

## **GP PRACTICES AT THE DEEP END – HEALTHY LIFE EXPECTANCY BRIEING 28 OCT 2015 - MEMBERS' BUSINESS DEBATE**

### **Background**

Health inequalities remain a significant problem in Scotland. The reasons behind it, its manifestations and potential solutions are complex and wide-ranging.

In general, deprivation and social inequality are central drivers of health inequalities; this means that everything from employment status, income, education, quality of housing and wider community services can have an impact on the quality and length of people's lives.

For nurses, health inequalities present a real challenge. Nurses treat patients with multiple

