

Health and Wellbeing Board

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Women's Health

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Summary

This meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board brings together different partners to discuss how the Women's Health Strategy is being implemented locally.

The Board will receive presentations on the following areas and will consider some of the work being undertaken to deliver the National Strategy:

- An overview of the (national) Women's Health Strategy and how the ICS Women's Health Strategy aims to address the key issues
- An overview of key data related to the use of women's health services
- Community Services
- Menopause
- Women's Hubs

1. Recommendation

1.1. The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to contribute to discussions about how the system can work together to deliver the aims of the women's health strategy.

2. Budget and policy framework

2.1. In August 2022 the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care published the Women's Health Strategy for England. This is a 10-year strategy that sets out a range of commitments to improve the health of women everywhere.

2.2. The Department of Health and Social Care, other government departments and agencies, commissioners and providers of health and care services, professional bodies, research institutions, employers, industry, the voluntary sector all have a role to play in helping to improve the health of women and girls in England.

3. Background

- 3.1. Insufficient focus is placed on women-specific issues like miscarriage or menopause, and women are under-represented when it comes to important clinical trials. This has meant that not enough is known about conditions that only affect women, or about how conditions that affect both men and women impact them in different ways.
- 3.2. The Women's Health Strategy for England sets out how the government intends to improve the way in which the health and care system listens to women's voices, and boost health outcomes for women and girls. It takes a life course approach, focused on understanding the changing health and care needs of women and girls across their lives, from adolescents and young adults to later life.

4. Advice and analysis

- 4.1. The presentations that accompany this paper will be presented at the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting to illustrate the current position with respect to some key areas of women's health in Medway and the actions that the Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board, Medway Council and other partners are taking to deliver the aims of the strategy and improve the health and wellbeing of women and girls.

5. Risk management

- 5.1. There are no direct risks arising from this report.

6. Financial implications

- 6.1. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

7. Legal implications

- 7.1. There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 Overview of Women's Health Strategy (presentation to follow)

Appendix 2 Women's Health Data: Service Access and Uptake in Medway

Appendix 3 Women's Health Matters: Empowering Women's Health

Appendix 4 Menopause Care in Primary Care

Appendix 5 Women's Hubs (presentation to follow)

Background documents

[Women's Health Strategy for England](#)