



Haringey Council

Agenda item:

Cabinet

Report Title:

Executive response of the Children and Young People's Service to the Scrutiny Review of Sexual Health and Teenagers.

Forward Plan reference number (if applicable): N/A

Report of: **Peter Lewis, Director of the Children and Young people's Service.**

Wards(s) affected: **All**

Report for: **Non-Key Decision**

1. Purpose

1.1 To set out the Children and Young People's Service's response to the Scrutiny Review of Sexual Health and Teenagers.

2. Introduction by Cabinet Member

2.1 The Review was a very thorough piece of work which has been extremely helpful in adding value to the work being done through CYPS in improving the sexual health of the borough's young people.

2.2 I am pleased to report that all the recommendations are agreed, and some are already well underway. The only proviso I would make is that future funding is uncertain and may impact on our ability to do as much as we would wish.

3. Recommendations

3.1 That the Cabinet welcomes the Overview and Scrutiny Review of Teenage Sexual Health.

3.2 That the Cabinet agrees the attached response and proposed action plan as set out in Appendix One

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4. Chief Financial Officer Comments

5. This scrutiny review has identified a number of areas having potential financial implications, in particular recommendations 2, 3, and 10. In addition recommendations 1 and 5 suggest the potential for schools, as partners, to use their delegated resources in ways which can have positive effects on reducing Teenage Pregnancy, following the example set by Woodside High School.
6. The future of grant funding streams such as those through the Area Based Grant (ABG) are subject to some uncertainty post April 2011. It is therefore important that all relevant funding streams, across partners, are identified in the way suggested at paragraph 9 with a view to delivering cost effective services in the future.

7. Head of Legal Services Comments

The Head of Legal Services has been consulted and has no specific legal implications arising from the Scrutiny Review Report

8. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

9. Strategic Implications

There are considered throughout the report.

10. Financial Implications

10.1 There are specific financial implications to achieving some of the recommendations as set in the attached action plan. All other actions can be contained within the budget for 2010/2011.

11. Legal Implications

11.1 There are no specific legal implications in the Scrutiny Review report.

12. Equalities Implications

12.1 These are considered throughout the report.

11. Consultation

11.1 Where the agreed recommendations involve changes to service delivery or policy, consultation will be conducted as appropriate.

12. Background of scrutiny review

12.1 The review was commissioned as sexual health in teenagers had been identified by the Haringey Strategic Partnership as an area requiring specific action. This is reflected in the fact that two LAA targets are directly relevant to this issue. These are:

- □NI112; Rate of under-18 conceptions (per 1000 girls aged 15-17 as compared with the 1998 baseline rate)
- NI113: Prevalence of Chlamydia in under 25 year olds..

12.2 The review focussed on what the Council and its partners currently do to promote and improve the sexual health of teenagers within the Borough including action to reduce the levels of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and conceptions. Rather than focus on what happens to young people when they become infected with a STI or pregnant, the review concentrated instead on the issue of prevention and the promotion of good sexual health

13 Scope of the review

The Scrutiny Review of Teenage Sexual Health set out :

“To consider actions currently undertaken by NHS Haringey, the Council and other relevant partners to prevent sexually transmitted infections and re-infection and conceptions amongst teenagers through the promotion of good sexual health within the Borough and make recommendations on how this might be improved”

13.2 The review considered:

- Actions being taken to achieve the relevant LAA targets
- The relationship between Sexual Health outcomes and Family Planning Services
- How the views of users are sought and responded to
- Value for money

It undertook its work through the following:

- Interviewing key stakeholders to obtain their views
- Obtaining the views of service users, both potential and actual
- Considering relevant documentary and research evidence

Looking at best practice elsewhere

14 - Conclusion

14.1 Whilst the review acknowledges that a lot of good work is being undertaken in Haringey and excellent progress being made in reducing teenage conceptions by the Children and Young People Services and its partners, we are committed to ensuring the actions set out in Appendix one are implemented as swiftly as possible.

15 Use of Appendices / Tables / Photographs

15.1 Appendix one: Action Plan for implementing the recommendations of the Scrutiny Review of Sexual Health and Teenagers.

