

Title of Report	Director of Public Health Annual Report (2023). “Sexually Healthy” & announcing the Director of Public Health Annual Reports (2024 & 2025) on Social Capital.
For Consideration By	Health and Wellbeing Board
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Is this report for:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information
<input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision

Why is the report being brought to the board?

Members of the Hackney Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to:

- Note this year’s DPH annual report and the recommendations it contains
- Consider what actions may be taken to contribute to the implementation of the report’s recommendations
- Support dissemination of the DPH report to appropriate partners
- Be aware of the topic for the upcoming DPH reports for 2024 and 2025 on social capital and to make any observations or suggestions pertaining to this topic for the London Borough of Hackney
- Suggest potential representatives from the London Borough of Hackney for the project advisory group

Has the report been considered at any other committee meeting of the Council or other stakeholders?

Adults and Children, Young People Health Scrutiny

1. Background

1.1. Overview

The 2023 report looked at sexual and reproductive health (SRH) with a particular focus on young people under 30 and on testing for sexually transmitted infections (STIs). The report was developed in liaison with stakeholders across the City of London and Hackney, including local and regional NHS partners and voluntary sector organisations. The report benefited from the SRH Needs Assessment 2023 and the development of a five year SRH Strategy for 2023-2028.

1.2. Current Position

The Sexually Healthy DPH Report recommendations are as follows:

- Community involvement is essential to providing high quality services: health providers and commissioners should reconfirm, and put into action, their commitment to collaborate with young people in the co-production of services.
- Services must be easily accessible to young people: refine existing SRH services and explore new initiatives in collaboration with young people to make accessing services as easy as possible.
- Young people must be aware of when and how to access support: improve young people's awareness of services and their willingness to access them.
- Focus on enhancing collaboration and partnership working: continue to develop collaborative working practices across SRH and beyond to mitigate pressures on services and improve user experiences.
- Continue to identify and address inequalities in SRH: ongoing research and audit, undertaken in collaboration with communities, is recommended to identify inequalities and communicate findings to all concerned partners. Such research should be coupled with a commitment to address inequalities that are identified.

1.3. Proposal

The 2024 and 2025 DPH reports will focus on the topic of social capital. A two year project was proposed due to the complexity of the topic, the breakdown for the two years is as follows

- In the first year, the work will be focused on the evidence base of how to build social capital at the community level and the role that the public health team and the wider system can play in doing so.
- The second year will then look at working with the City of London and Hackney community to turn that evidence into an action plan that can have a practical impact on the health and wellbeing of our population.

Across the two year period we will also run two supporting groups to aid the production of the DPH reports. The first will be a focused working group to guide logistical planning and finalise content. The second will be a wider advisory group to seek insights from interested partners. We are actively seeking further members to the advisory group.

1.4. Conclusion

The members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to note the recently published 2023 DPH annual report and the proposal for the upcoming 2024/2025 reports.

2. Policy Context:

Please detail which, if any, of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy priorities this report relates to?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Improving mental health
<input type="checkbox"/>	Increasing social connection
<input type="checkbox"/>	Supporting greater financial security
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All of the above

Please detail which, if any, of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy 'Ways of Working' this report relates to?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Strengthening our communities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Creating, supporting and working with volunteer and peer roles
<input type="checkbox"/>	Collaborations and partnerships: including at a neighbourhood level

<input type="checkbox"/>	Making the best of community resources
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All of the above

3. Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

Has an EIA been conducted for this work?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No

4. Consultation

Has public, service user, patient feedback/consultation informed the recommendations of this report?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

Have the relevant members/ organisations and officers been consulted on the recommendations in this report?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

5. Risk Assessment

This will be considered in the Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy

6. Sustainability

This will be considered in the Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy

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Appendices	Sexually Healthy - Full Report Sexually Healthy - Executive Summary

