



Haringey Council

Agenda item:

Overview and Scrutiny

on 25 February 2008

Report Title: Progress Report from Scrutiny Review of Teenage Pregnancy

Report of: Director of The Children and Young People's Service

Wards(s) affected: All

Report for: Information

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide a second progress report on the recommendations arising from the scrutiny review of teenage pregnancy

2. Introduction by Cabinet Member (if necessary)

- 2.1 I am pleased to present this update on the teenage pregnancy scrutiny review.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the progress against the recommendations be noted

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4. Executive Summary

- 4.1 Following the scrutiny review of Teenage Pregnancy and support for teenage parents, twelve recommendations were made. This is the second update on progress towards those recommendations.

5. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

The Scrutiny Review of Teenage Pregnancy 2006. Report of Teenage Pregnancy Scrutiny Review Panel

6. Summary of the report

- 6.1 A strong focus on reducing teenage conceptions has continued. The Teenage Pregnancy Strategic Partnership Board (TPSPB) has appointed a full-time Teenage Pregnancy Coordinator working across the Local Authority, the Primary Care Trust and with other partner agencies. Together with a 'Turning the Curve' exercise which looks at opportunities and issues for progress, this has resulted in a robust action plan involving all partners and clear targets as one of the cross-cutting themes for the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership.
- 6.2 Haringey has secured support from the Government Office for London (GOL) to develop a unified system and procedure for common data collection, exchange and analysis. Current data collection has proved difficult on a national scale. More up to date data should enable significant improvements in targeting provision at ward or even more local level and towards highly vulnerable groups.
- 6.3 The progress against each of the twelve recommendations is attached as Annex 1.

SCRUTINY UPDATE

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<p>Recommendation One: Enhancing sex and relationships education (SRE) It is recommended that school governors, working with secondary head teachers and Haringey Council officers ensure that the importance of SRE is understood as a key lever to prevent the incidence of teenage pregnancy. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with head teachers and governors to ensure that there is increased take-up of training for PSHE coordinators, leading to improved quality and impact of teaching and that take up by schools is monitored. • 4YP and Education for Choice services offered to all schools • A revised policy on teenage pregnancy and sexual health to be adopted by all schools, with links to relevant Child Protection Policies. 		<p>Health, Wellbeing & Sustainability Manager; PSHE, Citizenship & Participation Co-ordinator; Teenage pregnancy coordinator (TPC); LSCB</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p><i>This must be completed</i></p> <p>SRE is an integral part of both PSHE and Healthy Schools criteria. Haringey has exceeded its Healthy Schools target. Schools' self assessments are moderated by local authority officers in line with national guidance. The support pack for schools and the external agencies providing training have been updated and circulated. The Christopher Winter project, which trains and supports school staff, has been commissioned and is delivering training in primary and secondary schools. (see also progress report for recommendations 2 & 4).</p> <p>The Teenage Pregnancy Strategic Partnership Board (TPSPB) has identified a dedicated sum of money from the teenage pregnancy local implementation grant for training all front line staff, including those in schools, to be able to talk to young people about sex and relationships and a brief is being developed to tender to deliver this training.</p> <p>The policy on teenage pregnancy and sexual health for school-age pupils has been in place for three years and includes guidance for child protection referrals. This has been</p>

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<p>Recommendation Two: Improving Standards for SRE Education It is recommended that Haringey Council and HTPCT provide guidance to educators on best practice and quality standards. <i>Agreed</i></p>		<p>Teenage pregnancy coordinator, Health, Wellbeing & Sustainability Manager, PSHE, Citizenship & Participation Co-ordinator</p>	In progress	<p>See in part response to recommendation 1 above. The TPSPB has also carried out an analysis of needs and provision and this is being used to draw up proposals for further training. Training will carry accreditation and will be linked to the workforce training programme and youth worker standards.</p>
<p>Recommendation Three: Improving Accessibility It is recommended that accessible services are delivered when young people need them, where young people need them and delivered in a way that is convenient and appealing to young people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving the accessibility of sexual health and advice services to young people Making sexual health, family planning and young people's service provision be more accessible and appropriate in light of the data analysis findings. Expansion of dedicated young people's sexual health services particularly to vulnerable groups and in geographical hotspot areas, promoting close collaboration with schools Providing venues accessible to young 		<p>PCT sexual health and contraception services; Teenage pregnancy co-ordinator</p>	<p>Part implemented & further development underway</p>	<p>The appointment of a dedicated Teenage Pregnancy Coordinator (TPC) has been appointed and a review of the targeted services for young people taken place. Plans to enhance the provision through 'wrap around' sexual health and contraception information, advice and prescribing services are in the final stages of development. This will build on developments over the last 18 months which have included the appointment of a prescribing contraceptive nurse working in target venues determined by the TPSPB and consultation with young people using the 4YP service and teenage parents in venues such as Children's Centres, St Anne's Hospital, Wood Green drop-in and 4YP bus. Initial contacts with CONEL and the 6th form centre have resulted in their inclusion as potential venues for an expansion of</p>

