



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Health)

Date: 12 December 2008

Subject: Scrutiny Inquiry – Improving Sexual Health among Young People

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Ethnic minorities

Women

Disabled people

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At the Board's meeting in June 2008, members agreed to carry out an inquiry into Teenage Conception, following on from a statement issued by the Scrutiny Board (Health and Adult Social Care) last year which recommended that a full inquiry be carried out. Following a discussion at the July meeting, the scope of this inquiry was broadened to cover Sexual Health in general among young people and the Terms of Reference were agreed.
- 1.2 The first formal session of the inquiry took place in a Working Group on 9th September. The notes of this meeting were presented to the Scrutiny Board at its meeting on 21st October 2008.
- 1.3 Following this initial meeting, it was felt that some of the issues covered – particularly Sex and Relationship Education – merited further discussion at a full board meeting. Therefore additional reports have been requested, which are attached as follows:
- Appendix 1 Improving Young People's Sexual Health briefing report
 - Appendix 2 Teenage Pregnancy and Parenthood Strategy
 - Appendix 3 Personal, Social and Health Education briefing report
- 1.4 Relevant officers will be at the meeting to respond to members' questions and comments.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 The Board is requested to:

- 2.1.1 Consider the information provided in this report and appendices and any specific matters discussed at the meeting;
- 2.1.2 Identify any additional information that may be required and determine any specific matters that require further scrutiny;
- 2.1.3 Determine and confirm the next steps of the inquiry.

3.0 Background papers

- Statement of Scrutiny Board (Health and Adult Social Care), Teenage Pregnancy Working Group
- 'Improving Sexual Health among Young People' inquiry Terms of Reference
- Notes of working group meeting, 9th September 2008