

Report to:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
Date:	10 November 2016
Executive Member / Reporting Officer:	Councillor Peter Robinson, Executive Member (Children and Families) Angela Hardman, Director of Public Health and Performance
Subject:	NORTH WEST SECTOR LED IMPROVEMENT: INFANT MORTALITY
Report Summary:	<p>This Sector Led Improvement review focused on child deaths aged under one year, this age range accounts for around two thirds of all child deaths both locally and nationally. In addition to the benchmark aspect of the review, the objective was to share evidence on actions, and assist each locality to adopt best practice, in order to reduce the number of child deaths under one year old.</p> <p>The aim of the review was to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt an agreed SLI methodology to review action to reduce infant mortality as part of a peer review approach. The process included identifying activity which is in place to reduce deaths for those children aged under one year old, with a particular focus on modifiable factors. • Taking an appreciative enquiry approach to identify places where actions have resulted in improved outcomes and share the learning. • Identify key themes and recommendations at LA level, sub-regional level and North West level. • Outcomes of the review to provide potential opportunities for collaborative work programmes which may include commissioning. • Enable sharing of good practice and innovation to aid mutual support and drive improvement in outcomes. • Identify any gaps in data and intelligence and provide recommendations for CDOPs. • Produce an action plan for Local area Safeguarding Children and Adult Boards who will be responsible for oversight and implementation.
Recommendations:	The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to endorse and agree the recommendations from the report contained within the NW Sector Led Improvement Peer Review: Infant Mortality Report 2016 (Appendix A).
Links to Health and Wellbeing Strategy:	Starting and Developing Well are strategic priorities in the Health and Wellbeing strategy.

Policy Implications:

In line with Council policy.

**Financial Implications:
(Authorised by the Section 151
Officer)**

Whilst there are no direct financial implications arising from the report, it should be recognised that any investment required to support the report recommendations across the Economy will need to be funded from the Public Health grant received by the Council.

The Public Health grant is within the Section 75 funding allocation of the Integrated Commissioning Fund which is monitored by the Care Together Single Commissioning Board.

**Legal Implications:
(Authorised by the Borough
Solicitor)**

Reducing Infant Mortality is a good indicator of whether a place based health and wellbeing system is reducing inequality.

Risk Management :

At this stage there are no risks associated with this report.

Access to Information :

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting Angela Daniel, Programme Manager, Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership



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