


<p>Non-Executive Report of the:</p> <p><b>Health Scrutiny Subcommittee</b></p> <p>29/06/2017</p>	
<p><b>Report of:</b> Graham White, Acting Corporate Director Governance</p>	<p><b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted</p>
<p><b>Access to health and social care services in Tower Hamlets</b></p>	

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<b>Wards affected</b>	All Wards

### Summary

In 2016/17 the Tower Hamlets Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee's (HSSC) identified the area of '**Access to Health and Social Care Services**' as a thematic focus for its work programme. The Sub-Committee wanted to review the accessibility of specific health and social care services in the borough and develop recommendations to improve provision.

This report provides a brief overview of the key issues raised over the course of these meetings, the response of services to meeting the identified challenges, and the recommendations put forward by the committee for consideration.

### Recommendations:

The Health Scrutiny Sub- Committee is recommended to:

1. Note the report and recommendations.

## **1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS**

- 1.1 By reviewing access to health and social care services in Tower Hamlets the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee had the opportunity to explore what significant challenges face residents in accessing health and social care services in Tower Hamlets, and consider cutting edge solutions for improving access to the appropriate care.

## **2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 2.1 To take no action. This is not recommended as the scrutiny review provides an evidence base for improving access to health and social care services in the borough
- 2.2 To agree some, but not all recommendations.

## **3. DETAILS OF REPORT**

- 3.1 The Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee (HSSC) took a thematic approach to its work programme during the 2016/17 municipal year, agreeing to focus its scrutiny on the issue of resident access to local health and social care services - something that has become of increasing concern in recent years due to a number of social, economic and policy factors.
- 3.2 The Sub-Committee identified four areas of interest for review across the year:
- Community Pharmacy,
  - Primary Care, Planning and Health Infrastructure,
  - Early Years
  - Adult Mental Health Services
- 3.3. The Sub-Committee wanted to review the accessibility of specific health and social care services in the borough and develop recommendations to improve provision

## **4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

- 4.1 This is a noting report and there are no financial implications arising from the contents of this report.

## **5. LEGAL COMMENTS**

- 5.1 This is a noting report asking the Sub-Committee to note the 'Access to Health & Social Care in Tower Hamlets - Annual Report of the Municipal Year 2016-17' and its three recommendations contained therein. There are no legal implications arising from the contents of this report.

## **6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS**

- 6.1 This review provided recommendations which will ensure that people from different ethnic groups, age groups, and genders are provided with the same quality of service, and level of access to health and social care provision in the borough.

## **7. BEST VALUE (BV) IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 There are no direct best value implications arising from this report or its 'Action Plan'.

## **8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT**

- 8.1 There are no direct environmental implications arising from the report or recommendations.

## **9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 There are no direct risk management implications arising from the report or recommendations.

## **10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from the report or recommendations.

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## **Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents**

### **Linked Report**

- NONE

### **Appendices**

- Appendix 1: Access to health and social care in Tower Hamlets Report.

### **Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)**

#### **List of "Background Papers" used in the preparation of this report**

List any background documents not already in the public domain including officer contact information.

NONE

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