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<b>Report of:</b> NHS Tower Hamlets CCG		<b>Title: Interpreting and Advocacy Services in Health</b>		
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## 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 Health organisations across the borough have a statutory obligation to provide advocacy and interpreting services so as to ensure equality of access for all residents. Advocacy and interpreting services are vital support services for Tower Hamlet's patients due to our diverse population and are provided to patients across Primary Care, Community Care, Secondary Care and Mental Health Services.
- 1.2 This report examines the current provision of interpreting and advocacy services in health, considering how the current services in place at the CCG, Barts Health, and East London Foundation Trust meet the diverse needs of the borough, and what the future plans to develop these services may be.

## 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To be noted by the Health Scrutiny Panel
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