



HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

Subject Heading:

Update on Sexual Health services

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The subject matter of this report deals with the following priorities of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy

- ☐ Priority 1: Early help for vulnerable people
- ☐ Priority 2: Improved identification and support for people with dementia
- ☐ Priority 3: Earlier detection of cancer
- ☐ Priority 4: Tackling obesity
- ☐ Priority 5: Better integrated care for the 'frail elderly' population
- ☐ Priority 6: Better integrated care for vulnerable children
- ☐ Priority 7: Reducing avoidable hospital admissions
- ☒ Priority 8: Improve the quality of services to ensure that patient experience and long-term health outcomes are the best they can be

SUMMARY

The paper provides the Health and Wellbeing Board with an annual update regarding: -

- The sexual health of people in Havering – in most respects, it remains similar to if not slightly better than the national and London average, with the notable exception of abortion rates which remain high. The diagnosed prevalence of HIV in Havering remains below the national average but has for the first time increased above the threshold used to identify 'high prevalence' areas.
- Local specialist sexual health services – the redesign discussed at Health & Wellbeing Board last year has just gone live; further changes are in-train e.g. an e-service allowing residents to request home self-sampling tests; ahead of an open procurement exercise with LB Barking and Dagenham and LB Redbridge to award a new contract for integrated sexual health services by September 2018.



- Relevant, complementary services commissioned by other agencies are discussed and opportunities to improve sexual health services through greater collaboration are highlighted.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to: -

- Note the contents of this report.
- Support attempts to improve collaboration between sexual health commissioners and providers, possibly as part of the BHR Integrated Care Partnership.
- Receive further updates about sexual health, at least annually.

REPORT DETAIL

See Attached paper.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

None arising directly from this paper.

The cost of sexual health services results in a very significant charge against the Council's Public Health Allocation. The proposals outlined in the paper serve to mitigate the risk that costs increase still further in the future.

Legal implications and risks:

None arising directly from this paper.

The paper sets out how the Council will continue to meet the legal requirement established in the Health and Social Care Act 2012 to ensure residents have open access to sexual health services.



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The planned procurement will ensure compliance with relevant legislation and the Council's own constitution.

Human Resources implications and risks:

None arising directly from this paper.

Services will need to change to ensure they continue to meet the changing needs of local residents and offer best value. Any HR implications/ risks will fall on the service provider in the first instance.

Equalities implications and risks:

None arising directly from this paper.

Use of sexual health services varies between groups with protected characteristics. Any specific proposals impacting on sexual health services would be subject to an Equality Impact Assessment before any decision is made.

BACKGROUND PAPERS