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<p>people including through the development of Children's Centres</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A telephone advice line for all young people who need advice or help on sexual health and pregnancy • Improving web site information and links to web sites for young people on range of sex and relationship advice. <p>Agreed</p>				<p>targeted work.</p> <p>The 4YP web site and information telephone service are linked to the Youth Service's young person's web site. The site is being updated to take account , of staffing changes in 4YP.</p>
<p>Recommendation Four Targeting High Risk Teenagers</p> <p>It is recommended that Haringey Council and Haringey Teaching Primary Care Trust improve information identifying and targeting teenagers most at risk of pregnancy and strengthen delivery of targeted services for "hard to reach" groups</p> <p>Agreed</p>		<p>Teenage Pregnancy Strategic Partnership Board partners</p>	<p>In development</p>	<p>The TPSPB undertook a self assessment in April 2007. Collection, analysis and use of data was identified as an area that needed addressing. This is a position reflected across the country, and particularly in London where there are high levels of mobility. Haringey has been successful in gaining support from GOL to assist with common data collection across services and agencies and a task group has been established as part of the TPSPB to drive this forward. The key multi-agency staff are meeting with GOL on 15th February to start this process.</p> <p>A database for teenage parents has been established since the scrutiny review. This can provide needs analysis by criteria such as post code, ethnicity and age. This can be shared with Children's Centres to help them in making contact with teenage parents. The data is also used to support Connexions work with teenage parents.</p> <p>The PCT and the two local hospitals also</p>

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<p>Recommendation Five: Stepping Up into the Future It is recommended that the Stepping Up programme be made accessible through the Children's Network, to be given greater coverage across the borough and that funding should be assured for the future, building on its strengths and addressing identified weaknesses. <i>Agreed</i></p>		<p>CYPS & TPCT; funding bodies; teenage pregnancy coordinator</p>	<p>Part completed</p>	<p>The three staff working to support teenage parents (Teenage Pregnancy Reintegration Officer, Connexions Personal Advisor; Stepping Up Manager) have been brought together and work as a single service to support teenage parents. Whilst each has a specific expertise within the project, each team member also takes the lead for a children's network. The service is delivered across the three children's networks through six children's centres in addition to their original base in Northumberland Park.</p>
<p>Recommendation Six: Improving Access to Childcare It is recommended that access to childcare for teenage parents is improved, including through the development of Children's Centres, which should ensure that there is appropriate affordable provision for teenage parents and through increased childcare facilities in colleges of higher education and the use of childminders. <i>Agreed</i></p>		<p>Early Years / 0-19 leads</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>An independent provider continues to run a crèche for children of teenage parents who wish to access full-time educational provision that attracts Care to Learn funding. A second centre has been opened since the last update for scrutiny. Teenage parents can access some of the childcare provision in children's centres whilst attending parenting and support sessions run by the supporting teenage parents staff. A recent development is the design of an out-reach supported programme for young mothers they can access at non-traditional settings convenient to themselves. This should result in them completing an accredited modular-based programme which includes childcare, basic skills, health and well-being etc and will be accepted as an entry level qualification for a range of further study,</p>

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<p>Recommendation Seven: Reaching Teenage Parents It is recommended that further mechanisms are put in place to reach teenage parents who need support and advice services. This should include the development of a local strategy for targeting those young parents not in contact with services and a peer support group to promote access to a broader spectrum of teenage parents in Haringey. Agreed</p>		<p>Children's centres; TPC; Connexions; youth service</p>	<p>In part</p>	<p>Many of the responses to recommendations 1-6 outline activities that have already been implemented to extend this work. One innovative development has been at the Whittington Hospital which has set up a support group for teenage mothers and their partners to engage them at the point of birth and maintain contact with them through a programme of child development and health & well-being programmes and social activities. A data-sharing protocol is in place so that this information can be shared with other partner agencies such as the Youth Service and Connexions.</p> <p>The self evaluation undertaken by the TPSPB and the inclusion of teenage pregnancy & parenthood as one of the cross-cutting themes for Changing Lives has resulted in this strategy being firmly in place.</p>
<p>Recommendation Eight: Sex and Relationships Education The review panel recommends that work on Sex and Relationships Education be</p>		<p>TP SPB; TPCT; TPC; YS/Connexions</p>	<p>Yes and ongoing</p>	<p>This is an area which has seen some of the greatest developments in the last two years. The FPA Speakeasy programme for working with parents/carers and staff to enable them</p>