Action Plan for implementing the recommendations of the Scrutiny Review of Sexual Health and Teenagers

No	Recommendation	Proposed action	Timescale
1	That the Children’s Trust be requested to specifically raise the issue of the importance and value of the involvement of all secondary schools in programmes to promote good sexual health and the avoidance of conceptions with school governing bodies (C&YPS) (paragraph 4.11)	Agreed. Article has been included in Spring edition of the Governors newsletter, highlighting the training to be provided for governors on Personal Social Health Education in the Summer term. This will include a strong focus on promoting Sex and Relationship Education. It will also reiterate the importance of previous proposals that governing bodies elect a wellbeing champion (which includes aspects of sexual health). Governors will be provided with copies of the new “4YP Z-card” containing information about sexual health services. A presentation to Secondary Heads and Governors has been agreed by Teenage Pregnancy Executive Board which will include focus on under 16 and under 19 terminations data and a presentation on latest abortion research findings from Regional Teenage Pregnancy Coordinator.	September 2010
2	That the school nurse service be flagged up as a priority area when future decisions on funding are made by NHS Haringey. (NHS Haringey) (paragraph 4.15)	Agreed. The draft Haringey Sexual Health Strategy recommends training on CASH issues and ensuring school nursing staff understand local CASH services so that they can effectively signpost young people to these services. Health promotion materials will be made available to SNs. School nurses have already been included in the CYPS rolling programme of school based SRE training. School nurses will be	On-going

		<p>offered further accredited SRE training as part of the Teenage Pregnancy Prevention and Support Action Plan 2010-2011.</p> <p>Prioritisation of School Nursing time will be reviewed via the 5-19 Strategy Group to identify how further investment or reprioritisation can ensure school nurses in Haringey are available for the Strategy.</p>	
3	<p>That service commissioners consider the potential benefits of re-allocating some of the joint funding provided for teenage pregnancy initiatives to the school nursing service in order to facilitate a more proactive role for them in addressing sexual health issues. (C&YPS/NHS Haringey) (paragraph 4.15)</p>	<p>Agreed. This recommendation will be considered with providers. However, shifting allocated resources from CASH services will be very difficult because this will reduce the CASH service elsewhere.</p> <p>This will also be considered by the Teenage Pregnancy Executive Board once future funding streams for teenage pregnancy are identified for April 2011 and beyond.</p>	<p>September 2011</p> <p>March 2011</p>
4	<p>That NHS Haringey undertake specific work to engage with young people at CoHENEL and especially recent arrivals to the UK, in order to increase awareness of local NHS services including GPs. (NHS Haringey) (paragraph 4.21)</p>	<p>Agreed. There will be a focus on sexual health matters during Freshers' Week and it is envisioned that colleagues will register young people with GPs. The relevant information will be passed over to Student Services on how to register with a GP.</p>	<p>October 2010 and annually</p>
5	<p>That the proactive approach and specific initiatives to address teenage pregnancy undertaken by many</p>	<p>Agreed. CYPS is in the process of purchasing Baby Think it Over dolls for use in schools to continue this type of preventative work, previously delivered by a</p>	<p>September 2010</p>

	<p>schools, such as the use of models of babies at Woodside High School, be commended and, where possible, extended. (C&YPS) (paragraph 4.23)</p>	<p>charity. We will promote their use with all secondary schools, co-ordinate a loan system and deliver centre based training on their use with schools</p>	
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6	That an information champion be identified from amongst C&YPS and NHS Haringey commissioners to take the lead in ensuring that young people are well informed about sexual health services. (C&YPS/NHS Haringey) (paragraph 4.34)	Agreed. A new Media and Communications Action Plan is in development with NHS Haringey and other partners which will include identification of an information champion from amongst C&YPS and NHS Haringey.	July 2010
7	That full integration of sexual health services be supported and NHS Haringey be requested to provide an update on progress with its integration programme and an action plan as part of the response to the scrutiny review. (NHS Haringey) (paragraph 5.3)	Agreed. This recommendation has already been agreed with the providers and a progress report can be completed by NHS Haringey.	September 2010
8	That joint working with sexual health commissioners in neighbouring boroughs and particularly those where significant numbers of Haringey residents access services, such as Hackney, be further developed. (NHS Haringey) (paragraph 5.8)	Agreed. This recommendation is currently being done with some contracts with Enfield, Camden and Islington sexual health commissioners.	On going
9	That current work to establish more accurate data on spending on sexual health be welcomed and that, once more accurate data is available, a	Agreed. Benchmarking exercise will be undertaken as identified within the draft Haringey Sexual Health Strategy.	June 2011

