An evaluation of a local Gypsy and Traveller Health Improvement Project

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Intervention

- Leeds West CCG funded specialist nurse to work with Gypsy and Traveller community

Remit of her role is

- pathways reviews
- implement health cards
- regular outreach and health check provision
- provision of advice and support to community members on key health issues
- work with GP surgeries to improve relationships/ pathways for GT community members
Methods

Theory of change

Mixed methods

Qualitative findings here
Key Findings

• Several barriers to accessing services

• Nurse role is highly valued, accepted and working well but needed trust

• Health needs very complex

• Outcomes include better access to health services (and services more widely), and improved self-reported health

• Health check not popular
Learning Points

• Engagement takes time

• Varying support amongst professionals

• Threshold for service entry???

• Outreach is important

• Gender differences apparent
Final comments

• Service now extended (an extra year)

• Additional funding now for Advocacy Post (community member appointed) – to complement specialist nurse role which will be evaluated by us going forward

• Final report to include quantitative data
Thank you for listening – any questions?

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