Health and Social Care Scrutiny Sub-committee Meeting 30th July 2003

The aim of the meeting is to discuss the issues of mental health of black male teenagers, sexual health and teenage pregnancy, and modernising day care. The meeting will also discuss taking forward the work programme developed at the meeting on the 17th June.

This paper draws on the material provided for the Sub-Committee's meeting on 17th June and the outcome of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 7th July 2003.

This paper focuses on:

- Mental health of black male teenagers;
- Sexual health and teenage pregnancy; and
- Modernising day care

Outcomes from the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Sub-Committee meeting on 17th June

The Health and Social Care Scrutiny Sub-committee met on 17th June 2003 to develop the work programme for 2003/04. At that meeting it decided:

- To add the issue of mental health of black male teenagers to its work programme, and to discuss this at its meeting on the 30th July
- That its work on sexual health and teenage pregnancy should consider the effectiveness of services in meeting the needs of black male teenagers

It also requested:

- An update on how quickly the Council achieves home adaptations for older people and disabled people – as part of the sub-committee's work on Intermediate Care
- Background information on the Meals on Wheels service

Mental health of black male teenagers

A paper has been provided by the Social Services Department for the sub-committee to discuss.

Sexual Health and Teenage Pregnancy

The OSC meeting on the 7th July requested that the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Sub-committee work with the Education, Youth and Leisure Scrutiny Sub-committee to review sexual health and teenage pregnancy. OSC suggested establishing a panel to facilitate the joint work. The Health and Social Care Scrutiny Sub-committee might wish to discuss how they would like to undertake this joint working. For example, the Sub-committee might wish to discuss panel membership, styles of working, and what topics the panel might cover (e.g. the areas of overlap between health and education, such as sex education in schools).

The Sub-committee, in order to keep to the timetable outlined below, might also wish to discuss and agree some specific tasks for reviewing sexual health and teenage pregnancy at their future meetings.

Examples of specific tasks include:

- Inviting 'key witnesses' to future meetings, to help with evidence-gathering
- Using a consultant to offer initial advice on scoping the review, to provide examples of good practice elsewhere, and/or to comment on the Subcommittee's findings
- To undertake visits to see first-hand some of the services provided locally

Modernising Day Care

There will be a verbal update on this issue from the Social Services Department.

The Executive of the 22 April, in responding to the Overview and Scrutiny report on 'Modernising Day Care', recommended that the Social Services Department should report back to the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Sub-committee on the following.

Report	Indicative timetable	Comments
Details of future day care	End of July	
provision		
Interim assessment of the	End of July	Work undertaken through the
impact of day centre closure		Older People's Partnership
on older people		Board
Final assessment of the	End of October	
impact of day centre closure		
on older people		
How the Council will meet	End of October	
the needs of those ineligible		
for services following		
community care		
assessments through other		
Council services		

The OSC meeting on the 7th July requested that the priority of the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Sub-committee be to monitor the implementation of the 'Modernising Dare Care' review.

Outline work programme

An updated indicative timetable for the Health and Social Care Sub-committee is outlined below.

Meeting	Purpose
30 July	Mental Health of Black Male Teenagers
	Modernising Day Care
	Sexual Health and Teenage Pregnancy
24 Sept	Sexual Health and Teenage Pregnancy
	Modernising Day Care
22 Oct	Sexual Health and Teenage Pregnancy
	Modernising Day Care
12 Nov	Welfare of children looked after (Executive Member)
	Performance review

17 Dec	Welfare of children looked afterIntermediate Care
21 Jan	Intermediate Care
25 Feb	Intermediate Care
16 March	
21 April	
18 May	

Sexual Health and Teenage Pregnancy (amended from 17 June meeting)

Timeframe	Theme	Reasons for considering theme	Issues	Style of inquiry: visits discussions with practitioners, users and key agencies Participants Options for		Sub-committee recommendations influencing:	Background documents
30 July to 22 Oct	Sexual Health and Teenage Pregnancy	Sexual health and teenage pregnancy are important issues of public health for Southwark. Teenage pregnancy remains high despite the significant efforts that have been made by relevant agencies to address this issue. In addition, Southwark has an increasing level of new diagnosis of sexually transmitted infections.	Access to services by young people (issues of convenience, opening times, waiting, etc) Appropriateness of services (specifically whether they meet the needs of black male teenagers) Are services joined-up: e.g. hospital-based genitourinary clinics for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and community-based family planning services Education (issues of effectiveness and cultural sensitivity)	 PCT Social Services Education Social Inclusion Unit Health First Healthier Schools Partnership Brook Advisory Centre Advisors/specialist witnesses Kay Wellings, London School of Hygiene Paula Baraitser, Research Fellow Dr Caroline Bradbeer, Genitourinary Physician, Guy's & St Thomas' Judy Corlyon, Senior Researcher, the Tavistock Institute 	Peckham Pulse drop-in project for 15- 16 year olds A Southwark School to see Healthier Schools Partnership education initiative in operation.	Neighbourhood Renewal Review and Monitoring Future development of Local Development Plan	National Sexual Health and Teenage Pregnancy Strategy Southwark's Teenage Pregnancy Strategy Local Development Plan