

Press Release

Introduction:

Healthy Me Healthy Communities (HMHC), a Manchester social-enterprise, is 1 of only 11 organisations to receive a NHS England community grants recognising excellence in patient and public participation. HMHC is proud to be the only Greater Manchester organisation to receive the grant for their work in developing a Rusholme Community Health-Plan involving GPs, staff, Councillors, residents and patients.

NHS England is committed to help share and spread good practice. These grants will enable organisations to tell the story of their public engagement work and share top tips with others. For further information:

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/patients/public-voice/comm-grant/>

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NHS England has awarded a community grants to Healthy Me Healthy Communities of Manchester who are delivering excellence in patient and public participation.

The Celebrating Participation in Healthcare grants are being made available to community groups who have been demonstrating innovative and creative approaches to getting patients and the public involved in shaping healthcare. Creative approaches to participation are happening all over the country, but community groups often do not have the resources available to showcase their valuable work. As part of our commitment to spread and highlight good practice, NHS England has made a community grant fund available to enable these community organisations to share their learning with others.

Healthy Me Healthy Communities with a range of partners, patients and residents has produced a Rusholme Health & Wellbeing Plan (funded by Manchester City Council) identifying what matters to local-people and their first-steps for bringing about health improvements for their community. HMHC will use the grants to develop resources and material that can be shared through NHS England's website for the benefit of local and national organisations. This will enable health and voluntary sector organisations from across England to explore good practice and learn from this successful engagement work.

Chief Executive of Healthy Me Healthy Communities, Rich Browning said

"We are delighted that our work has been recognised by NHS England and it is fantastic news for everyone involved in producing neighbourhood health-plans."

Chief Executive of NHS England, Simon Stevens said

“We know that there is really excellent patient and public involvement work happening all around the country and we want to do more to share and learn from what is happening locally.”

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Or see

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About Healthy Me Healthy Communities:

Healthy Me Healthy Communities is an innovative social enterprise based in Manchester co-producing health and wellbeing services that empowers, educate and inspire for a long, healthy and happy life. HMHC adopts a coproduction approach, involving people in the community provision they enjoy and would like to take part in. This helps to create resourceful communities for improved health resulting in healthcare savings.

