

Meeting: Children's Trust

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Report Title: Haringey Infant Mortality Strategy: 2007-2010

Report of: NHS Haringey

Summary

The Infant Mortality Strategy 2007–2010 was agreed at the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board in March 2007.

This document and accompanying action plan has been updated and reviewed by local partners and takes into account recent guidance from the Department of Health. Haringey has an infant mortality rate of 6.0 per 1,000 live births compared with a rate of 4.9 for England and Wales and 4.8 for London (2005-2007).

The revised action plan identifies priority actions to reduce infant mortality in Haringey focussing on: strengthening local delivery; teenage pregnancy; smoking cessation; antenatal care; postnatal care including breastfeeding; improving housing quality and reducing overcrowding and reducing child poverty.

Recommendations

- i. That the Children's Trust Board notes the updated and revised Infant Mortality Strategy.
- ii. That the Children's Trust Board notes that the multi agency Infant Mortality Implementation Group coordinates and oversees the implementation of the action plan.
- iii. Corporate monitoring of the Infant Mortality Action Plan is through the existing monitoring arrangements for the Children and Young People's Plan.
- iv. The Department of Health National Support Team for Infant Mortality will be visiting Haringey January 2010 and the Children's Trust Board requests a progress update on implementation of recommendations 6 months after the visit.

Financial/Legal Comments

None.

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