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Scrutiny review proposal

1 What is the review?

Public Health inequalities in Southwark, including the maternal health of the gypsy and traveller community in Southwark

2 What outcomes could realistically be achieved? Which agency does the review seek to influence?

Identify ways local providers (SCG, acutes, Southwark Council and HWBB) can tackle the worse health inequalities in Southwark.

Secondly, identify ways that the maternal health of gypsy and traveller communities in Southwark can be improved.

When should the review be carried out/completed? i.e. does the review need to take place before/after a certain time?

February 2013, to allow ample time before the HWBB moves from being a shadow board.

For the gypsy and traveller element of the review, the timescales would be scoping in September, October – work through the Centre for Public Scrutiny process, November take evidence.

The CfPS have agreed to work with us on this part of the review, which will allow us to learn from their experience and benefit from some dedicated resourcing from them.

4 What format would suit this review? (e.g. full investigation, Q&A with cabinet member/partners, public meeting, one-off session)

Full investigation.

5 What are some of the key issues that you would like the review to look at?

The main health inequalities in Southwark and the maternal health of the gypsy and traveller community in our borough,

6 Who would you like to receive evidence and advice from during the review?

Acute trusts, SCG, Southwark Council, charities working in Southwark.

7 Any suggestions for background information? Are you aware of any best practice on this topic?

The Islington Council scrutiny into inequalities in their borough.

8 What approaches could be useful for gathering evidence? What can be done outside committee meetings?

e.g. verbal or written submissions, site visits, mystery-shopping, service observation, meeting with stakeholders, survey, consultation event

Possibly all.