

<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b> Child Q Review: Hackney Council Response	
<b>HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD - 16 June 2022</b>	<b>CLASSIFICATION:</b>  <b>Open</b>
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED</b> all	
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## **1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE**

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to show the council's response to the [Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review](#) regarding Child Q.
- 1.2. The council supports residents as part of a wider partnership of services and agencies in the borough. The Health and Wellbeing Board is invited to review the actions and to consider how the learning from this review can be taken across our partnership so that residents can be confident that everything we do is framed by an anti-racism approach.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. On 14th March 2022 City and Hackney Safeguarding Children Partnership (CHSCP) published a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review about the intimate body search of a fifteen year old black girl in a school in Hackney. The report highlighted significant concern about both school and police response to this child's presentation in school whereby a criminal rather than safeguarding lens was applied. The

report concluded that racism was a likely factor in how Child Q was treated and made 14 recommendations for change.

- 2.2. Whilst there were no direct recommendations for the council we have taken the messages from the review and applied a wider focus: listening to residents, listening to young people and listening to our staff. We are engaging with these groups to help us forge a way forward that protects our children and our communities from racist practices.
- 2.3. The Children and Education Directorate in the council had already developed a robust plan for anti-racism of which a conference, held in May 2022 was a part. This is evidence of the strength of commitment to developing work practices across the service that actively promote anti-racism in children's services.

### **3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1. This report does not contain specific recommendations for the Health and Wellbeing Board.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**In accordance with The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) England Regulations 2012 publication of Background Papers used in the preparation of reports is required**

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