

**Shadow Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

**Report of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services**

**The Health and Well-being Offer from Dudley Libraries)**

**Purpose of Report**

1. This report has been compiled to share one example of good practice with the Board and request support in continuing to develop it.

**Background**

2. Currently there is a lot of work going on corporately with partners to develop shared services.
3. The attached presentation is based on recent national and regional work which has been done to demonstrate the impact of library services on key adult social care and health outcomes.

**Finance**

4. There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

**Law**

5. Public Library services are provided by each Black Country authority as designated Library Authorities under the terms of the 1964 Public Library and Museums Act. They must provide 'a comprehensive and efficient library service that is available to all who wish to use it'.
6. They meet these requirements when they provide a library service which: serves both adults & children; is available to everyone & meets any special needs required by members of the community; encourages participation & full use of the service; provides materials sufficient in number, range and quality to meet the general & specific requirements of those in the community; provides value for money, working in partnership with other authorities & agencies.

**Equality Impact**

7. The presentation demonstrates the range of ways that libraries work with a range of communities.

## **Recommendation**

8. It is recommended that:-

- The Board note the contents of the presentation.
- Support the continuation of joint working and the development of new ways of working together



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