

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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Title:	Cancer Prevention, Awareness and Early Detection Scrutiny Review 2016/17
Report of the Director of Public Health	
Open Report	For Decision
Wards Affected: All wards	Key Decision: No
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Summary: At the start of the 2015/16 municipal year, the Health & Adult Services Select Committee (HASSC) agreed to undertake an in-depth scrutiny review into cancer prevention, awareness, and early detection. The scrutiny review addressed 3 questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Why are residents of Barking and Dagenham more likely to develop cancer and less likely to survive cancer than residents in other London boroughs?2. What is the reason that residents are less likely to respond to requests to screen for cancer than in other London boroughs?3. What is the reason that residents are not as aware of the signs and symptoms of cancer as residents in other London Boroughs? Based on scrutiny of current services the review made 12 recommendations. An action plan supports the scrutiny review to improve prevention, awareness, and early detection of cancers in our residents.	
Recommendation(s) The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">(i) Accept the Cancer Prevention, Awareness and Early Detection Scrutiny Review 2016/17 findings and report of the Health and Adult Services Select Committee, as set out at Appendix A to the report;(ii) Accept the Action Plan as set out at Appendix A to the report; and(iii) Agree to receive six-monthly progress reports on the delivery of the action plan.	

Reason(s)

These actions support the vision of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy to improve the health and wellbeing of residents and reduce health inequalities at every stage at people's lives.

1. Introduction and Background

- 1.1 At the start of the 2015/16 municipal year, the Health & Adult Services Select Committee (HASSC) agreed to undertake an in-depth scrutiny review into cancer prevention, awareness, and early detection.

2. Proposal and Issues

- 2.1 Appendix A to this cover report is the final report arising from this scrutiny, which makes 12 key recommendations to the Health and Wellbeing Board and partners to help improve the health and cancer awareness and early intervention and raise the profile of cancer awareness in the borough. The scrutiny review answered the following 3 questions:
1. Why are residents of Barking and Dagenham more likely to develop cancer and less likely to survive cancer than residents in other London boroughs?
 2. What is the reason that residents are less likely to respond to requests to screen for cancer than in other London boroughs?
 3. What is the reason that residents are not as aware of the signs and symptoms of cancer as residents in other London Boroughs?
- 2.2. The scrutiny report provides the background to why the HASSC chose to review this area, the methodology for the scrutiny, what the scrutiny found in relation to cancer prevention, awareness and early detection for Barking and Dagenham residents, and the evidence base for the recommendations made.

3 Consultation

- 3.1 The HASSC was consulted on the draft report in March 2017 and Councillor Worby, the Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health Integration and Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board, also had an opportunity to view the recommendations.
- 3.2 The scrutiny report makes 12 recommendations:
- 1 The Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) acts to reduce the prevalence of smokers in the borough, to levels comparable with London;
 - 2 The HWB sets out to the HASSC what action it is taking to reduce the number of overweight and obese individuals in the borough, to levels comparable with London;
 - 3 The HWB acts to increase residents' awareness of the how lifestyle, including exposure to the sun, can affect the likelihood of developing cancer, the signs and symptoms of cancer and the importance of early diagnosis, and screening;
 - 4 The National Awareness and Early Detection Initiative informs the commissioners on what action it is taking to target specific 'at risk' groups;

- 5 The Barking & Dagenham Clinical Commissioning Group (BDCCG) ensures that GPs are auditing and acting on audit information to ensure that patients enter the cancer pathway appropriately, and cancer is diagnosed at as early a stage as possible;
- 6 The BDCCG, in partnership with Macmillan and Cancer Research UK, acts to increase the proportion of residents returning bowel cancer screening kits, within the next year;
- 7 The HWB, along with MacMillan and Cancer Research UK, acts to raise awareness of the importance of screening and to increase uptake of breast and bowel screening in the borough to a level comparable with England within the next year;
- 8 The HWB, along with MacMillan and Cancer Research UK, acts to raise awareness of the importance of screening and reduce the variation in cervical screening uptake between GP practices within the next year;
- 9 The Committee urges NHS England to make the Cancer Dashboard available within one year;
- 10 The HWB acts to raise awareness of the importance of the Health Check and reduce the variation in Health Check uptake between GP practices;
- 11 NHS England provides assurance to it that residents will continue to have in-borough access to breast screening; and
- 12 The BDCCG, working through the North-East London Cancer Commissioning Board, assures the Committee of the action it is taking to increase awareness of the signs and symptoms of cancer.

3.3 An action plan to deliver the recommendations is attached at Appendix B.

3.4 The HASSC worked with partners to scrutinise approach to awareness and early intervention. Partners were NELCSU, BHR CCG, MacMillan, Cancer Research UK and Barking and Dagenham residents.

4. **Mandatory Implications**

4.1 **Joint Strategic Needs Assessment** - The Barking and Dagenham JSNA highlights Achieving World Class Outcomes: A Strategy for England. The scrutiny review and linked action plan address the ambitions of the England Strategy and specifically the lower 1-year survival rate of borough residents.

4.2 **Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy** - The scrutiny review supports the ambitions of the borough's Health and Wellbeing Strategy:

Early adulthood:

More women will protect themselves through taking up the offer of screening for cervical cancer.

Established adults:

More adults will take up the opportunity to protect themselves through cancer screening (cervical, bowel and breast)

Older adults:

More older adults take up the opportunity to protect themselves through cancer screening (bowel and breast).

4.3 **Integration** – Not applicable

4.4 Financial Implications

Implications completed by: Katherine Heffernan - Group Manager, Finance

The report makes recommendations on reducing the prevalence of smoking in the borough, reducing the number of overweight and obese individuals and raising the awareness and uptake of Health Checks. The Public Health Grant currently fund these programmes.

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report at this stage, but any increase in activity around these programmes would need to be contained within the current budget envelope.

4.5 Legal Implications

Implications completed by: Dr. Paul Feild Senior Governance Lawyer

There are no specific legal implications arising from this report at this time.

4.6 Risk Management – Not applicable

4.7 Patient/ Service User Impact - The service impact of the issues raised in the report, and the actions recommended in the action plan, are detailed in the respective appendices.

Public Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report: None

List of Appendices:

- **Appendix A** – Report of the Health and Adult Services Select Committee: cancer prevention, awareness, and early detection: Scrutiny Review 2016/17
- **Appendix B** - Report of the Health and Adult Services Select Committee: cancer prevention, awareness, and early detection: Scrutiny Review 2016/17 Action plan