

## 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"/>	<p>The wider determinants of health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase employment of people with health problems or disabilities</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Prevent homelessness and minimise the harm caused to those affected, particularly rough sleepers and consequent impacts on the health and social care system.</li> </ul>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Lifestyles and behaviours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The prevention of obesity</li> <li>Further reduce the prevalence of smoking across the borough and particularly in disadvantaged communities and by vulnerable groups</li> <li>Strengthen early years providers, schools and colleges as health improving settings</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>The communities and places we live in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Realising the benefits of regeneration for the health of local residents and the health and social care services available to them</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Local health and social care services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of integrated health, housing and social care services at locality level.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>BHR Integrated Care Partnership Board Transformation Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Older people and frailty and end of life</li> <li>Long term conditions</li> <li>Children and young people</li> <li>Mental health</li> <li>Planned Care</li> </ul> <p>Cancer Primary Care Accident and Emergency Delivery Board Transforming Care Programme Board</p>

## 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)