

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

10 September 2019

Title:	Progress report – The Oral Health in The Early Years Scrutiny Review		
Report of the Director of Public Health			
Open Report	For Information		
Wards Affected: All	Key Decision: No		
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Summary: At the start of the 2017/18 municipal year, the Health Scrutiny Committee agreed to undertake a rapid scrutiny review into oral health in the early years. The scrutiny review addressed 3 questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What are the reasons for young children in Barking and Dagenham having poor oral health?2. What is the quality of services that are available to residents and what do they deliver to improve oral health?3. What are the best ways of getting the right messages out to parents about looking after their children’s oral health? This paper which was deferred at the meeting of the Board held on 11 June 2019 provides a progress update on implementing the eight recommendations of the scrutiny review.			
Recommendation(s) The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to <ol style="list-style-type: none">I. Review progress on implementation of the eight recommendations andII. Discuss and comment on any gaps and future actions.			
Reason(s): In line with standard scrutiny practice, a six-monthly monitoring report will be presented to the Board providing an update on the progress of the 8 recommendations. The Chair is required to provide a report for the Health Scrutiny Committee in order to help the Committee evaluate the effectiveness of this scrutiny review and to what extent it has helped improve services for our borough’s children.			

1. Introduction and Background

- 1.1. In the municipal year 2017/18, the Health Scrutiny Committee undertook a rapid scrutiny review into oral health in the early years.
- 1.2 The review report and proposed action plan was presented and approved at the Health and Wellbeing Board in September 2018.

2. Proposals and Issues

- 2.1 The Health Scrutiny Committee's report made eight key recommendations to the Health and Wellbeing Board to help improve the oral health in the early years.

3. Scrutiny Review Report

- 3.1 The Health Scrutiny Committee was reviewed the draft report in March 2017 and Councillor Worby, the Cabinet Member for Social Care & Health Integration, and Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board, also had an opportunity to view the recommendations.
- 3.2 Progress against the eight recommendations is attached as **Appendix 1**.

4. Other Strategic documents

- 4.1 **Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)** - The Barking and Dagenham JSNA highlights the higher number of poorer oral health outcomes for our 3 year olds compared to London and England and unnecessary suffering through poor oral care. This action plan and scrutiny review seek to reduce this in Barking and Dagenham.
- 4.2 **Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy** - The scrutiny review supports the ambitions of the Borough's Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, particularly Theme 1: Best Start in Life.

5. Financial and Legal Implications

- 5.1 Not required

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

None.

List of Appendices

Appendix 1 – Health Scrutiny Committee Oral Health in the Early Years Action Plan