

To: **Thanet Health and Wellbeing Board – 29 July 2013**

Subject: **Addressing Health inequalities in Kent**

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The following paper was presented at the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board and identifies geographical areas where Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and the other local partners can focus their attention for effectively reducing health inequalities, by reducing disease and gender specific under-75 mortality.

It is based on a model suggested by Professor Chris Bentley around health inequalities and the Kent Public Health Department have developed a methodology to identify the number of lives that will need to be saved for effective reduction in health inequalities and where to target resources.

This paper states the number of deaths that will need to be reduced in areas that have mortality rates within the top 20% of death rates for each CCG to achieve average number of deaths across Kent and Medway.

Appendix 7 of the report shows the data for Thanet. It shows the Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs) in Thanet that are within the highest 20% of death rates across Kent. If the under-75 death rates in these areas were the same as Kent and Medway average for male and females, there is the potential of;

- 120 deaths being postponed for circulatory disease over a three year period
- 72 deaths being postponed for respiratory disease over a three year period
- 116 deaths being postponed for cancer over a three year period

Recommendation(s):

Thanet Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to:

- Note the data reported in this paper
- Support Thanet CCG, Kent Public Health and NHS England to develop action plans to address the identified number of postponed premature deaths targeting the areas with top 20% death rate.
- Action

planning at a local level to develop local 'Mind the Gap' needs to continue and bring together the District Council and CCG priorities to tackle health inequalities. This should be used as the mechanism to identify contribution from various parts of the system (Thanet CCG, Thanet District Council, Kent County Council, Health Watch and voluntary sector) and address the wider determinants of health, health promotion and preventing poor health.