

Committee(s): Health and Wellbeing Board	Dated: 14-06-2023
Subject: Consultation on the proposed City and Hackney Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy (2023-2028)	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	2) <i>People enjoy good health and wellbeing.</i> 3) <i>People have equal opportunities to enrich their lives and reach their full potential.</i>
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N
If so, how much?	N/A
What is the source of Funding?	N/A
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	N/A
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Summary

This report is being brought to the Board to ask for the approval to commence a formal 12-week consultation to be held on the proposed five-year sexual and reproductive health strategy for City and Hackney, to commence on 1 July 2023.

Approval is also sought for an action planning process to run alongside and during this consultation period to inform the creation of an action plan for 2023-2024, to facilitate implementation of the strategy.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Note the strategy and proposed priorities
- Endorse a formal 12-week consultation to be held on the proposed five-year sexual and reproductive health strategy for City and Hackney, to commence on 1 July 2023.
- Endorse the process of action planning for the strategy to run alongside the consultation period.
- Recognise that the consultation process will also inform the proposed North East London Sexual and Reproductive Health strategy.

Main Report

Background

1. The City of London and the London Borough of Hackney have a statutory responsibility to protect and promote the sexual and reproductive health of our local populations. We invest over £8m per year in clinical services as well as services to promote good sexual health.
2. Although significant improvements have been achieved in improving sexual health, in partnership with the NHS and the voluntary sector, City and Hackney continue to have a high level of unmet need with significant inequalities in sexual and reproductive health, both within communities and compared to other areas in London and across England.
3. A five-year strategy for City and Hackney will ensure a coordinated approach that brings together commissioned services and explores linkages with other services and providers, including the NHS and the voluntary sector as well as cross-local authority initiatives including provision of sex and relationship education, to address the most pressing issues and gaps in provision and uptake of care.
4. As such, this strategy will lay the foundation for the reimagining and (re)commissioning of sexual and reproductive health services that are comprehensive and inclusive, recognising synergies with other services and providers, and contributing to better sexual and reproductive health outcomes for all residents.
5. The strategy is organised around five key thematic areas of which four also feature within the proposed NEL Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) strategy. This will help ensure both a locally focused strategy but also enable priorities are aligned across areas in North East London that have similar types and levels of SRH need within their populations.

The five overarching themes are:

- a) Healthy and fulfilling sexual relationships
- b) Good reproductive health across the life course
- c) STI prevention and treatment
- d) Getting to Zero new HIV transmissions
- e) Vulnerable populations

Current Position

6. To ensure that key stakeholders, system partners and residents are involved in deciding the priorities and outcomes in the draft strategy, the intention is to have a formal 12-week consultation period which is planned to commence on the 1 July 2023. It is then the intention for the strategy to be presented at the

September HWB for City and Hackney, respectively, for formal adoption as a partnership strategy.

7. The intention is further for the strategy to be accompanied by an annual action plan to ensure implementation and delivery on key priorities. To facilitate this action planning the proposal is to run this during and alongside the 12-week consultation, involving the same partners, stakeholders and residents representation.
8. The first action plan will be developed in tandem with the consultation process and be presented for formal adoption at the September HWB for City and Hackney, respectively and cover the remainder of the financial year 2023/24, as well as 2024/25. During 2024/25 a new action plan will be developed for 2025/26. The intention is that currently commissioned providers will all be involved in this process, with active involvement by other place-based stakeholders from within the Integrated Care System, and local resident bodies and representation, including young people.
9. To monitor implementation of the strategy, a sexual health dashboard is in development by the Public Health Intelligence Team (PHIT). This will include and collate quarterly data from key sources and platforms such as Pathway Analytics, Preventx and Pharmoutcomes that are used to reflect activity by Homerton Sexual Health Services, SHL and pharmacies. It will also incorporate GUMCAD, SPLASH and Fingertips data and updates. Lastly, where relevant and possible, it will include performance data derived from KPI reports submitted by commissioned services.

Proposals

10. In order to involve key stakeholders, system partners and residents in deciding the priorities and outcomes in the draft strategy, the Board is requested to endorse a formal 12-week consultation to be held on the proposed five-year sexual and reproductive health strategy for City and Hackney, and for this consultation to commence on 2 July 2023.
11. To facilitate implementation of the strategy, the Board is asked to endorse the process of action planning for the strategy to run alongside the consultation period.
12. As a Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy for North East London is being developed concurrently to the City and Hackney London Sexual and Reproductive Health strategy, for the Board to recognise that the consultation process will also inform the proposed North East London Sexual and Reproductive Health strategy.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

Following through on the proposed actions and the eventual adoption of a Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy will contribute to the following strategic priorities:

Strategic implications

Contribute to a flourishing society

People enjoy good health and wellbeing.

People have equal opportunities to enrich their lives and reach their full potential.

Equalities implications

The strategy highlights that significant inequalities exist in access to services and health outcomes based on ethnicity, age and sexual orientation. The action plan will ensure that appropriate actions are taken to address and reduce inequalities.

Conclusion

13. A five-year strategy for Sexual and Reproductive Health for City and Hackney is being developed, concurrently with a NEL SRH strategy. The Board is requested to endorse a formal 12-week consultation on this proposed strategy in order to invite and reflect the views and inputs from system partners, stakeholders and resident representation on the suggested priorities and outcomes, and for this consultation to commence on 2 July 2023.

14. To facilitate implementation of the strategy, once finalised and adopted, the Board is asked to endorse the process of action planning for the strategy to run alongside the consultation period.

15. This consultation process will also inform the proposed North East London Sexual and Reproductive Health strategy.

Appendices

None

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