

HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES SELECT COMMITTEE		
Title	Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham Sexual Health Strategy 2018-23	
Key Decision	No	Item No. 5
Ward	Borough Wide	
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1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide members of the Healthier Communities Select Committee with an update on the development of the refreshed Sexual Health Strategy for Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham (LSL) 2018-23 and seek approval for the plans for a public consultation on the draft strategy.
- 1.2. The strategy is due to be finalised in Autumn 2018.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The committee is asked to:
 - Note the progress made in the production of the draft Sexual Health Strategy
 - Note the contents of the draft strategy
 - Consider the proposals for the public consultation on the draft strategy
 - Consider the proposal to present the final draft of the LSL Sexual Health Strategy 2018-23 to the meeting of the committee in January 2019

3. Policy context

- 3.1. This paper supports the Sustainable Community Strategy principles of narrowing the gap in outcomes for citizens and delivering together efficiently, effectively and equitably – ensuring that all citizens have appropriate access to and choice of high quality local services. It also links to the priority “Healthy, active and enjoyable”.
- 3.2. The paper also supports the aim, to improve sexual health, identified in Lewisham’s Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013-2023 and the priority identified in the strategy refresh 2015-18 to shift the focus of action and resources to preventing ill health and promoting independence and to support communities and families to become healthier and more resilient.

4. Narrative/Background

- 4.1. A sexual health strategy was previously developed across LSL in 2014, covering the three year period to 2017. The vision of this strategy was to ‘improve sexual health in LSL by building effective, responsive and high quality sexual health services, which effectively meet the needs of our local communities.’

- 4.2. The strategy supported a number of key achievements across LSL, which include:
- The development of online STI testing services.
 - Commissioning an LSL sexual health promotion service.
 - The development of new models of integrated delivery of substance misuse, sexual health & mental health for young people.
 - A commitment to work with partners to deliver the integrated sexual health tariff.
- 4.3. A refreshed LSL sexual health strategy, covering the period 2018-23, is being developed focusing on the following 4 strategic pillars:
- Healthy and fulfilling sexual relationships
 - Good reproductive health across the life course
 - High quality and innovative STI testing and treatment
 - Living well with HIV
- 4.4. The refreshed strategy is intended to:
- Build on the successes achieved over the course of the previous strategy
 - Address the continuing and changing challenges in sexual health that exist in LSL
 - Capitalise on the emerging opportunities available to improve sexual across all three boroughs.
 - Enable alignment of action across the boroughs by having a shared and clear strategic direction
- 4.5. The strategy development process has been underpinned by the following key principles:
- Working in partnership, at a local, London and national level.
 - High quality commissioning for effective and financially sustainable services, maximising technological innovations.
 - Listening to service users' views and experiences and using these to improve what we do.
 - Focusing on reducing inequalities in sexual and reproductive health.
 - Supporting the development of a resilient sexual health system
- 4.6. The strategy development process has covered the following stages to date to produce the draft strategy document:

Evidence and data review

Reviews of research evidence and epidemiological data were performed for each of the four strategic pillars to inform the aims, objectives, and action plan for the strategy.

Stakeholder engagement and feedback

A stakeholder engagement process was implemented throughout December 2017 consisting of an engagement event and online survey. The purpose was to collect feedback from professionals and other stakeholders, on the proposed framework and priorities for the strategy. The views of a broad range of Lewisham stakeholders were captured as a result of this process.

Co-creation workshops

Co-creation workshops were identified as a valuable means of engaging local residents in a specific element of the strategy development process. Two workshops were held with female residents from across LSL in April 2018. The workshops were well attended by Lewisham residents and focused on gathering creative insights on current and future need for contraceptive services.

Collaborative Strategy Steering Group

A strategy steering group was established, comprising of public health consultants, sexual health commissioners and public health analysts from Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham. This steering group has produced, reviewed and revised a series of iterations of the draft strategy before agreeing the version of the strategy that is to be presented with this paper.

This draft strategy will also be approved by the Directors of Public Health for Lewisham, Lambeth and Southwark prior to the initiation of the consultation.

4.7. Next steps

A 6 week consultation on the draft strategy is proposed to run from September to October 2018.

It is proposed that a statutory 3 month public consultation period is not necessary as the strategy is an update of the original and does not include any commissioning intentions. It provides updated epidemiological analysis and articulates a refreshed strategic direction for the next 5 years for improving the sexual health of residents in all three boroughs. Both residents and professionals from Lewisham have also had the opportunity to participate during the strategy development process via the co-creation workshops and engagement events.

4.8. The consultation process will be coordinated, on behalf of each of the tri-boroughs, by the LSL Sexual Health Commissioning Team and will include:

- An online survey
- An engagement event (to be held at 1pm on Thursday 27th September at a central location in the LSL area).

The consultation questions will include:

- Do you agree with each chapter's vision, aims, outcomes and objectives?
- What do you want us to prioritise within each pillar and why?
- What does this strategy mean for you/your organisation?
- Are there any notable omissions?

A single consultation engagement event has been proposed as there was proportionate representation from Lewisham residents and professionals at the original engagement and co-creation events, held prior to the development of the strategy.

A local engagement process will also be undertaken, led by the Public Health Consultant lead for Sexual Health and Public Health Commissioners. This will involve presenting the draft strategy at key stakeholder groups across the borough during September and October 2018.

- 4.9. The consultation results, from the local and tri-borough engagement events, will be reflected in the final draft of the strategy. This will be presented to the Lewisham Health and Wellbeing Board and brought back to the Healthier Communities Select Committee in January 2019.
- 4.10. It is anticipated that each borough will then develop their own local action plan in response to the strategy. It is proposed that a Lewisham Sexual Health Strategy Implementation Group, chaired by the Consultant in Public Health lead for sexual health, will be established to oversee this process. Any proposed service changes arising from the local action plan will be consulted on separately, as with the realignment of primary care delivery agreed by the Healthier Communities Select Committee on 27 June 2018.

5. Financial implications

- 5.1. The strategy does not contain any specific commissioning intentions and therefore there are no financial implications. Any specific commissioning decisions arising from the development of the local response to the strategy will be presented to the Committee and consulted on separately. Detailed financial implications will be considered at that stage.

6. Legal implications

- 6.1. There are no specific legal implications.

7. Crime and disorder implications

- 7.1. There are no specific crime and disorder implications.

8. Equalities implications

- 8.1. Consideration of equalities has been made throughout the strategy development process in order to inform any approaches required to address inequalities in sexual health outcomes across the three boroughs.
- 8.2. Equalities monitoring information will be collected as part of the strategy consultation process.

9. Sustainability implications

- 9.1. There are no specific environmental implications arising from this report.

10. Conclusion

- 10.1. The purpose of this report is to provide members of the Healthier Communities Select Committee with an update on the development of the refreshed Sexual Health Strategy for Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham (LSL) 2018-23 and seek approval for the plans for a public consultation on the draft strategy.
- 10.2. The strategy is due to be finalised in Autumn 2018 and the final strategy will be presented to the Lewisham Health and Wellbeing Board and Healthier Communities Select Committee in January 2019.

11. Background documents and originator

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- 11.2. **APPENDIX 1** – Draft Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham Sexual Health Strategy
2018-23 Powerpoint Presentation