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## Health and Wellbeing Board

29 January 2014

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Health & Wellbeing

### **“If You Could Do One Thing” – Professor Kate Pickett and Professor Alan Maynard, University of York**

#### **Summary**

1. Professor Kate Pickett will present recent findings on health inequalities, to be published shortly by the British Academy under the title “If You Could Do One Thing”. Professor Maynard will discuss his work on the role of evidence and evaluation in reducing inequality.

#### **Background**

2. Professor Pickett, co-author of “The Spirit Level”, a key work on inequality at an international level, has contributed to a new work entitled “If You Could Do One Thing – Nine local actions to reduce health inequalities”, with a chapter on the role that the Living Wage can play. Professor Maynard has written a chapter on the role of evidence and evaluation in reducing inequality.

The details of the British Academy publication can be found here:  
[http://www.britac.ac.uk/policy/Health\\_Inequalities.cfm](http://www.britac.ac.uk/policy/Health_Inequalities.cfm)

#### **Main/Key Issues to be Considered**

3. There will be a presentation on the current findings on inequality.

#### **Consultation**

4. Not applicable.

#### **Options**

5. There are no options for the Health and Wellbeing Board to consider.

## Analysis

6. Not applicable.

## Strategic/Operational Plans

7. This topic relates to the theme of the CYC Council Plan “Protect vulnerable people”. It also links to the priorities and actions identified in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy under the priority “Reducing health inequalities”.

## Implications

8. Equalities and finance implications are contained within the material presented to the Board. There are no other known implications.

## Risk Management

9. There are no risks attached to the recommendation below.

## Recommendations

10. The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to consider the contents of the presentation.

Reason: In order to inform future work of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

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### Wards Affected:

**All**



**For further information please contact the author of the report**

**Background Papers: None**

**Annexes: None**

**Glossary: Not applicable**