

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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Title:	NHS England London Commissioning Intentions for 2015/16		
Report of the Director of Public Health			
Open Report		For Decision	
Wards Affected: ALL		Key Decision: No	
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Summary: The paper in Appendix 1 provides an update on progress on the implementation of the 2015/16 NHS England London commissioning plans. It describes where we are in terms of commissioning plans for the following programmes of care: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Antenatal and new born screening• Early years and Child Health Information Systems• Immunisations• Cancer Screening Programmes• Adult Screening Programmes• Health in the Justice System services• Veterans Health			
Recommendation(s) (i) The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note and comment on NHS England London commissioning intentions for 2015/16. (ii) The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to agree the advice of the Director of Public Health that NHS England be asked to provide further information to the Board on the arrangements being put in place to improve performance in achieving the optimum uptake of immunisation programmes by the eligible population of Barking and Dagenham.			

Reason(s)

Under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 the statutory Health and Wellbeing Board has a duty to protect the health of the population. This includes assuring that steps are taken to protect the health of their population. Barking and Dagenham's Director of Public Health (DPH) has a duty to 'provide information and advice to every responsible person and relevant body within, or which exercises functions in relation to, the authority's area, with a view to promoting the preparation of appropriate local immunisation and screening arrangements'. In order to undertake this duty, and to provide appropriate advice as to the adequacy of local health protection arrangements, the DPH needs to be assured and satisfied that there are adequate health protection immunisation and screening plans in place in the Borough.

NHS Public Health Functions Agreement (Section 7A or s.7A) of the NHS Act 2006, as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012, outlines the specific responsibilities of NHS England for the commissioning of certain public health services as part of the wider system design to drive improvements in population health.

Where the Director of Public Health identifies issues it will be his or her role to highlight them, and escalate issues as necessary, providing advice, challenge and advocacy to protect the local population.

Appendices:**Appendix 1: NHS England London Commissioning Intentions for 2015/16**