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### Summary

The London Sexual Health Transformation Programme is supported by 28 London Boroughs and the City. This Programme is developing and delivering an ambitious new vision for the delivery of sexual health services in London. The City of London Corporation has already taken on the Lead Authority role for the new sexual health e-healthcare service for London. The City of London Corporation has now been formally requested to take on the governance of the London programme.

As part of its governance duties, the City will be required to recruit a Director of Sexual Health for London (0.5 FTE) and a Programme Support Officer (0.6FTE). It is acknowledged that hosting these roles should come at no extra cost to the City, and that the City's additional costs will be recuperated from the participating Boroughs.

### Recommendation(s)

1. It is recommended that the City act as the governing body in delivering the pan-London Sexual Health Transformation Programme.

### Main Report

#### Background

2. The need for sexual health services in London is significantly higher than the England average, and has risen in recent years. Rates of HIV, STIs and abortions are significantly higher for London than the national averages, and there are wide variations and inequalities within London:

3. Given London's complex pattern of open access services, there are important advantages for London boroughs to transform and commission services together. The participating boroughs are working together on a sub-regional basis for clinical service transformation, and across London for on-line sexual health services, including access to HIV/Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) self-sampling kits.
4. The London Sexual Health Transformation Programme aims to transform the way we provide sexual health services in London, to deliver high quality, innovative, equitable and accessible services that can meet the sexual health challenges we face now and in the future, and which reflect the expectations of service users and the technology they use.

### **Current Position**

5. The City of London Corporation has already taken on the Lead Authority role for the new sexual health e-healthcare service for London.
6. A further request from the leader of the London Sexual Health Transformation Programme, on behalf of the participating London boroughs, has now been received, which asks that the City of London takes on the overall governance of the transformation programme.
7. As part of its governance duties, the City will be required to recruit a Director of Sexual Health for London (0.5 FTE) and a Programme Support Officer (0.6FTE). Their duties will include:
  - Establishing a strategic board for London which would provide a senior level structure overseeing the full range of work and ensuring there is consistency across the system. The strategic board will provide a pan London oversight on the service and associated cost and activity.
  - Administering the other governance structures of the transformation programme, including the commissioners' group, and clinical advisory group
  - Collaborative commissioning – annual cycle of setting activity baselines, agreements on tariffs, forum for discussions between commissioners.
  - Oversight of implementation of the Integrated Sexual Health Tariff, review of pathways, approval of pathway changes etc.
  - Clinical oversight - approval/assurance on specifications, pathway changes, audit, oversight of incidents etc.
  - Stakeholder management - system working, interface with PHE, NHSE, CCGs etc.
8. It is acknowledged that these duties should come at no extra cost to the City. The City's additional costs will be recuperated from the participating Boroughs.

## **Finance and legal considerations**

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be signed by participating boroughs. This MOU would include:

- Commitment to paying for governance arrangements and structures
- Sign up to cross charging arrangements
- Recognition of lead commissioner arrangements and clear articulation of lead commissioner responsibilities and relationships with other commissioners
- Implementation of Integrated Sexual Health Tariff and governance arrangements for changes to tariffs, pathways and currencies
- Clinical governance including oversight of clinical standards and assurance of service specifications and changes to clinical models/pathways

## **Proposals**

9. The City providing governance for the London Sexual Health Transformation programme represents a unique opportunity to deliver a truly pan London transformation which will benefit the capital's population and at the same time deliver considerable savings by means of a joined up approach.
10. It is proposed that the City take on the role as the governing body in delivering the pan-London Sexual Health Transformation Programme.

## **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

11. The proposals support KPP4 in the Corporate Plan: *'Maximising the opportunities and benefits afforded by our role in supporting London's communities'*.

## **Conclusion**

12. Acting as the governing body for the 28 London Boroughs would underline the City's commitment to supporting wider London and devolution.

## **Appendices**

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