

Engagement Assurance Committee

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Title:	Engagement in women's and girls' health
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Purpose of paper:	To outline the engagement that has taken place to inform the development of women's and girls' health hubs in south east London.	Update / information	X
		Discussion	
		Decision	
Summary of main points:	<p>In south east London, we have carried out extensive engagement to ensure the development of the Women's Health Hub is shaped by the voices of our diverse communities. This included attending outreach events across different areas, publishing our programme of work on the SEL Let's Talk platform including a survey to gather insights from residents, participating in Vital 5 health check events at religious and cultural centres to engage with underrepresented groups, and holding focus groups to better understand barriers to accessing healthcare. To support the co-design process, we organised workshops with providers, commissioners, and members of the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector (VCSE), focusing on collaboratively designing the hub model to address health inequalities and enhance service delivery. Additionally, we commissioned a comprehensive health needs assessment to identify priority areas and guide the hub's approach to meeting the needs of women and girls across south east London. This work demonstrates our commitment to delivering equitable, resident-led services that tackle local health disparities.</p>		
Potential conflicts of interest:	N/A		



Relevant to the following Boroughs:	Bexley	X	Bromley	X
	Greenwich	X	Lambeth	X
	Lewisham	X	Southwark	X
Equality impact	We commissioned a health needs assessment, focussing on four priority areas: heavy menstrual bleeding, menopause, preconception and LARC, to inform our planning and ensure we employ a population health management approach. Initial survey data, which predominantly reflected white, middle-aged women, led us to focus our outreach on younger women, girls, and underrepresented groups, such as Black African, Caribbean, Hispanic, and Latin American communities, to ensure more representative insights.			
	Financial impact	South east London has been allocated £595,000, from the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), to develop women and girls' health hubs.		
Other engagement:	Public engagement	The report outlines the public engagement that has taken place including survey, outreach, workshops and focus groups to understand the needs of women and girls from the diverse communities across south east London.		
	Other committee discussion/engagement	There is a monthly Women's and Girls' Health Network – a community of practice open to providers, commissioners, and VCSEs to update on the hub's progress and share best practice and learning across the system. There is a smaller monthly steering group for the hub made up of leads from sexual health commissioning, the acute provider collaborative/SEL Gynae network, neonatal and maternity services, Greenwich and Lambeth commissioners, SEL's engagement team and an executive director from the planning directorate.		
Recommendation:	The report is presented to the committee for discussion and assurance on the engagement that has taken place.			

