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**Subject: Health Inequalities:
A Focus on Gypsy Roma Traveller (GRT) Communities**

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Purpose of bringing this report to the Board	
Decision	X
Recommendation to Full Council	
Endorsement	
Information	

Implications		Applicable Yes/No
DHWB Strategy Areas of Focus	Substance Misuse (Drugs and Alcohol)	Yes
	Mental Health	Yes
	Dementia	Yes
	Obesity	Yes
	Children and Families	Yes
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		Yes
Finance		Yes
Legal		
Equalities		Yes
Other Implications (please list)		

How will this contribute to improving health and wellbeing in Doncaster?

There are estimated to be 4000 people from Gypsy Roma and Traveller communities living in Doncaster, the second largest settlement in the region. The GRT community experience the most stark health and social inequalities of all ethnic groups, with the biggest challenge they face being hate crime and discrimination, affecting them through all life stages. They also struggle to navigate services and often do not get the timely care and support that they need. Consequently, they experience significantly worse mental and physical health, with life expectancy being 10-25 years shorter than the general population. These communities touch a wide range of partners, including housing, health, social care, education, police, prison and young offender services. There is some good work happening across Doncaster to support the communities, but it is not consistent or joined up.

Recommendations

To bring wider partners together to connect with GRT communities – using more of a health inequality and kindness lens to improve their physical and mental health and wellbeing.