

# **Scrutiny review on maternal health and early years services for the Gypsy and Traveller communities in Southwark**

## **Notes of stakeholder meeting 21<sup>st</sup> December 2012**

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### **1 Report on follow up work**

The census data has come back with a figure of 263, however STAG estimate the population is around 1250.

Barbara Hills is the best person to contact for Health Visitors.

Accessing primary care is important. Archie reported that there are problems with late access and the attitude of receptionists can be issues. An event promoting primary care such as a mini MOT in the summer near a site was discussed. Archie, Alex and Rahala will follow this up this and links with GPs.

Economic development is an important area of concern for Travellers and this should be followed up, in particular Traveller want to ensure young people get information on apprenticeships and school leaver options, such as the Thames Reach Employment Academy. More young people are completing school and it is important that this be translated into opportunities.

### **2 Report on consolation event**

The event went well. One of the key recommendations was to that Nell Gwyn children's centre restart a session for Gypsy and Traveller for parents and children to replace the popular session that used to take place at the Leyton One o' Clock club.

Pilgrims Way children's nursery is also close to more northern sites and links should be made with them to see what outreach, inclusion or dedicated work they do with Gypsies and Travellers.

Smoking was identified as risk in miscarriage, which was identified as an issue of concern. Smoking cessation services for women and men will be followed up.

Sexual health and contraceptive service could be better promoted and a restarted playgroup would provide an opportunity for this.

Domestic Violence is being followed up.