

Summary Report

Vintage Tea Party

**North Doncaster
Development Trust**

Healthwatch Doncaster

Engage, inform, influence

23rd June 2017

1 Introduction

1.1 Details of activity

A Vintage Tea Party

1.2 Acknowledgements

Aspiring2

2 What was the purpose of the activity/session?

2.1 Purpose

The Purpose of the session was to get people together and have a good time at a Vintage Tea Party where they can interact with others, play musical bingo, do a quiz and be served copious amounts of sandwiches, cakes and tea.

It was aimed at local people aged over 60 who wouldn't ordinarily get to go out.

2.2 What did you do?

We arranged for Aspiring2 to come and deliver one of their wonderful Vintage Tea Parties, the event was advertised locally and our minibus was kept free that afternoon to enable us to collect anyone who could not get here themselves, the bus was used to bring 16 of the 35 people to the session. We put a small charge on the tickets and made it a ticket only event so that we knew how many to cater for, although we did let a couple of people attend who hadn't already purchased a ticket.

We had some raffle prizes donated so we did a raffle on the day.

2.3 Results of the activity/session(s)

We asked the 35 people that attended if they ever experience loneliness and isolation and if they do, how it makes them feel, 11 people said yes they do, 8 said occasionally/sometimes and 7 said no, 2 people said it makes them feel miserable, as though no one cares, terrified, 3 said it makes them feel unwanted, all alone, frightened of what might happen to me, invisible at times, 3 said sad, 2 said unhappy and 4 said depressed.

Feedback from people who took part

Feedback from the people who attended was that it was very uplifting, very good, great fun and lovely to meet and talk to new people, loved it, less lonely, enjoyed the company, feel happier, worthwhile coming and really enjoyed it, enjoyed everything about the afternoon, had such a laugh, loved the music, the ladies were lovely and fun and made me laugh, I was spoken to as though I matter, I felt important being waited on, getting dressed up and putting on my pearls made my day.

Feedback from staff/volunteers who took part

Everyone took part with the activities and seemed to be enjoying themselves, the smiles on their faces made it all worthwhile. If we were to do it again we would either make it a slightly smaller number of people or use a larger room so that we had more space to move around and more space for the attendees to get up and dance.

2.4 Conclusion

We learnt that there are more socially isolated people in our area than we realised. We put on events at the centre and sometimes no one comes and we hadn't realised that it is because they cannot actually get here mainly due to mobility issues and not having the transport links and putting on the transport made all the difference, we also realised that putting a small charge to the tickets gave it value, we have put on free activities and people do not turn up but putting a small charge to the event means that they turned up and we now have a small pot of money to put on something else.