





Staying Well in Calderdale

Improving health in older people



Covering.....

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 - wisdom of hindsight!
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- Components of success
- Sustainability
- Voices of users





Aims of the pilot

- 1. Reduce loneliness and social isolation in Calderdale and positively impact on:
 - a) Improving the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities, including reducing health inequalities
 - b) reducing demand on GP practices and unplanned admissions to hospital
- 2. Create more connected communities
- 3. Improved inter-sectoral / systems working
 - Health
 - Social care
 - Neighbourhoods
 - Communities
 - Voluntary organisations





Balance sheet

- Staying Well recognised as a brand
- Reaching older people across Calderdale
- Role of workers navigators
- Leading role of hubs
- Building on community assets: microcommissioning
- More groups and activities supported
- Mutual support between hubs



- Underestimated time to get off the ground
- Late start of social prescribers in GP practices
 - supported 30 people
- Slow referrals from primary care
- Digital challenges are challenging
- Too many cooks in decisionmaking?



Wisdom of hindsight!

- Longer lead in time takes time to build relationships
- More devolution to hubs earlier recognition of their skills, capacity and uniqueness
- Braver in making decisions
- Different model of social prescribing
- Need to build and develop trust and honesty





Success stories

- HOT
- 1 new and 4 existing groups/activities
- 82 opportunities created for individuals
- Befriending project funded with 12 volunteers
- North Halifax Partnership
 - 9 new and 10 existing groups/activities
 - 314 opportunities created for individuals
 - Befriending project funded with 12 volunteers
- Elland District Partnership
 - 6 new and 10 existing groups/activities
 - Befriending funded
 - Transport trial
- Hebden Bridge Community Association
 - 36 new and existing groups/activities
 - 128 new opportunities created for individuals
 - 10% increase in sessions at Town Hall (June-Oct)
- Calderdale Help in Bereavement (CHiBS)





What's worked for Hubs

Elland

- More connected community
- More diverse provision
- More awareness of issue of loneliness and social isolation

Halifax Opportunities Trust

- Through a hub based model listening to the community to find out their needs and then formulating solutions together
- Having a local and welcoming hub space
- Improved and proactive engagement and support provided to isolated and lonely clients who would most likely not seek or access support

Hebden Bridge

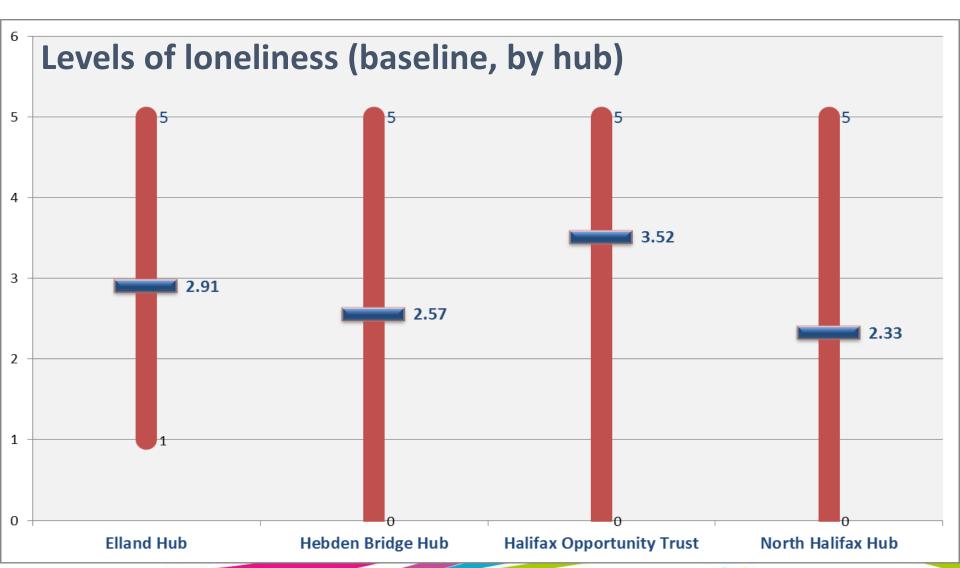
- encouraged statutory bodies, community groups, the voluntary sector, businesses and individuals to undertake partnership working and deliver a collaborative community project
- invested in new and developing activities for vulnerable adults in the town and supported the people that deliver the work.
- Given the Hebden Bridge Community
 Association an opportunity to support unmet needs of the client base and develop community support networks to ensure long term engagement

North Halifax

- Development of a local Hub and Health Alliance that encompasses anyone who lives works or volunteers - a clear local vision that together we are stronger...
- Local delivery plan with clear objectives and local communications plan. Good communication within the Hub.
- Integration of SW worker and NST worker within Neighbourhood Team and with co-located services

