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<b>Subject:</b> Public Health Service Level Agreement between the City of London and the London Borough of Hackney	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> London Borough of Hackney	<b>For Information</b>
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### Summary

This report describes an agreement between the City of London and the London Borough of Hackney regarding the management of public health services. The agreement articulates the level of service expected by the City and the price for individual elements. An agreement of this nature has been in place since April 2013 and is reviewed annually for content, activity and price.

Individual services covered by this agreement are set out in the report. They include services for public health intelligence, community sexual health, genitourinary medicine, oral and dental health promotion, prevention of domestic violence, elements of smoking cessation, health visiting, family nursing, school nursing, and data management services.

The agreement forms a contract between the two bodies, with a number of requirements for the London Borough of Hackney such as contract management, monitoring and review of services. These requirements are managed through quarterly briefing meetings to review the previous quarter's performance.

### Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report.

### Main Report

#### Background

1. Until 2013, the City's public health services were delivered by the previous Primary Care Trust. The Trust also delivered public health services in Hackney. When responsibility for public health transferred from the National Health Service to local authorities in 2013, most contracts were novated from the Primary Care Trust to the London Borough of Hackney. From that point, the borough-based team continued to commission and contract-manage provision on behalf of both the City and the borough.
2. This arrangement has been managed through a service level agreement between the two bodies. The City's contribution has been through staff time and, in most

instances, a 5.3% contribution to the cost of each service. 5% based on a population estimate and a 0.3% management fee.

3. A process of recommissioning public health services has continued since 2013 and, where appropriate, services have been commissioned separately by the City and Hackney. Those service areas include: smoking cessation, health checks, weight management, substance misuse, and exercise on referral.
4. In 2015 local government assumed additional public health responsibility for children aged 0-5 and their parents, including the Health Visitor service. This service has been inherited by Hackney and is managed by the borough on behalf of both locations, as per the arrangement established in 2013.

### **Current Position**

5. The Service Level Agreement between the City of London and the London Borough of Hackney for delivery of public health services covers the following areas for 2016/17:
  - Provision of public health intelligence
  - Genitourinary medicine and community sexual health
  - Commissioning support for sexual health remittances
  - Adult and Young people condom distribution schemes
  - Fluoride varnish scheme
  - Oral health promotion
  - Dietetics
  - Healthy start vitamins
  - Domestic violence prevention in primary care
  - City and Hackney Social Care Forum
  - Communicable disease outreach
  - Tuberculosis directly observed therapy
  - Young people's substance misuse service
  - Smoking cessation pharmacy service, prescribing costs and data system
  - Tobacco control training
  - School nursing
  - Health visiting service
  - Family nurse partnership
6. In 2015/16 the pricing arrangement was modified to more accurately reflect service use by City residents, rather than just an estimated population figure. Several years into the agreement, it has been possible to collect more accurate data from providers about the residence of patients and service users. This has led to reduced costs to the City for some services (for example, School Nursing) but higher costs in other areas (for example, communicable disease outreach).

### **Proposals**

7. The proposed course of action is to continue with the Service Level Agreement approach with the London Borough of Hackney, making adjustments in line with more accurate data on service use, and when services are recommissioned.

8. The estimated cost commitments for 2016/17 are £608,600.

### **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

9. This arrangement is central to the City's achievement of its Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities. In particular that:
- More people in the City should take advantage of Public Health preventative interventions, with a particular focus on at-risk groups
  - children in the City are fully vaccinated
  - Children and YP priorities are addressed

### **Conclusion**

10. The Service Level Agreement between the City of London and the London Borough of Hackney has ensured a safe landing for public health services in both locations. Elements of the agreement relating to the provision of public health intelligence have also enabled the City and Hackney Clinical Commissioning Group to commission primary and secondary health care services on behalf of the populations in both areas. Through effective contract management and annual negotiation, the City is in a strong position to choose whether to deliver or commission services directly in future, or to continue its contractual arrangement with Hackney where greater efficiencies and service quality are available.

### **Appendices**

None

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