

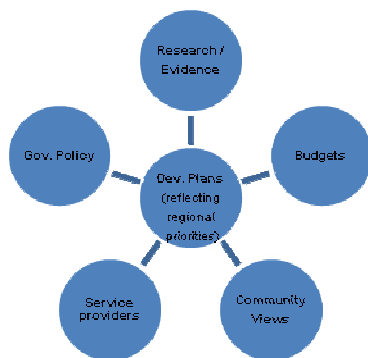
## **Networks Involving Communities in Health Improvement (NICHI) Project**

- ▶ Three year project to involve local communities in health and social well being improvement issues from raising awareness to planning right through to delivery of services
- ▶ Funded through the Public Health Agency -Northern Area, covering the 10 councils.
- ▶ 3 Health Improvement Officers - based in CWSAN, NACN &SARN

### **Benefits to you**

- ▶ Find out what's already happening and examples of what works or doesn't
- ▶ Find out what you're interested in and how this can be built upon
- ▶ Overcoming obstacles to becoming involved eg childcare, accessibility
- ▶ Identifying gaps in service provision
- ▶ Ensuring your voice is heard
- ▶ Increased awareness of what's available and who to contact
- ▶ Better utilisation of resources to ensure that services meet the needs of you - the user

### **Health Alliance Model**



### **Health Alliance Idea**

- ▶ networking
- ▶ increasing active participation
- ▶ empowering voice of communities
- ▶ champion excellence in community development
- ▶ developing civic leadership
- ▶ evidence based practice
- ▶ sharing knowledge/expertise

### **Services provided - Alliance**

- ▶ Email communication
- ▶ Regular Newsletters
- ▶ Networking events
- ▶ Community consultations
- ▶ Funding advice sessions
- ▶ Group technical support
- ▶ Training sessions
- ▶ Community surveys
- ▶ Representation of the sector

### **Benefits**

- ▶ Strong voice
- ▶ Identify projects/ programmes opportunities
- ▶ Avoids duplication
- ▶ Powerbase – crossing council boundaries Funding, Recognition & Credibility
- ▶ Exchange of ideas/ new ideas
- ▶ Learning from success/ failure
- ▶ Sharing of expertise and good practice
- ▶ Provide information and leadership

### **Issues for you and your group to consider!**

**1. Do you support the proposal to form a health alliance?** Yes / No (Group Name)

**2. How would you wish to be communicated with in future?**

Eg Email Facebook Twitter Website E-zine Newsletter Telephone Mobile Post Radio Text msg Newspaper Word of mouth Workshops Person to person Braille Sign language – BSL/ISL Dvd/Cd Talking newspaper, Consultations

**3. Would your group be interested in any activities / training / workshop etc.**

e.g. management training, funding info, grp representation?

**4. In what ways do you think the health alliance could be more effective?**