

## Needs Analysis / Community Engagement Project of Health Inequalities Post-Covid for Sandy Hill Estate and Hale / Upper Hale

### Background

Farnham is a wealthy area with one of the highest household incomes in the UK. However, it has hidden pockets of deprivation and the Sandy Hill Estate is recognised as one having high levels of health inequalities in the area.

The Hale Community Centre has been at the forefront of tackle these issues for over 20 years as a community resource providing a range of services, activities and meeting spaces for people of all ages. They provide recreational, learning, business, and social activities which are accessible and affordable. The Centre was one of the very few local organisations to remain open throughout COVID providing a community fridge and food bank amount other services.

In this post COVID world, almost all aspects of life have been heightened, most especially health inequalities and deprivation. The Sandy Hill estate is no different and therefore the team at the Community Centre want to understand the needs of the community through their own eyes and how services can be tailored to meet these challenges.

### Aim

The aim of this report is to understand the needs of the community through the analysis of national and local statistics and engaging with residents with a wide variety of requirements and priorities to listen to what they want and what services / support they want.

From this data and engagement work, several options will be put forward to help shape the development of future services provided by The Hale Community Centre and beyond.

### Requirements

- **Needs analysis** – pull together a report of national and local statistics (JSNA, Index of Multiple Deprivation etc) to identify the particular needs of the area e.g. life expectancy, suicide and self-harm, depression etc
- **Engagement with our Community** is at the heart of who we are and what we do. We would like the provider to engagement with all parts of our community, including hard to reach groups in innovative ways to capture the priorities of the local population
- **Using existing resource** – we run a number of groups across different age groups e.g. self-defence and a girls group (full list, demographic and aims attached). We would like the provider to tap into these as we already have existing relationships with the participants, and they are more like to engage.
- **Working with existing stakeholders** – where applicable and within resource constraints, work with other key parties to understand need and gain buy in to this work
- **Proposals** – provide a number of key proposals to support the delivery of services to meet the requirements of the community