

<b>HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES SELECT COMMITTEE</b>		
Title	Lewisham Annual Public Health Report 2018	
Key Decision	No	Item No. 8
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 the Annual Public Health Report (APHR) for 2018. The theme of the APHR is 'Sexual Health: with a focus on contraception'. The report focuses primarily on communicating with Lewisham residents about sexual health and different forms contraception.

1.2 The 2018 APHR continues to have an online format to enhance accessibility of the report for members of the public.

## **2. Recommendations**

Members of the Healthier Communities Select Committee are recommended to:

2.1 Note the content of the report and direct as required any further analysis or commentary.

## **3. Policy Context**

3.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 stated that the production of an APHR is a statutory duty of the Director of Public Health, which the local authority is responsible for publishing.

3.2 The APHR topic selected for this year is Sexual Health in order to coincide with the publication of the new Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham (LSL) 5-year sexual health strategy (2019-24).

3.3 The new LSL sexual health strategy has four key pillars:

- Healthy and fulfilling sexual relationships
- Good reproductive health across the life course

- High quality STI testing and treatment
- Living well with HIV

3.4 The strategy development process was underpinned by the following key principles:

- Working in partnership, at a local, London and national level.
- High quality commissioning for effective and financial sustaining services, including capitalising on technological innovations.
- Listening to service users' views and experiences and using these to improve what we do.
- Focus on reducing inequalities in sexual and reproductive health.
- Supporting the development of a resilient sexual health system.

3.5 This APHR will focus on some of the most pertinent issues for Lewisham highlighted by the strategy. Most notably, Lewisham has relatively low levels of uptake of long-acting forms of contraception prescribed by GPs and relatively high rates of abortion in comparison to neighbouring boroughs, London and England overall. This report will therefore have a specific focus on contraception within the broader topic of sexual health.

## **4. Background**

4.1 The APHR this year will continue to have an online microsite format with webpages featuring a combination of written text, user-friendly data presentation, images and short videos. This communication medium was chosen last year in line with the target audience for the report i.e. members of the public, and in recognition of the increasing use of online communication channels to disseminate health information.

## **5. Summary of the APHR 2018**

5.1 The APHR this year will aim to communicate with Lewisham residents about sexual health with a specific focus on contraception.

5.2 The following sections have therefore been included in the online microsite:

- **Section 1: Introduction**

This includes video introductions to the report from Dr Danny Ruta, Director of Public Health; Cllr Muldoon, Chair of the Healthier Communities Select Committee; Cllr Chris Best, Executive Member for

Health, Wellbeing and Older People; and Dr Emily Mabonga, Sexual Health and HIV Consultant at Lewisham and Greenwich Trust (LGT).

- **Section 2: What do we know about sexual health in Lewisham?**

Key sexual health data for Lewisham is summarised in several infographic sheets in this section. A link to all of the public health dashboards is also included to give viewers/readers a broader overview of public health in Lewisham.

- **Section 3: Contraception - What do you know?**

A short interactive quiz in this section has been designed to test readers'/viewers' knowledge of different types of contraception.

- **Section 4: Contraception Case-studies**

Three real-life stories of contraception use from Lewisham residents are shared in this section. A number of short videos featuring Dr Emily Mabonga (sexual health and HIV consultant) explaining different forms of contraception are also included in this section.

- **Section 5: Contraception Services**

This section will outline the main services available for contraception in the borough.

- **Section 6: What's new for sexual health in Lewisham?**

This section provides a brief overview of new sexual health initiatives in Lewisham including an overview of the LSL sexual health strategy 2019-2024 and access to sexual health services in Lewisham pharmacies.

5.3 The online microsite will go live at the end of January 2019 and will be available at the following URL: <http://lewishampublichealth.uk/sexualhealth>.

## **6. Financial Implications**

6.1 There are no specific financial implications arising from this report.

6.2 All the work described in the report is funded from the ring-fenced Public Health Grant.

## **7. Legal Implications**

7.1 The requirement to produce an APhR is set out above.

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

8.1 There are no specific crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

## **9. Equalities Implications**

9.1 There are no specific equalities implications arising from this report.

## **10. Environmental Implications**

10.1 There are no specific environmental implications arising from this report.

## **11. Conclusion**

11.1 The report focuses on the topic of sexual health with a focus on contraception and aims to communicate with members of the Lewisham community. The report will continue to have a new online microsite format to enhance accessibility and engagement with the report.