	benchmarking exercise be undertaken to determine whether current levels of spending are appropriate to levels of local need, consistent with levels of statistical neighbours and providing good value for money. (NHS Haringey) (paragraph 5.11)		
10	That the Panel supports the aspiration of service providers to develop a clinic aimed specifically at young men and requests that commissioners give consideration to the identification of funding of such provision. (NHS Haringey) (paragraph 5.19)	Agreed. This proposal will be considered by sexual health commissioners. There is concern that the clinic attendance at dedicated services for Men Having Sex with Men is low. Although not dedicated services, the majority of users at the 4YP Bus sites are male and there are clinical services already available on the bus from the 4YP nurses.	September 2010
11	That commissioners consider the relocation of the 4YP clinic to a venue which is less stigmatising, more accessible and more attractive to teenagers as part of work on how best to reach relevant young people. (NHS Haringey/C&YPS) (paragraph 5.21)	Agreed. This recommendation will be considered and is subject to future NHS Haringey funding from April 2011 and beyond. The extension of services to a range young people's settings across the borough has been a priority for the Teenage Pregnancy Strategy since 2008 and is evident in the number of 4YP sites and 4YP Nurse sessions currently available to young people.	December 2011
12	That the proposal by service commissioners to change the opening hours of the 4YP afternoon clinic at St Ann's so that it they are more convenient for young people be supported and that the Committee be	Agreed. This proposal is set out in the draft Haringey Sexual Health Strategy.	September 2011

	provided with confirmation that this will be implemented as part of the 2010/11 commissioning process. (NHS Haringey/C&YPS) (paragraph 5.23)		
13	That NHS Haringey routinely provide access to free condoms for all GPs providing appropriate sexual health services at their surgeries. (NHS Haringey) (paragraph 5.29)	Agreed. This recommendation is currently being piloted as part of SHIP (Sexual Health in Practice) training and C-card/Medivend condom distribution scheme.	Ongoing
14	That all GPs should be encouraged by NHS Haringey to provide a range of sexual health services and that, as part of the re-accreditation process for GPs, it be made a contractual obligation. (NHS Haringey) (paragraph 5.31)	Agreed. The re-accreditation has been incorporated into the local agreements with GPs for Long Lasting Reversible Contraceptives. The purpose of the SHIP programme is to address training, too.	September 2010
15	That NHS Haringey commissioners work with GP surgeries and primary care service providers to encourage them to obtain "You're Welcome" accreditation for their services and that a GP champion be appointed to promote the "You're Welcome" initiative within GP surgeries in Haringey. (NHS Haringey) (paragraph 5.33)	Agreed. This recommendation has already been agreed by the You're Welcome Steering Group. Initial self assessments will take place in two GP surgeries in identified wards with highest under 18 conceptions with the aspiration that a GP champion be identified from the two surgeries.	September 2010
16	That NHS Haringey works with service providers to ensure that the	Agreed. All CASH services have completed their You're Welcome self assessment and have an action	August 2010

	importance of dealing sensitively and confidentially with patients is included as part of training for relevant reception and nursing staff in primary care and clinics. (NHS Haringey) (paragraph 5.34)	plan which outlines staff training requirements. Primary care hub to start the accreditation process in the September 2010.	October 2011
17	That the proposed introduction of a young persons health check to be offered through CoHENEL and sixth forms and undertaken by a nurse or health adviser be supported. (NHS Haringey/C&YPS) (paragraph 5.36)	This recommendation would be subject to future funding post April 2011 by CYPS/CoHENEL. Currently, COHENEL has a 4YP Nurse funded through Department of Health and will end in March 2011. Haringey Sixth Form have 4YP Nurse weekly sessions on site. The Teenage Pregnancy Prevention and Support Action Plan for 2010 - 2011 includes the further development of sustainable web based health checks which have been used successfully by Youth Services in Haringey and in other boroughs such as Hackney.	September 2010
18	That commissioners work with service providers to ensure that all patients are made fully aware of the specific tests that had been undertaken on them for STIs by providing appropriate written information for them. (NHS Haringey) (paragraph 5.37)	Agreed. This recommendation will be discussed as part of the performance management process with the providers.	September 2010

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