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Dear Colleagues,

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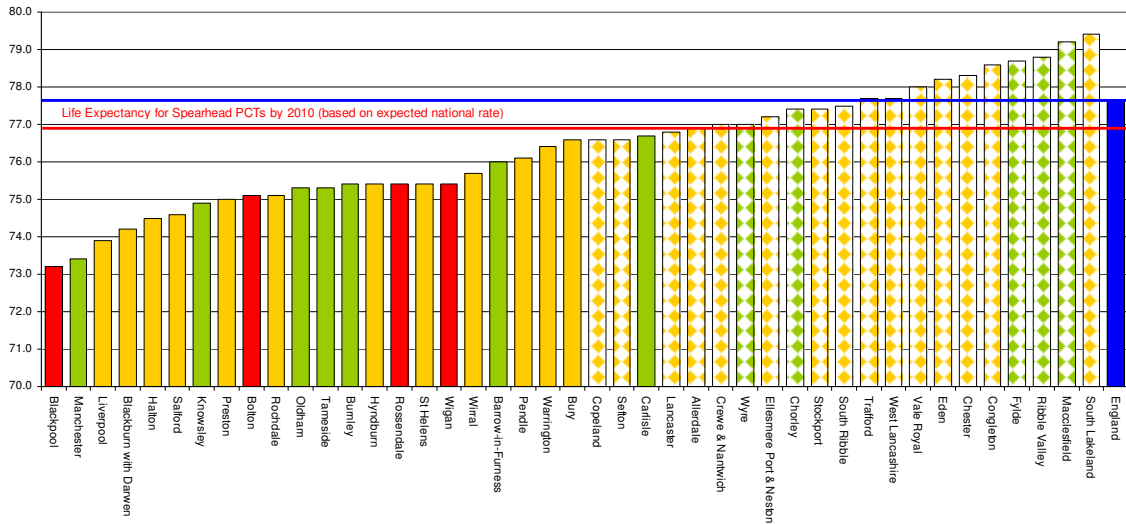
Please find attached two documents providing you with updates on public health outcomes and targets for the North West:

1. The Health Outcomes Framework providing updates on key public health targets and programmes as at Q2 of 2007/08
2. Graphs showing the rolling 2005-2007 three year rolling averages for life expectancy.

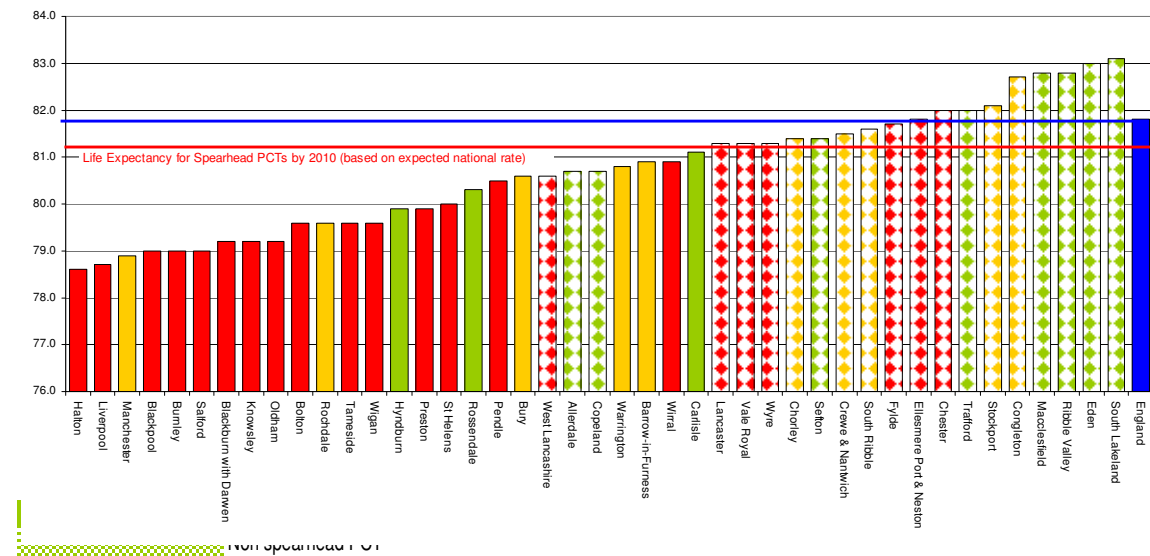
The PSA 2010 target on health inequalities is to reduce the gap by at least 10% between the fifth of the areas with the worst health and deprivation indicators (spearhead areas) and the population as a whole. The Department of Health have confirmed that this is a priority target for the Secretary of State and the Prime Minister's Delivery Unit. Nationally the 2005-2007 data is showing that the gap is now 4% wider for males and 11% wider for females than in the baseline years of 1995-1997.

In the tables attached to this communication showing the 2005-2007 data for the North West, the RAG colour coding reflects the change in the gap between life expectancy for each LAD compared to the England average between the periods 1995-1997 (baseline year) and 2005-2007. Red indicates deteriorating districts i.e. areas where mortality and internal inequalities are increasing. Green indicates improving districts i.e. improving mortality trajectories and reducing internal inequalities. Amber indicates districts that have made progress but insufficient to narrow the inequalities the gap. The data clearly demonstrates a worsening picture for female life expectancy in a number of authorities. Solid bars in the graph represent the Spearhead areas. The data indicates that in terms of the 2010 health inequality target the North West is not on track to achieve this.

Life Expectancy 2005-2007 (Males) - by local authority



Life Expectancy - 2005-2007 (Females) - by local authority



DH have confirmed that all deaths in the period from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2011 will count in measuring the reduction in the inequalities gap and the improvements in life expectancy. This is, therefore, a key time for renewed efforts to improve performance in those areas that can have the greatest influence on outcomes over the next three years.

DH analysis indicates that of our spearhead local authorities only Carlisle is on track to meet the target. For everywhere else, the area is either off track for one gender or both. The Health Inequalities NST has already visited a number of NW spearhead areas and will have visited all by the end of 2009. They are providing valuable insight into the measures that will make the largest impact on outcomes in the next three years and there is a strong emphasis on the management of CVD in primary care that echoes the SHA's request that PCTs produce plans and trajectories

to ensure that the maximum numbers of diagnosed and high risk patients are identified on registers, and called systematically for comprehensive review and support.

We hope that you will find these data sets of use in developing your strategic and operational plans for the next two years and providing your Boards and key stakeholders, including providers with information on progress to-date across your PCTs.

If you have any queries on the data could you please contact:
judith.mallinson@northwest.nhs.uk for the Health Outcomes Framework
Donna.macgill@northwest.nhs.uk for the Life Expectancy Data.

Yours sincerely

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