
Decision Maker: **HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

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Title: **UPDATE ON SEXUAL HEALTH**

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Ward: Borough-wide

1. Summary

- 1.1 This briefing provides an update on sexual health services including progress by the London Sexual Health Programme.

2. Reason for Report going to Health and Wellbeing Board

- 2.1 This briefing is for Board Members' information.

3. **SPECIFIC ACTION REQUIRED BY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD AND ITS
CONSTITUENT PARTNER ORGANISATIONS**

- 3.1 No action is required.

Health & Wellbeing Strategy

1. Related priority: Mandated Service

Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
 3. Total savings: Not Applicable
 4. Budget host organisation: Not Applicable
 5. Source of funding: Not Applicable
 6. Beneficiary/beneficiaries of any savings: Not Applicable
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Supporting Public Health Outcome Indicator(s)

Yes:

Health Improvement

Indicator 2.04 Under 18 Conceptions

Health Protection

Indicator 3.02 Chlamydia diagnoses (15-24 year olds)

Indicator 3.04 People presenting with HIV at a late stage of infection

4. COMMENTARY

- 4.1 The Council spends broadly £3.1m per annum on the mandated open access sexual health services that include Genito-Urinary Medicine (GUM), Contraception and other related services.
- 4.2 Demand for sexual health services continues to rise with noticeable variations in access and activity across boroughs, especially with residents across London accessing services in central London. The open access requirement impacts on Councils' ability to predict service demand and manage budget effectively.
- 4.3 London Sexual Health commissioners initially collaborated on contract negotiations led by nominated Lead Boroughs in each of the five sub regions across London to achieve lower unit price and marginal rates. Bromley sits within the South East London sub-region with Lambeth being the Lead Borough.
- 4.4 The continued growth of activities led to further collaboration and the set-up of a London Sexual Health Transformation Programme which developed and implemented a set of tariffs known as Integrated Sexual Health Tariffs for London to support the provision of integrated GUM and contraception services.
- 4.5 The London Sexual Health Transformation Programme ended in March 2017 with its programme activities transitioned to a new team being hosted by the City of London Corporation. The London Councils Member briefing on the progress made to date by the London Sexual Health Programme and specifically on the procurement of an online service aimed at asymptomatic service users across 27 boroughs in London is attached at Appendix A.
- 4.6 In addition to working with the London Sexual Health Programme and the neighbouring South East London Boroughs in implementing the new London tariffs and in preparing for going live with the new London online service in July 2018 across SE London, Bromley has in place a range of provisions to manage STIs and contain costs. This includes the procurement of an Early Intervention Service that incorporates the provision of contraception and reproductive health services outside GUM clinics and is a unique model in London. This coupled with provisions by general practices and community pharmacists has sustained the continued decline in teenage conception rates.

5. IMPACT ON VULNERABLE PEOPLE AND CHILDREN

- 5.1 The Sexual Health programme empowers vulnerable people and young adults in managing their sexual health and wellbeing.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Achieving year on year cost containment and delivering balanced budget.

7. IMPLICATIONS FOR OTHER GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS, BOARDS AND PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING ANY POLICY AND FINANCIAL CHANGES, REQUIRED TO PROCESS THE ITEM

- 7.1 Robust governance structures are in place to support the London Sexual Health Programme.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Legal Implications and Comment from the Director of Author Organisation.
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Modernising London's Sexual Health Services – A London Councils Member Briefing, February 2018