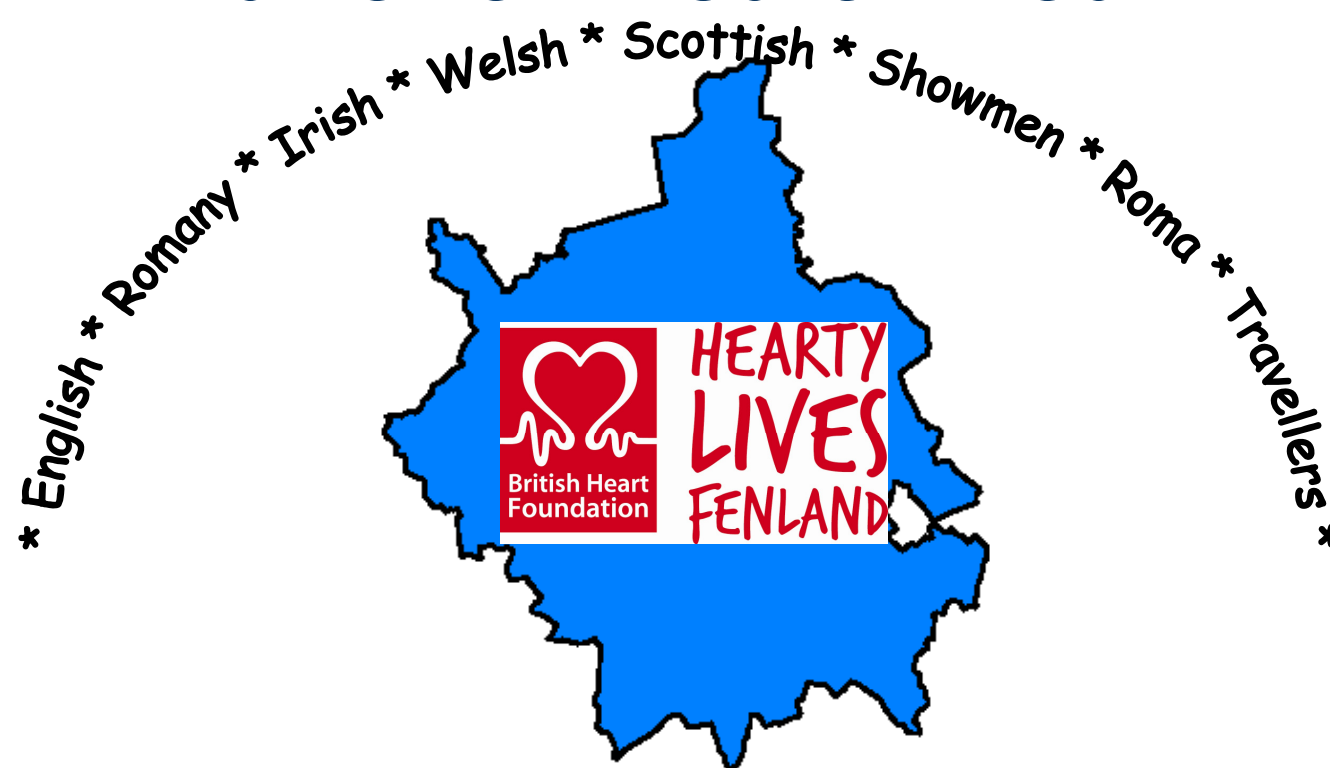


Cambridgeshire Traveller Health Team



Definition of 'Traveller'

As far as the traditional Travelling communities are concerned, Gypsy status is ascribed at birth. It is impossible to become a Gypsy and impossible to stop being one.

A strong emphasis on family values, self-employment and the nomadic tradition also distinguishes the Travelling communities.

In law Gypsies, Roma and Travellers of Irish heritage have legal status as ethnic groups.

Traveller Health Team (THT)



