


London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham	
	1. HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD 10 November 2014
TITLE OF REPORT: Sexual Health and Relationship Education in Schools	
Report of Meradin Peachy, Director of Public Health	
Open Report	
Classification - For Review & Comment	
Key Decision: No	
Wards Affected: All	
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The report by Healthwatch on sex and relationship education in west London provides useful information for Tri-borough sexual health commissioning.ⁱ The report is based on the outcomes of an internet-based survey and focus group discussions with 181 people aged 13-25 years, of whom some 70% attended west London schools.

ⁱ Healthwatch Central West London. *Sex and relationship education report*. Healthwatch Central West London. London. 2014

The report confirmed that most young people prefer to discuss sex and relationship issues with people other than their school teachers, and that they find information about contraception and sexually-transmitted infections (STIs) of greatest value. Young people also want information about a wider range of issues including domestic violence and female genital mutilation.

Within H&F council we invest £375,000 on young people's initiatives, with £236,000 invested in family and children's locality services and the remainder in schools and smaller community groups to promote sexual health and reduce the transmission of sexually-transmitted disease. This is under review to ensure that the approach to young people's sexual health and healthy relationships links into the wider reviews including the Whole Family Project; substance misuse provision for young people; and the work of the Children and Young People Mental Health Task and Finish Group.

In adult sexual health services there is a greater emphasis on HIV prevention than other STIs. We are looking have a greater focus on the prevention of all types of STIs.

We are also in discussion with providers and other stakeholders in relation to developing procurement plans which will promote sexual health services that:

- are tailored to the needs of different groups in terms of age, cultural values and beliefs, and ethnicity;
- will better enable skill development in topics such as consent and condom negotiation, and not just providing information;
- cover a range of topics such as those identified in the Healthwatch report including sexual orientation, abuse and pornography;
- will ensure that the pathways to the various services available are clear.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT

No.	Description of Background Papers	Name/Ext of holder of file/copy	Department/ Location
1.	None		

LIST OF APPENDICES:

Sex and Relationship Education Report