

<b>Healthier Communities Select Committee</b>			
<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Developing an Integrated Approach to Public Health in South East London: Establishing an Urban Public Health Collaborative</b>		
<b>Key Decision</b>	No	Item No.	7a
<b>Ward</b>	All		
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<b>Class</b>	Part 1	Date:	11 December 2013

## **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the committee on the progress made in establishing a public health collaborative across Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham involving all key partners.

## **2. Recommendations**

Members of the Healthier Communities Select Committee are recommended to:

- Note the progress made in the first year of the programme;
- Consider how frequently it would like to receive future updates.

## **3. Policy Context**

- 3.1 There are profound Public Health challenges facing the local population served by the London Boroughs of Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham, by King's Health Partners (KHP), Lewisham & Greenwich NHS Trust, Primary Care providers, Clinical Commissioners and other stakeholders. There are also tremendous opportunities for these organisations to work with the local population in South East London to develop and deliver innovative interventions to reduce inequalities and improve the quality of care.
- 3.2 The South East London Collaborative is committed to co-designing, co-evaluating and co-implementing public health interventions specifically aimed delivering the Health and Wellbeing Strategies of Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham Health & Wellbeing Boards.

## **4. Background**

- 4.1 To make a really significant impact in reducing premature mortality and health inequalities in urban populations will require public health academics, practitioners, clinicians, clinical researchers, public servants, policy makers and local communities to work together to co-design, co-evaluate and co-implement cost-effective complex public health interventions that are innovative and sustainable to scale.
- 4.2 Over the next five years the aim is to be recognised internationally for our academic and service innovation in Urban Public Health in addressing local and international issues, with a focus on inequalities in health and healthcare delivery, particularly with regard to ethnicity and deprivation. The vision will be delivered through the Urban Public Health Collaborative for South East London that will facilitate the design, evaluation and implementation of complex public health interventions by involving all stakeholders at every stage. The collaborative will provide a unique test bed to develop and test innovative solutions in prevention and management of long term conditions of Public Health importance.
- 4.3 The Collaborative was launched in April 2013 with representation from all three Boroughs (Leaders of the Boroughs, and Chairs of Clinical Commissioning Groups and Health & Wellbeing Boards), Kings Health Partners (KHP) and its Clinical Academic Groups (CAGs) as well as Public Health England (PHE). Working relationships with the local partners have been agreed which include informal regular updates with the Chairs of the CCGs and Health & Wellbeing Boards as well as formal presentations twice a year at the meetings to the Boards. This will ensure that research and implementation priorities of the Collaborative are aligned to the three Boroughs' health and wellbeing strategies.

## **6. Financial implications**

- 6.1 The cost of engaging in these arrangements (staff time etc) will be met from existing budgets.
- 6.2 Sharing expertise and learning will give Lewisham better value for money from the research that we undertake or fund, though it won't necessarily reduce the cost of that research.
- 6.3 Changes in provision made as a result of what we learn will have an impact on the health of residents in the borough in the future but it is too soon to say what the financial impact of that will be on the cost of health and social care provision.

## **7. Legal implications**

- 7.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

## **8. Crime and Disorder Implications**

- 8.1 Complex public health interventions are likely to have a positive impact on crime and community safety by enhancing community resilience.

## **9. Equalities Implications**

- 9.1 All public health interventions will be designed specifically to reduce health inequalities. A co-production / community development approach will underpin all the Collaborative's work; this will ensure a focus on addressing the needs of the most disadvantaged in our communities.

## **10. Environmental Implications**

- 10.1 It is possible that some of the public health interventions may have a direct, positive impact on the environment.

## **11. Conclusion**

- 11.1 It is hoped that a successful Urban Public Health Collaborative in South East London would allow us to:
- Build world class research capacity to develop and evaluate complex public health interventions;
  - Provide the education and training opportunities necessary to equip all our local stakeholders with skills to engage in the design, evaluation and implementation of complex public health interventions;
  - Provide a forum and resources for partners across Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham to work together to design, evaluate and then implement large scale complex public health interventions across the populations and communities of South East London;
  - Create the world's first Urban Public Health Collaborative on the principles of co-production.

## **Background Documents**

Establishing an Urban Public Health Collaborative:

<http://www.kcl.ac.uk/medicine/research/divisions/hscr/about/publichealth/index.aspx>

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