

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



Havering Health and Wellbeing Board, 17 July 2024

- 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

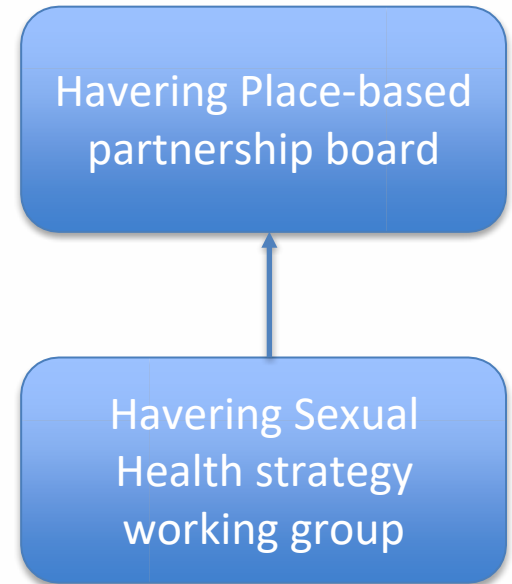
- At the April meeting of the Health and Wellbeing board, members asked for clarification about the involvement of NEL ICB in development and endorsement of the strategy.
- ICB representatives, clinicians and other professional stakeholders from across the sexual and reproductive health (SRH) system 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 taken through formal NEL ICB governance once it has been endorsed via all local authority governance

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

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



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