

Inequalities workstream: Progress update

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Progress since last HWBB meeting

- First meeting 5th Nov – agreed the following;
 - Focus on childhood obesity linked to poverty & ethnicity as a vehicle for addressing inequality
 - Must also address wider determinants (employment, housing, etc)
- Key actions:
 - Task and Finish Grp established (Chaired by Stuart Lines and Fahim Choudhury)
 - Establish 3 month work plan
 - Mapping of community assets/ gaps
 - Agree process for procurement of community participatory research, community development health workers & evaluation

Rational for focus on childhood obesity

- Inequality is very broad – childhood obesity provides focus for actions
- Local and national intelligence shows childhood obesity correlated with deprivation and ethnicity
- Childhood obesity results in poor health and wellbeing throughout life-course
- Requires a ‘whole system approach’ involving NHS, LBE, VCS and communities.
- Requires high level commitment as well as engagement with communities