



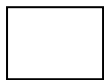
Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Health)

Date: 22 September 2009

Subject: Scrutiny Inquiry: Improving Sexual Health Among Young People – response to recommendations

Electoral Wards Affected:



Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the formal response to the recommendations presented in the Scrutiny Inquiry report: *Improving Sexual Health Among Young People (April 2009)*.

2.0 Introduction

- 2.1 During the previous municipal year (2008/09), the Scrutiny Board (Health) conducted an inquiry into improving sexual health among young people. The Scrutiny Board concluded its inquiry and agreed its inquiry report in April 2009, setting out its conclusions and recommendations.
- 2.2 Once a Scrutiny Board report has been issued, it is the normal practice to request a formal response to the Board's recommendations from the appropriate body. This report sets out the agreed response to the Board's recommendations.

2.0 Report issues

Initial responses

- 2.1 On 22 July 2009, a proposed response from the Director of Children's Services was presented to the Executive Board for consideration and approval. The report (attached at Annex 1) detailed each of the Scrutiny Board's nine recommendations, along with the proposed response of the Director of Children's Services. The original Scrutiny Inquiry report is appended to the report presented to Executive Board.

2.2 As detailed in the attached report, each response was developed with the following relevant agencies:

- Education Leeds;
- NHS Leeds (specifically public health, children's commissioning and provider services);
- Children and Young People's Social Care; and,
- The Teenage Pregnancy and Parenting Partnership Board (which includes the third sector).

2.3 At the Executive Board meeting, the following resolution was agreed:

- *That the proposed responses to the recommendations of Scrutiny Board (Health), as contained within the submitted report, be approved.*

Other considerations

2.4 During the Autumn 2007, the Teenage Pregnancy National Support Team (TPNST) visited Leeds to review progress against the national target for reducing the rate of teenage conceptions. The TPNST provided a report of its findings to the Teenage Pregnancy and Parenting Partnership Board (TPPPB) in November 2007. With 8 recommendations, a summary of the TPNST report was considered as part of the Scrutiny inquiry undertaken by the previous Scrutiny Board (Health).

2.5 The TPNST were requested to return in March 2009 (18 months after their initial visit) to undertake a review that would address each of the original 8 recommendations. The outcome of the March 2009 review is outlined in the Ministerial report, attached at Annex 2.

2.6 At this stage, members of the Scrutiny Board (Health) are asked to consider the initial responses to the recommendations, along with the additional information presented in the ministerial report (Annex 2) and to decide whether any further scrutiny activity is required at this stage.

2.7 In considering whether any further scrutiny activity is required at this stage, members of the Scrutiny Board should note that draft terms of reference for a proposed scrutiny inquiry aimed at promoting good public health (including issues around sexual health), are included elsewhere on the agenda.

Future monitoring arrangements

2.8 As a matter of routine, each recommendation will be incorporated in future quarterly recommendation tracking reports to enable the Board to continue to monitor progress. Recommendations will continue to be monitored until associated actions have been completed and/or members agree that monitoring should cease.

2.9 The next recommendation tracking report is scheduled for December 2009.

3.0 Recommendation

3.1 Members of the Scrutiny Board (Health) are asked to note and consider the information presented in this report and decide whether any further scrutiny activity is required at this stage.

4.0 Background Papers

Scrutiny Board (Health) – Inquiry Report: *Improving Sexual Health Among Young People* (April 2009)