Cambridgeshire
County Council

Fenland

Wisbech
March
Chatteris

Huntingdon

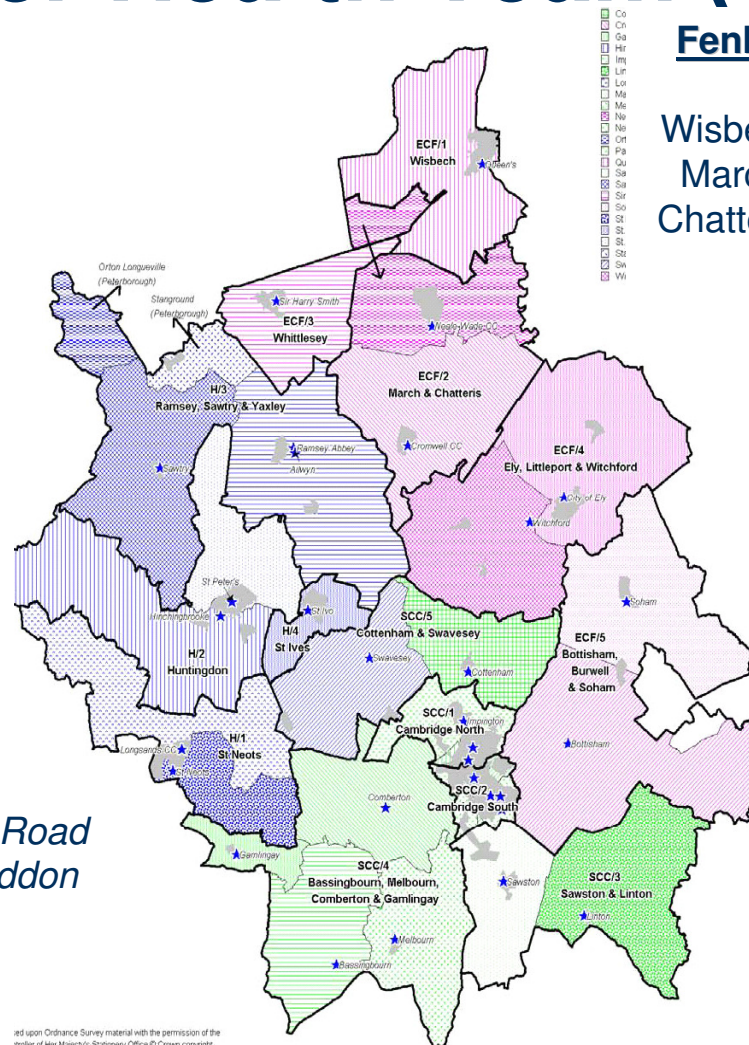
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St Neots

South Cambs

Cottenham Fen Road
Blackwell Whaddon
Willingham

East Cambs

Ely
Witchford
Wentworth
Earith Bridge



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British Heart Foundation Project

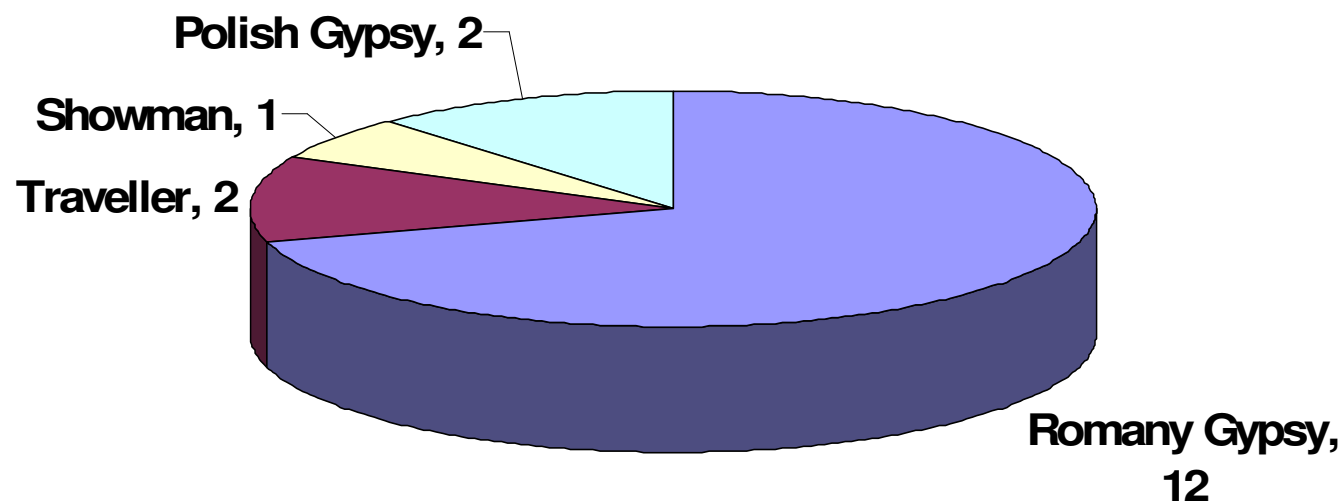
- ◆ £70,000 Fenland Project
- ◆ £30,000 Medical Review Assessment Project
piloted with local GP Surgery
- ◆ £40,000 1:1 literacy in Fenland targeting 25
people over 3 years

