



Healthier Homes for Healthier Children Engagement Report

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Healthier Homes for Healthier Children is a new workstream for the Partnership approved by the Housing for Health network in December 2021.

Children and young people's needs assessment

Engagement with

- Housing for health network
- West Yorkshire Housing Association Partnership
- Health Inequalities network
- Children and young people's programme leads

We ran a series of workshops using a framework of 'aware, share, influence, do' to better understand system priorities. A draft chapter for the needs assessment has been submitted for review.

A request for case studies was put out across the system to capture lived experience of children and young people in West Yorkshire with respect to their housing conditions to further influence these priorities.

Signposting families and carers of children and young people to support services for affordable warmth and housing services

One of the priorities that came out of the needs assessment engagement was the need for training to support professionals across West Yorkshire to have brief conversations about what services are available using a 'making every contact count' approach.

The proposed content for the webinar was shared with and feedback requested to inform content from

- The social prescribing leads for each locality
- Clinical forum steering group
- Winter Warmth Task and Finish group

The webinar had over 100 people attending and, in excess of an additional 100 staff also signed up in advance to access the video and slides after the event. The recording and slides have been made available on the [Yorkshire and Humber Public Health Network](#)

Wider promotion of Healthier Homes for Healthier Children

One of the themes that has come out of the initial engagement work is the important role the partnership can have influencing and collaborating with other organisations.

- A [poster](#) summarising the work we are doing has been presented at the Association of Directors of Public Health Sector Led Improvement Conference, and this has led onto new relationships with both academic and local authority partners interested in this work, as well as influencing the work the Association of Directors of Public Health are doing around Children and Young People
- Presentations at the [Homes and Housing](#) series of Webinars run by the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities to share the work we are doing, influence others and build collaborative relationships
- Work with climate change colleagues to embed the impact of climate change into the fuel poverty work we are doing and include a chapter on housing in the Green Plan
- Work with the Young Carers Steering Group to share the work we are doing and identify opportunities to collaborate on the issues affecting Young Carers
- Part of the West Yorkshire Adversity, Trauma and Resilience Community Action Collective to develop relationships for co-production and influence this work from a children and young people and housing lens

Housing and healthcare policy for children and young people with asthma

There are new requirements in the National Bundle of Care for children and young people with asthma for integrated care systems to develop a joint policy between healthcare and the local housing association to ensure children and young people with asthma do not live in conditions that might exacerbate their symptoms.

Engagement has been conducted with:

- Housing for health network
- Clinical forum steering group
- Colleagues attending the Webinar on signposting families and carers of children and young people to support services for affordable warmth and housing services

Engagement is planned for:

- Clinical forum
- West Yorkshire tuberculosis network
- Programme and Place Leads
- Asthma Long Term Conditions Group
- West Yorkshire Housing Association Partnership
- Families affected either by asthma or poor housing conditions

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