Pensioner Material Deprivation Indicator

Years Ahead Key Messages to UKAFA

Wednesday 6th March 2013

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Years Ahead Representation Today...

- Norman Jemison, UKAFA Representative
- Mark Greenfield, Sunderland 50+ Forum
- Joan Knox, North Tyneside's Older Peoples Engagement and Involvement Network
- Bill Ions, Newcastle Elders Council
- Kasia Kurowska, Coordinator
Why we looked at Pensioner Material Deprivation

• Poverty is a key issue for older people in the North East

• Builds on the Newcastle Elders Council Report on the Impact of Funding Cuts at the February 2012 UKAFA meeting

• A chance to look at poverty differently in the North East—looking beyond just finances!
Varied Consultation Method

• Peer led consultation

• Representative of the region

• Consensus regardless of different localities

• 150 + Older people directly involved and 1000s more indirectly involved

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Findings

• A lot of support for Government’s thinking and the Indicator was welcomed by everyone.

• The indicator will only be useful and relevant if something is done with the results.

• Does not fully capture the lives of older people.
Findings

• Some of the questions need rewording and important topic areas are missing

• The national results don’t reflect the experience of older people in the North East

• The need for regional and local level data for emerging local structures to guide decision making and service provision (e.g. CCGs, PCCs)

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Recommedations

1. Consider the title of the Indicator

2. Consider improvements to the question set in light of Years Ahead’s findings

3. Include additional questions: Insurance, Social and Health Care Budgets, Lifelong Learning and ICT

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Recommendations

3. Consider the analysis focus of the Indicator

4. Open up the availability of the Indicator's data in regional/local areas

5. Improve the communication of the results

6. Address key policy areas to improve material deprivation

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Next Steps ...

A formal request for a Government Response by September 2013.

We are happy to answer any questions!

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