

HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

17 July 2024

The following report is attached for consideration and is submitted with the agreement of the Chairman as an urgent matter pursuant to Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972

7 NEL SEXUAL HEALTH STRATEGY (Pages 3 - 12)

New documents attached – these supercede the previous version.

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Head of Committee & Election
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HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

Subject Heading:	North East London Joint Sexual & Reproductive Health Strategy (2024 – 2029)
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The subject matter of this report deals with the following themes of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy

<input type="checkbox"/>	The wider determinants of health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase employment of people with health problems or disabilities • Develop the Council and NHS Trusts as anchor institutions that consciously seek to maximise the health and wellbeing benefit to residents of everything they do. • Prevent homelessness and minimise the harm caused to those affected, particularly rough sleepers and consequent impacts on the health and social care system.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lifestyles and behaviours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The prevention of obesity • Further reduce the prevalence of smoking across the borough and particularly in disadvantaged communities and by vulnerable groups • Strengthen early years providers, schools and colleges as health improving settings
<input type="checkbox"/>	The communities and places we live in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Realising the benefits of regeneration for the health of local residents and the health and social care services available to them • Targeted multidisciplinary working with people who, because of their life experiences, currently make frequent contact with a range of statutory services that are unable to fully resolve their underlying problem.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Local health and social care services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of integrated health, housing and social care services at locality level.
<input type="checkbox"/>	BHR Integrated Care Partnership Board Transformation Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older people and frailty and end of life • Long term conditions • Children and young people • Mental health • Planned Care <div> Cancer Primary Care Accident and Emergency Delivery Board Transforming Care Programme Board </div>

SUMMARY

This report presents an update on the North East London (NEL) Joint Sexual & Reproductive Health Strategy, outlines NEL ICB engagement, and sets out proposed local action plan governance and next steps.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Health and Wellbeing board members to:

- Endorse the North East London Joint Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy in advance of presentation to Cabinet
- Agree/comment on the proposed oversight arrangements for a Havering action plan

REPORT DETAIL

This report follows the last presentation of the draft NEL Joint Sexual & Reproductive Health (SRH) Strategy to the Havering Health and Wellbeing board in April 2024.

Recap on NEL SRH strategy

The NEL SRH Strategy builds on existing collaborative working arrangements and new opportunities arising from the establishment of integrated care systems, to present a framework for addressing shared SRH priorities and challenges across NEL.

The strategy aims to support the delivery high quality, easy access and equitable sexual and reproductive health provision across the whole of North East London, with the prevention of illness and the promotion of healthy relationships at the core of all activity.

The strategy and accompanying NEL action plan are presented across four priority areas for action:

Priority 1: Healthy and Fulfilling Sexual Relationships

Priority 2: Good Reproductive Health across the Life Course

Priority 3: High Quality and Innovative STI Screening and Treatment

Priority 4: HIV: Towards Zero and Living Well with HIV

The strategy and NEL action plan content and design has now been agreed, and the executive summary, full strategy and NEL-action plan accompany this report.

The strategy will be taken for endorsement by the Havering Cabinet in September 2024, with NEL-wide strategy launch scheduled for October 2024.

ICB involvement and sign off

A key point of discussion at the April Health and Wellbeing board was regarding the involvement of NEL ICB in strategy development.

ICB representatives, clinicians and other professional stakeholders from across the sexual and reproductive health (SRH) system were invited to participate in a series of workshops to inform strategy development. Key ICB stakeholders were also sighted on progress as members of the strategy steering group.

In a recent meeting with NEL local authority representatives, ICB colleagues involved in SHR commissioning and strategy oversight welcomed the strategy and the shared ambition of greater joint working on SRH and related services. ICB colleagues agreed to review/ comment on the strategy and action plan, with the strategy to be presented to the NEL ICB board once it has been approved via relevant local authority governance across NEL.

Proposed local governance

There is currently no existing Havering sexual health partnership group which could act as an implementation group for a local action plan.

As such, it is proposed that public health lead the formation of a small working group of key stakeholders to act as a vehicle for local action plan development and delivery. It is proposed that this group provide updates on progress via the Havering Place-based Partnership board, with frequency of updates to be agreed.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The NEL-level strategy has no direct financial implications, but may encourage and facilitate further exploration as to how commissioning of services can be optimised as to deliver economies of scale and maximise value for money within existing budgets.

Any consideration of NEL or local actions relating to the strategy which are deemed to have financial implications will be subject to the relevant organisational/partnership governance arrangements.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. North East London Joint Sexual & Reproductive Health Strategy (2024 – 2029) – Executive Summary
2. North East London Joint Sexual & Reproductive Health Strategy (2024 – 2029) – Full Report
3. North East London Joint Sexual & Reproductive Health Strategy (2024 – 2029) – NEL Action Plan
4. Accompanying presentation – update on North East London Joint Sexual & Reproductive Health Strategy (2024 – 2029)

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North East London Joint Sexual & Reproductive Health Strategy (2024 – 2029)



Havering Health and Wellbeing Board, 17 July 2024

Recap on strategic priorities:

- Developed through a combination of engagement with local health professionals and residents and local and regional data

Priority 1: Healthy and fulfilling sexual relationships



- All young people should have access to high quality Relationship and Sex Education (RSE)
- All residents should be able to recognise whether a relationship is abusive or unhealthy
- People in unhealthy or risky sexual relationships should be appropriately supported
- Reproductive health and wellbeing is just as important as preventing and treating STIs

Priority 2: Good reproductive health across the life course



- Residents are empowered to make informed choices that support good reproductive health
- Residents have access to timely, high-quality, inclusive and holistic services to support their reproductive health needs

Priority 3: High quality and innovative STI testing and treatment



- Residents have easy access to high quality, innovative and confidential STIs screening for all
- Transmission of STIs and repeat infections among our residents are reduced
- Stereotypes and stigma associated with STI infections are challenged

Priority 4: HIV - towards zero and living well with HIV



- Residents have access to rapid HIV testing across North East London
- Residents at risk for HIV are informed about prevention measures and have access to HIV prevention methods
- Residents living with HIV have access to HIV prevention and the best treatment and care
- Stereotypes and HIV related stigma are addressed and challenged

- NEL-level action plan aligned with these priorities has been developed

- At the April meeting of the Health and Wellbeing board, members asked for clarification about the involvement of NEL ICB in development of the strategy.
- ICB representatives, clinicians and other professional stakeholders from across the sexual and reproductive health (SRH) system were invited to participate in a series of workshops to inform strategy development. Key ICB stakeholders were also sighted on progress via the strategy steering group.
- The strategy, action plan and ambition around greater joint working across the SHR system has been welcomed by key ICB colleagues (those with oversight of SRH commissioning), who have agreed to review/comment on the strategy and action plan.
- It has been agreed that the strategy will be presented to the NEL ICB board once it has been approved via all local authority governance

- Strategy continues to be presented to HWBBs across NEL for endorsement
- Due to be presented to Havering Cabinet for approval in September
- Strategy to be presented to NEL ICB board
- Strategy launch scheduled for October

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No existing place-level partnership group for sexual health.

Proposal:

- to convene a working group of key local stakeholders to lead development and implementation of local action plan
- for this working group to report on progress to Havering PbP board
- Proposal to be put to August PbP board

Havering Place-based
partnership board

Havering Sexual
Health strategy
working group



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