

# Scrutiny Project Brief

<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Prevention of Teenage Pregnancy</b>
<b>Body:</b>	<b>Health &amp; Social Care Scrutiny Sub-Committee</b>
<b>Timescale:</b>	<b>initial consideration of approach – 30<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>Scoping and First Evidence Session – 24<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>Site visits between 24/9 – 22/10</b> <b>Second Evidentiary Session – 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b> <b>Agreement of Final Report – 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<p><b>Why is the committee doing this ?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Topic links with a current NHS research project [include name];</li> <li>• performance issue (i.e. Southwark's very high conception rates for under 18s compared to the national average)</li> <li>• this area is already included in the Sub-Committee's work programme;</li> </ul> <p>The nature of this issue provides opportunities for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community engagement: site visits to a school and Brook Advisory Centre</li> <li>• Joint working within scrutiny: requested by OSC 7/7/03. It is proposed that this Sub-Committee lead the review, involving Education, Youth &amp; Leisure Scrutiny Sub-Committee in the scoping, inviting to all meetings considering issue;</li> <li>• cross-boundary working (local authority and health).</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Who/what does the committee seek to influence with this work ?</b></p> <p>Through review of this area scrutiny may;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide policy input into future revisions of the Teenage Pregnancy and Parenthood Strategy (and activities within the local authority and the PCT more generally);</li> <li>• the Sub-Committee may highlight performance issues to the Executive; and</li> <li>• possibly influence national policy by highlighting areas of good practice.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>What will the committee's output be ?</b></p> <p>Subject to fuller discussion amongst Members at the first meeting, it is anticipated that a full report will result, together with feedback to any organisations/projects involved/visited, alongside the potential for dissemination of outputs on the national stage.</p>	
<p><b>Who does the committee need to receive advice/evidence from ?</b></p> <p>Representatives from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• voluntary organisations that provide relevant services;</li> </ul>	

- public sector organisations/providers;
- service users (e.g. secondary school pupils);
- external expert advisors;
- Council officers;
- Members of Education, Youth & Leisure scrutiny sub-committee.

There exists a recently, locally produced video addressing sexual health issues, by the Choose Your Life project, which is it suggested is shown to Members early in the review process.

**What approach should the committee use to invite input ?**

- site visits;
- inviting witnesses to give evidence at meetings;

**How should the review be publicised ?**

- Southwark Council website
- Southwark Life magazine [check publication dates, however]
- Youth publications [get details for Members]
- Through existing service providers [projects, youth clubs, schools, G.P. surgeries, outreach projects etc]