



Poverty Proofing®



Poverty Proofing® Healthcare Settings

A nationally recognised tool, supporting you to remove barriers for those living in poverty

Poverty has a significant impact on communities across the UK, with over 14 million people affected by poverty, including 71% of working households and 42% of families with three or more children particularly affected. With increasing healthcare inequalities experienced by those living in poverty, it is imperative that as healthcare providers we are in a position to ensure that our services meet everyone's needs.

Poverty Proofing® Healthcare Settings is designed to educate and enable health care professionals to identify, acknowledge, and reduce the impact of poverty, advocating for equality of access to healthcare, services and technologies that contribute to overall health outcomes experienced by those living in poverty.

Poverty Proofing® Health Core Principles



Voice

The voices of those affected by poverty are central to understanding and overcoming the barriers that they face.



Place

Poverty impacts places differently. Understanding place and context is vital to Poverty Proofing work.



Structural inequalities

Root causes of poverty are structural therefore responses to it lie in structural changes at an organisational level to eliminate the barriers that those in poverty may face.

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Poverty Proofing© Health Delivery Model

The process and length of time it takes to complete a Poverty Proofing© intervention in healthcare depends on the size of the setting, its staffing levels and patient numbers. In each case expertly trained Poverty Proofing© Coordinators take the setting through a five phased consultation model concluding with a comprehensive report and set of recommendations.

- Phase 1: Staff training and consultation
- Phase 2: Scoping
- Phase 3: Patient and community consultation
- Phase 4: Feedback and final report
- Phase 5: Review

Poverty Proofing© Health Training

Our training is designed to leave a lasting impact and to get participants feeling curious and galvanised to make inclusive change within their own practice and teams.

The main aim of our training is to give healthcare professionals more awareness, understanding and empathy for families living with the effects of poverty. Participants start to understand and unpick the impact poverty may have on the accessibility of their work and the work of their team. Topics typically covered in training:

- Who Children North East are and why this work matters
- Definitions of poverty
- What the consequences of poverty are
- Exploration of the root causes of poverty
- The development of Poverty Proofing©
- Exploration of staffs' current role
- Identification of the barriers staff identify for individuals living in poverty within their work role

Training can be adapted to meet the needs of the setting and can be done as a half-day in-person, online or 'bite sized' half hour introductory session.

What participants have said...

"This session has completely reframed my understanding of what poverty truly looks like. I now feel more confident speaking to those experiencing poverty and advising them on help available. I also feel more confident in identifying opportunities where help might be required."

"I feel galvanised after this session. I know that we need to do better. It still feels like a huge task but having ideas about where to start is helpful. We will have a team meeting to discuss further."

"This session has made me look at our current caseload with a different view."

"Led to self-realisation of my own unconscious bias surrounding poverty. The training will be very beneficial to people"

Poverty Proofing© Communities of Practice

We offer our expertise in a range of other services aimed at creating lasting change and impact in your area of work. Talk to us about Poverty Proofing© Champion training, workshop facilitation, events and conferences.