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<p>strengthened in the community, including engagement through the Youth Service and other community groups. The panel would like to see closer collaborative working between the Youth Service and 4YP services, including the Connexions service. <i>Agreed</i></p>				<p>to discuss sex and relationships with young people has continued into its sixth year. Work with parents, carers and staff from 2 faith schools, community groups, HALS, children in care and leaving care teams, carers, young parents and care leavers has resulted in nearly 200 people (between 20 – 40 per year) receiving NVQ level 2 accreditation. This year an NVQ level 3 course has been run for people from the previous courses to enable them to become trainers themselves and make this programme self-sustaining in Haringey, at only the cost of accrediting the portfolios.</p> <p>Haringey took part in a pilot programme called Teens and Toddlers, which has continued this year as a self-sustaining programme. This course targets young people at risk of teenage pregnancy and has proved successfully nationally, and in Haringey, in preventing or delaying pregnancy. The programme gives accreditation in life-skills to participants and youth workers recognised accreditation to leaders. The course is currently running in 5 secondary schools with staff from the schools, children's centres, voluntary sector, youth service and the PCT training to be leaders.</p>
<p>Recommendation Nine: Improving Intelligence on Teenage Parents e It is recommended that the Teenage Pregnancy Partnership Board develop a local database of teenage parents</p>		TP SPB; TPC; Connexions	Partial	<p>See responses to recommendations 4 & 5 above particularly Connexions work with teenage parents. The new CAF process for notification of teenage parents and the initiative at</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop information sharing across the sector to facilitate creation of a definitive local database of teenage parents** Target for 90% of teenage parents known to the Connexions Service (currently 45% are known to the Connexions Service). <p>Agreed</p>				<p>Whittington Hospital has improved contact for Connexions with this group. At present 100% of notifications to supporting parents are in contact with a Connexions adviser. There are problems nationally with the accuracy and release of teenage pregnancy data and this means that it is not possible to comment further at the moment on the specific target that 90% of teen parents in Haringey are known to Connexions. We have been advised that the next date for release of the national data will be the end of February 2008. This data will relate to 2006 conceptions.</p>
<p>Recommendation Ten: Improved Joint Working</p> <p>The panel recommends that specific measures be introduced for improved joint working between the different agencies involved in delivering the Teenage Pregnancy Action Plan, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better linking up between partners/initiatives to target vulnerable groups more effectively Secure Reintegration Officer funding as result of changes in Standards Fund grants for Vulnerable Children. The Young People's Champion to actively promote LA and PCT joint working <p>Agreed</p>		TP SPB	Yes	<p>The operation of the TPSPB was reviewed in 2007. Members of the board have strategic leads within their own organisation. Operational sub and task groups were reorganised and each has clear targets for delivering on the action plan arising from the TPSPB's self evaluation in April 2007. Members of the TPSPB take responsibility for ensuring that teenage pregnancy priorities are included in Changing Lives and appropriate PCT strategies.</p> <p>A range of representatives from children and young people's strategic partnership board and other independent sector partners were involved in a 'Turning the Curve' exercise to identify 'blocking points' to progress and these have been addressed in the relevant plans.</p> <p>A dedicated Teenage Pregnancy</p>

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<p>Recommendation Eleven: Publicity, Information and Advice</p> <p>It is recommended that Haringey Council and the Haringey Teaching Primary Care Trust carry out a review of the publicity, information and advice on sexual health and contraception provided to young people as part of their requirement to communicate effectively with young people and involve them in a review of service provision and delivery.</p> <p><i>Agreed</i></p>		TPCT; TPC; sub-group of TPSPB	Partial	<p>Coordinator for Haringey has been appointed, funded through the Teenage Pregnancy grant. Funding for the reintegration officer has been identified within the Children and Young People's Service budget.</p> <p>A review of the information provided by 4YP and by the supporting teenage parents programme has been completed and materials revised and distributed. Young people accessing the services were consulted. Young people were also consulted and involved in the design of the young person's web site, which includes links to 4YP and other health-related information. As part of the development of the TPCT targeted service (see recommendation 3) young people will be fully consulted through the Pupil Participation consultation programme.</p> <p>The communications and media sub-group of the TPSPB is revising the present communications strategy and some grant funding has been identified to improve this further. Connexions services and Exposure are linked into this process.</p>
<p>Recommendation Twelve: Services for Teenage Parents Brochure</p> <p>The panel recommends that the information on teenage pregnancy sexual health and advice is made available to young people in a range of languages and formats.</p>	2008-09 FY	TPCT; TPC; sub-group of TPSPB	No	<p>Leaflets produced by national organisations in a range of languages are available in a variety of Haringey outlets. Translation of Haringey material has not been done but all material carries the Council's standard information that translations can be provided on request. Translations are included in the media and communications strategy under</p>

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Agreed				revision (see above) and translated materials should become available during 2008-9.

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