Engagement with Travellers

- ◆ THT established 4+ years and have earned trust of Traveller communities
- ◆ Volunteer Health Champions are from the community and have 'grown' in knowledge and confidence over the course of the past year. By attending local community events they have reached a lot of individuals with healthy lifestyles messages
- ◆ Literacy support and health checks are available, free and tailored to the needs of the individual

Project Statistics 1ST Year

Literacy Clients Ethnicity



■ Romany Gypsy ■ Traveller ■ Showman ■ Polish Gypsy

Medical Review



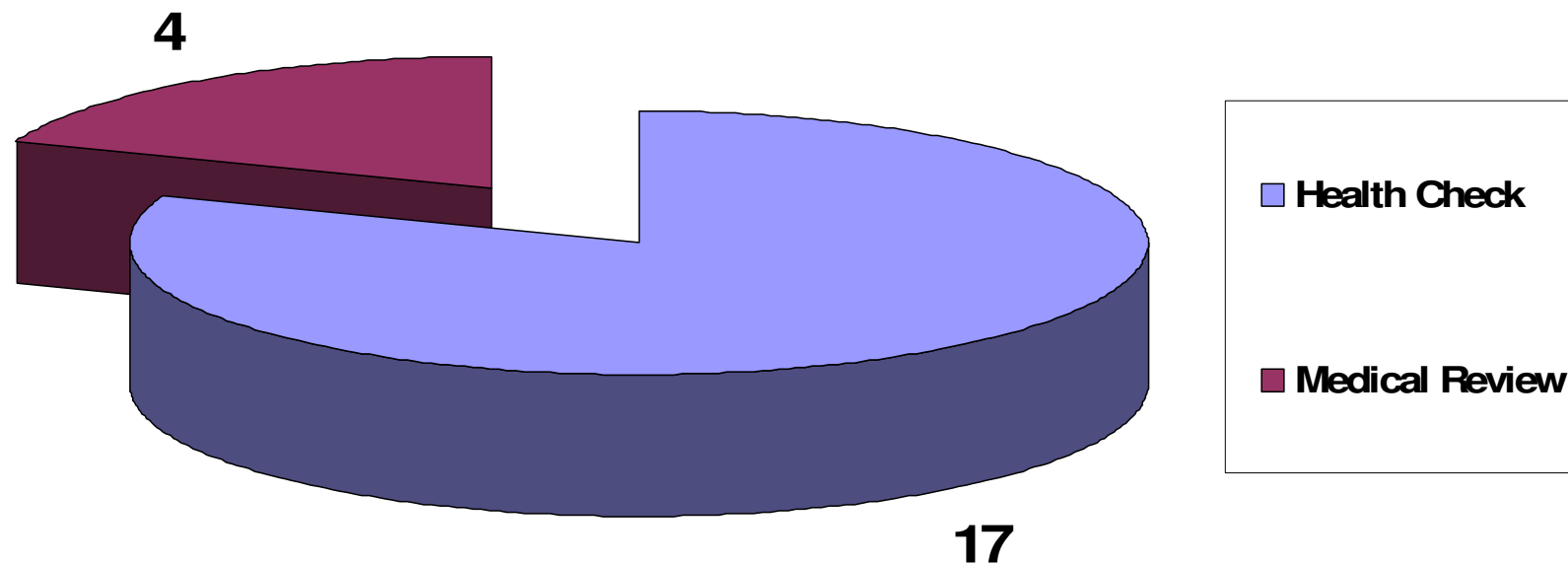
- ◆ 1:1 with specialist nurse in clients own home
- ◆ Review medicines currently being used for Heart Disease to understand if being used correctly

Health Checks



- ◆ 1:1 in clients own home
- ◆ Diabetes
- ◆ Cholesterol
- ◆ Height
- ◆ Weight
- ◆ BMI
- ◆ Referral to GP

Health Checks & Medical Review Statistics 1st Year



1:1 Literacy Project



1:1 literacy for adult learners over a three year project

25 learners over the duration of the project

1hr a week with tutor in their own homes

Progression onto Functional Skills Modules at appropriate level

Volunteer Health Champions



Heart Start & Pass it on

Two volunteers from the
Traveller Community giving
out Hearty Lives messages
at local community events

18 events covered in first year
of project

Volunteer received British
Heart Foundation Hero's
Award 2013!

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