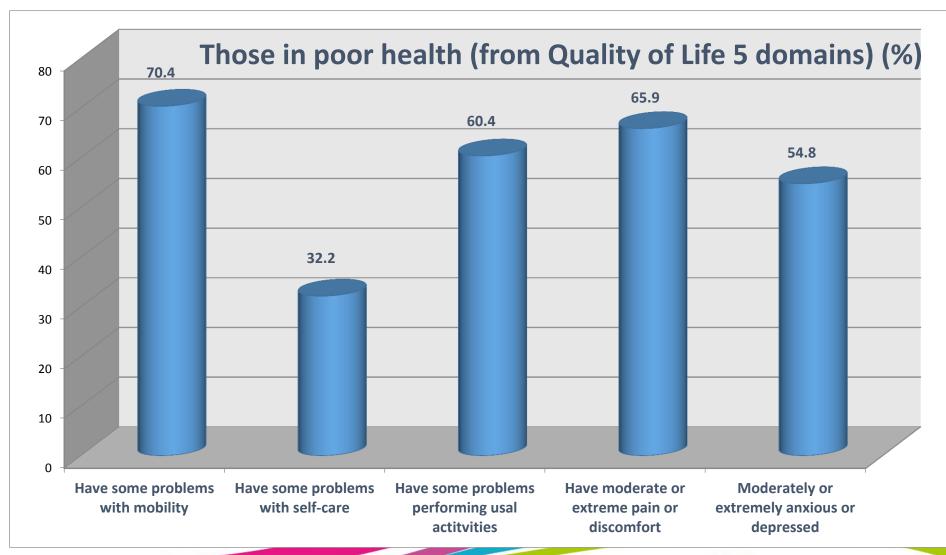


Initial evaluation findings (1)



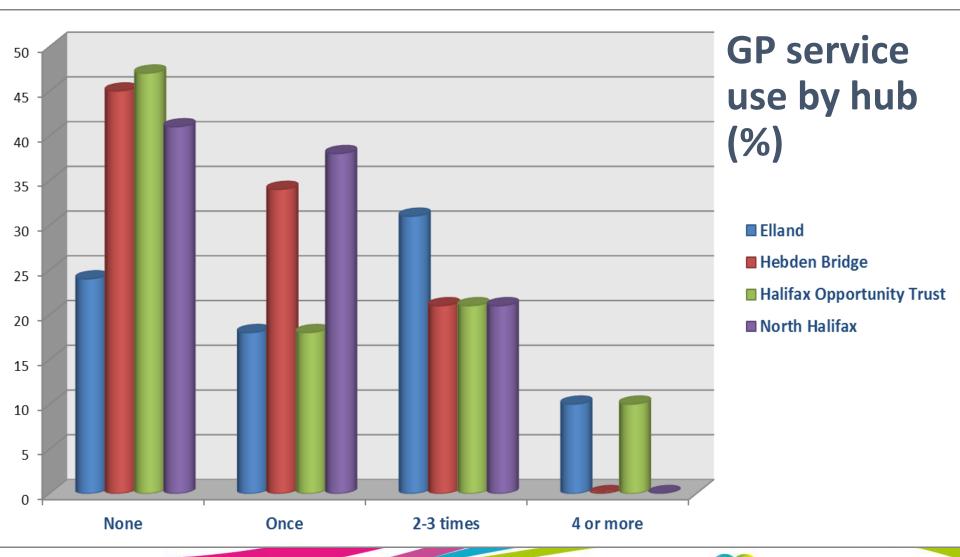


Initial evaluation findings (2)





Initial evaluation findings (3)





Initial evaluation findings (4)

- Those living alone healthier than those living with relatives
 - possibly ill-health necessitated living arrangements
- (Not surprisingly) healthier respondents at lower risk of social isolation
- Those extremely anxious or depressed at greater risk of loneliness and social isolation
- Some evidence of more connected communities and more interconnectedness
- Too early to assess whether isolation and loneliness reduced or reduced demand on GP services



On-going challenges

- After 11 months, building up momentum and referrals
 - takes time to establish
- Significant proportion of referrals people with complex needs from existing agencies
- Self referrals more appropriate to original target population
- Embedding co-production into the project
- Supporting primary care



Components of success (IBM visit)

Community need

Community resources

Community and Council

Community leaders

Community driven initiatives

Yes

Yes and no

Improving

Yes

Yes





Sustainability

- Project extended to March 2016
- Evaluation extended for more data
- Who do we focus our efforts on?
- What do we do more/less/differently?
- Who else do we need to work with?
- Consideration of alternative funding
- Appetite and determination to continue



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Voices of users



