

PROJECT

This project arose because the Regional office was keen to sponsor a cross-network piece of work led by the Senate.

The suggestions were: parity of esteem or men's health. In order to examine whether there were gender inequalities in health care, the Senate took evidence from charities currently providing services for men and boys (including the local football clubs and Healthwatch organisations).

A literature review was undertaken and consultation within the health system on various drafts of the report. The recommendations in the report support the need for health to take a different approach to men and women to change behaviour, to increase uptake/access of health services and to improve outcomes.

The report identifies best practice elsewhere. There is a need to engage with system leaders to encourage them to adopt gender-sensitive approaches and best practice (via the STPs).



DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES

During the Empowering Patients Programme, there was role play to help us understand other people's perspectives, to prevent us from making assumptions about what others thought and getting that wrong i.e. we all even think about and carry out food shopping differently!

REFERENCES & CREDITS

<http://genderhealthinequalities.org.uk/>

CONCLUSION

Our initial view was that we needed to approach men or boys who had been excluded from the dialogue to date to seek their views.

During the Action Learning Sets in the Empowering Patients Programme, this view was constructively challenged and a plan was devised to involve men further at the implementation stage.