

People can now expect to live longer than ever before, but people living in the most disadvantaged areas have markedly lower life expectancy than those living in the most affluent areas.

The draft Strategy sets out the Council’s core “health offer”, by outlining what they aim to do to address those health issues that are significantly worse than the England average.

The Strategy sets the scene for how the Council will play a leading role in the Healthy North East Derbyshire Partnership and how services could be transformed through delivery of the new Healthy Communities Action Plan.

Consultation with 1,000 people on the Council’s Citizens’ Panel has taken place along with other forms of community engagement and these will continue. This will ensure new challenges and issues can be addressed alongside communities, so their health offer can evolve as needs change.

A new Healthy North East Derbyshire Partnership has been established that will co-ordinate actions to address key areas across three ambitions: Building Healthy Communities; Promoting Healthy Lifestyles and Improving Access to Preventative Healthcare.

The Partnership is jointly managed by Derbyshire County Council’s Public Health Locality Team and North East Derbyshire District Council Partnership Team and will also involve Rykneld Homes Ltd., Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Clinical Commissioning Groups and voluntary organisations.

A copy of the draft Strategy has been published and people have until Friday 21 August to comment on it. It can be found on the Council’s website <http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/community-living/healthy-north-east-derbyshire-approach/>

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