

31 May, 2018		ITEM: 10
Health and Wellbeing O&S Committee		
Learning Disabilities Health Checks		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: Not applicable	
Report of: Mayowa Kushimo Senior Commissioning Manager – Mental Health & Learning Disabilities		
Accountable Head of Service: Mandy Ansell – Accountable Officer		
Accountable Director: Not applicable		
This report is: Public		
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Executive Summary

NHS England and NHS Improvement have set a target for GPs and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) to improve access to healthcare for people with learning disability so that by 2020, 75% of people on a GP Learning Disability register in England will be receiving an annual health check. In 2017/18, 77.4% of people registered with a Learning Disability in Thurrock received a health check.

Annual health checks and health action plans have become a vital component in addressing the hidden inequality or “unfairness” in health care for people with learning disabilities. The lowering of the age limit from 18 years to include all those aged 14 years and over is helping to plan a smooth transition to adult healthcare, based on a young person’s health action plan.

As of 1st April 2017 the CCG entered into co-commissioning arrangements with NHS Public Health England to deliver the LD Health Checks. This has facilitated the opportunity for an alternative service to undertake health checks for people who cannot access these from their GP surgeries.

NHS England is responsible for commissioning directed enhanced services (DES) linked to national priorities and agreements. As directed, the opportunity to provide LD Health Checks under the DES is offered to all GP contract holders across Midlands and East (East).

The co-commissioning between NHS England and Thurrock CCG has provided opportunity to use evidence and co-production techniques to design approaches that

enhance activities available to support health check delivery and create sustainable arrangements that will be mainstreamed to ensure adequate coverage for delivery of quality health checks and implementation of the subsequent health plans.

This report provides an update on the action plan we submitted in the previous meeting.

1. Recommendation(s)

- 1.1 The Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to note the progress made on the work plan to improve the quality and uptake of health checks by people with Learning Disabilities in Thurrock.**

2. Introduction and Background

- 2.1 A report was presented at HOSC on 15th September 2016 setting out the approach the CCG will undertake to improve the uptake and delivery of the health checks.

3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options

- 3.1 NHS England is responsible for commissioning the Learning Disabilities Health Checks with surgeries. The arrangement with surgeries is voluntary and in 2017/18, 77.4% of people registered with a Learning Disability in Thurrock received a health check.
- 3.2 Information provided by NHS Public Health England on the number of checks is based on claims made by surgeries therefore may not always represent the most up to date position. To ensure the work is monitored in a more targeted way the CCG's Primary Care Development team have a process in place to collate the data locally on a monthly basis.
- 3.3 The latest NHS England data extract as at 29/05/2018 indicates 332 checks have been undertaken in Thurrock. The local up to date data shows that 360 checks have been undertaken as of 2017/18. This means 77.4% of eligible people with Learning Disability have had their health checks completed in 2017/18.

4. Reasons for Recommendation

- 4.1 This paper is not for recommendation but for information and to update the Committee on the progress made on the work plan that has been developed to deliver the LD health checks in Thurrock in 2017/18.

5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

5.1 N/A

6. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact

- 6.1 The expectation is this approach will continue to improve the access to and quality of the health checks and promote better health outcomes for people with Learning Disabilities as a result of:
- the detection of unmet, unrecognised and potentially treatable health
 - targeted actions to address health need.

7. Implications

7.1 Financial

N/A as NHS England commissioned

7.2 Legal

N/A – NHS England commissioned service within the legal framework of commissioning Enhanced Services (ES)

7.3 Diversity and Equality

N/A – NHS England QIA framework

7.4 Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder)

None

8. Background papers used in preparing the report

None

9. Appendices to the report

None

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