

Report for: Health and Wellbeing Board – 2 March 2017

Title: Annual Public Health Report 2016/17

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1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1 The Annual Public Health Report (APHR) is the Director of Public Health's (DPH) professional statement about the health of local communities, based on sound epidemiological evidence and interpreted objectively.

1.2 The APHR is an important vehicle by which DsPH can identify key issues, flag up problems, report progress and, thereby, serve their local populations. It is also a key resource to inform local inter-agency action.

1.3 This year's report focuses on sexual and reproductive health, particularly young people's sexual health.

1.4 The APHR should be publicly accessible to view and will be available at the board meeting on the 2nd March. Thereafter it will be published on line and hard copies will be available for distribution.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to consider the APHR 2016/17.

3. Background information

3.1 The title of the APHR is 'sexual health matters'. In Haringey we have made significant progress in reducing teenage conceptions and have developed a variety of sexual health projects and services for young people, however there is much more to do particularly in relation to the high rates of sexually transmitted infections (STIs). The report highlights that young people in Haringey have an overall rate of STIs which is considerably higher than England's.

- 3.2 Prevention is important - young people tell us they want a holistic approach to discussing their welfare and to be able to get that from an adult they trust. We will continue to improve young people's access to tailored information and support parents to have open conversations with their children as they grow up. We will continue to support frontline staff working with children and young people in schools, colleges, the voluntary sector and primary care to develop essential skills and attributes for talking about health issues with young people.

4. Statutory Officers comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities)

4.1 Finance and Procurement

- 4.2 There are no financial or procurement implications arising directly out of this report.

4.3 Legal

- 4.4 Under Section 73B (5) and (6) of the NHS Act 2006, the Director of Public Health has a statutory duty to publish an annual report on the health of the local population. The content and structure of the report is to be decided locally. The Council is required to publish the report.

- 4.5 Under Section 2B of the NHS Act 2006, the Council must take such steps as it considers appropriate for improving the health of the people in its area. The steps to be taken may include providing information and advice, providing services or facilities designed to promote healthy living and providing services or facilities for the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of illness."

4.6 Equalities

- 4.7 The report highlights that young people in Haringey have an overall rate of STIs which is considerably higher than England's. The measures set out in this report will contribute to tackling this aspect of health inequality experienced within this group, most of whom share the characteristics protected by the Equality Act 2010. Consideration will be needed for those groups who have disproportionately high levels of STI and sexual health needs. This includes sex, ethnicity and sexual orientation protected characteristics.

6 Use of Appendices

- 6.1 None.

7 Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 7.1 Not applicable.