# **Children & Maternity Group**

Chair: Sharon Morrow, Chief Operating Officer

#### Items to be escalated to the Health & Wellbeing Board

None

### Performance

Performance indicators reviewed as part of the meeting – highlighting childhood immunisations, infant mortality, childhood obesity and teenage pregnancy as under-performing areas.

### **Meeting Attendance**

10<sup>th</sup> November meeting: 88% (14 out of 16).

### Action(s) since last report to the Health and Wellbeing Board

1.1 The Sub-Group members meeting on 10 November included a focused session on maternity to ensure that this element of the Sub-Group's delivery plan was clear and appropriately aimed at taking forward the HWB priorities.

The Group discussed the improvement plan for Barking Community Birthing Centre and how partners might support the work of increasing awareness with women and professionals working with women and families. There was a useful discussion about adopting a maternity direct model which could be used to address a range of maternity promotion issues such as 10 week booking. BHRUT provided a helpful update on their work to take forward 10 week booking in terms of capacity management, streamlining the process and providing more information to pregnant women.

- 1.2 The Sub-Group considered the GP profiles and noted that childhood immunisation remains a priority. It was agreed that the most effective way of influencing primary care improvement agenda would be through the Primary Care Strategy and the planned HWB session. The Sub-Group received a further update on NHSE led immunisation plan and discussed the impact on safeguarding that the low rates implied. This factor will inform the immunisation plan and safeguarding sessions with GPs in January. Plans for improving the immunisation of Looked After Children was discussed in detail with a range of actions being taken forward across NELFT and the CCG.
- 1.3 Both the Children and Young People's Mental Health Transformation Plan (CYPMHTP) and the needs assessment were discussed in particular the implications for developing a joint strategy which responded to delivering transformation in an environment of reducing resources in Children's Services and some badged investment in health. The key role of education was highlighted and

the development of a schools based programme. Feedback on the local plan and next steps expected imminently.

- 1.4 The Group considered the draft proposal for evaluating the impact of the Integrated Children's Pilot. Further work is needed to understand how the evaluation might be used to impact future models of care, who should lead this work and through which governance route this should flow given its alignment with the overall early years model.
- 1.5 The CMG indicator set was reviewed. Many of the underperforming areas have already reported to the CMG and plans are in place or in development to address. Infant mortality was highlighted as an issue and a paper is due to come to the January meeting of the group. The CAMHs indicator will need to be reviewed in the context of the CYPMHTP work.
- 1.6 The CYPMHTP and immunisation issues identified at the last Children's Trust were discussed in the context of the agenda items above.

## Action and Priorities for the coming period

The following plans will be reviewed in January 2016 by the Group:

- Infant Mortality plan
- Breastfeeding strategy
- Obesity Strategy.

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