

**REPORT FOR: HEALTH AND
WELLBEING BOARD**

Date of Meeting: October 2nd 2013

Subject: **INFORMATION REPORT –
Review of School Nursing and
Health Visiting in Harrow and
Barnet**

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Exempt: No

Enclosures: None

Section 1 – Summary

This report sets out an overview of the proposed Joint review of Health Visiting and School Nursing in Harrow and Barnet to commence October 2013, which aims to identify the model of service delivery which will provide the best outcomes for children and young people, aged 0-19 years in both boroughs.

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Section 2 – Report

Review of School Nursing and Health Visiting

Introduction

The health and well-being of children and young people matters and school nurses and health visitors are key professionals in supporting children and young people in the developing years 0-19 to have the best possible health and education outcomes.

In April 2013, commissioning of public health services for 5–19-year-olds became the responsibility of local authorities under the direction of Directors of Public Health and in 2015, 0-5 year old public health services will also be commissioned by local authorities.

As a consequence of the transfer of responsibility and given the timelines for when the services will be solely commissioned by Harrow and Barnet Councils, there was a collective agreement by both CCG's, councils and NHS England that a review should be undertaken of the services.

A Project Steering Group overseeing the project has membership derived from the shared public health team; children's services of both Councils, the CCG of both Boroughs, an independent expert and NHS England, chaired by the Director of Public Health.

The review will be led by the Consultant in Childrens Public Health and a third party contractor will be procured to carry out the review.

Aims and objectives

The review aims to identify the model of service delivery which will deliver the best outcomes for children and young people aged between 0 and 19 years in both boroughs

The objectives are

- To map current provision across Barnet and Harrow against core offer and national guidance for School Nursing and Health Visiting

- To map current school nurse and health visitor activity and link to levels of identified health needs.
- To understand any gaps in current workforce and identify any risks to and probabilities of achieving expected trajectories
- To gain the views and needs from local families, children and young people concerning the roles of the School Nurse and the Health Visitor in relation to their health needs.
- To integrate the views of the wider health, social care and school communities on the role of school nursing and health visiting teams.
- To inform the development of the School Nursing service from 2014-15 & Health Visiting Service Specifications for 2015/16 and beyond
- To identify for both Councils, the best model for future delivery of school nursing and health visiting with a view to improving potential outcomes for children and young people.

Scope

The scope of the Review is:

- School nursing services for both boroughs
- Health visiting services for both boroughs
- Family nurse partnerships for both boroughs

The review will comprise of:

- Health Needs Assessment –demographic and geographical analysis
- Stakeholder Analysis
- Review of Service
- Workforce Analysis
- Options Appraisal

The review will take into account new issues that arise out of the move to local authority commissioning such as clinical governance, full integration with local authority teams, relationship with CCG commissioners and the implications of the development of free schools.

The review will also take into account the early year's reviews being conducted in both councils and also the current pan London work looking at models for the delivery of Public Health Services to the 0-5 population. The pan London work will provide a London wide perspective on the current provision of health visiting and future service delivery models. This review will look at both school nursing and health visiting services and will reflect local needs and stakeholder views as outlined in the expected outcomes below.

Separate reports will be written for each borough which will reflect the different demographics, needs and strategic direction of travel for each. However where there are areas of similarity which may have an impact on future commissioning arrangements, this will be taken account of.

Expected Outcomes of the Review:

The outcomes of the review are intended to provide options and models for service delivery including:

- Clear options for the delivery of school nursing and health visiting which are expected to produce the best outcomes for children (as measured by Public Health Outcomes Framework, NHS Outcomes Framework, Children's Outcomes Framework and any other appropriate local authority outcomes frameworks/strategies)
- Recommended options are evidenced based, will meet local need, will deliver against national guidance and best practice such as the healthy child programme
- Recommended options reflect the criteria within the Health and Wellbeing strategies, Children and Young People's Plans for both boroughs and the Public Health Outcomes Framework.
- Clear evidence that there has been input from a wide range of stakeholders particularly parents, children and young people and frontline health visitors and school nurses which have shaped the options appraisal for the future of the services

- A clear articulation of any workforce issues which may emerge from the review
- Draft specifications (including clear performance management reporting arrangements) for the health visiting service and school nursing service for 2015-16 which clearly articulate the best model identified.

Current progress

A procurement process has commenced to secure a contractor to carry out the review. The timescales for the implementation and delivery of final recommendations are indicated in the table below.

Key Milestones	Due Date
1. Commence Review	1st October 2013
2. Report on initial findings	6 th January 2014
3. Presentation to Project Steering Group	w/b 27 th January 2014
4. Feedback to Stakeholders	wb 3 rd February 2014
5. Final Report	14 th February 2014

Engagement has commenced with current providers of services to inform them of the review and seek their cooperation.

Section 3 – Further Information

A further report will be submitted to the Health and Well being Board in April 2014 which will include the final recommendations from the review.

Section 4 – Financial Implications

The funding for the review has been met through a joint budget between Harrow and Barnet from the Public Health ring fenced grant. The commissioning intentions and budget set for 2014/15 will reflect the outcome of the review and will be contained within the Public Health ring fenced grant for each council.

Section 5 - Equalities implications

Was an Equality Impact Assessment carried out? No

Will be part of the review

Section 6 – Corporate Priorities

If a Council or Joint report - Please identify which corporate priority the report incorporates and how:

- United and involved communities: A Council that listens and leads.
- Supporting and protecting people who are most in need..

STATUTORY OFFICER CLEARANCE (Council and Joint Reports)

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Section 7 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: Project Specification requirement