

REPORT TO:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD (CROYDON) 9 December 2015
AGENDA ITEM:	9
SUBJECT:	Joint Strategic Needs Assessment - Maternal Health 2014/2015
BOARD SPONSOR:	Steve Morton, Acting Joint Director of Public Health, Croydon Council

BOARD PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT:

- The Maternal Health JSNA chapter supports the joint health and wellbeing strategy goals through giving our children a good start in life, providing integrated high quality services and improving peoples experience of care.
- Producing a local Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) has been a statutory requirement since 2008. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 has reinforced the importance of JSNA in informing local commissioning decisions and given responsibility for the JSNA to health and wellbeing board members. Local authorities and Clinical Commissioning Groups are required to collaborate to produce a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The main financial implications lie in the unmet need that is identified and the projections of growing need in the future.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

This report recommends that the health and wellbeing board:

- consider the Maternal Health JSNA chapter
- approve the document in principle
- agree that delegated authority be granted to the Acting Director of Public Health, Executive Director, People, Croydon Council and Chief Officer of Croydon CCG to agree any final changes to the document.
- support the recommendations of the Maternal Health JSNA

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2.1 The Maternal Health JSNA chapter forms part of Croydon's 2014/2015

2.2 Gaps in the ability to achieve healthy relationships within current service provision have been identified, and recommendations have been formulated after reviewing the data and audit, for future developments.

- 2.3 There are a number of key challenges to improving outcomes for maternal and infant health. These include:
- increasing numbers of women with high risk pregnancies, social complexities and increasing social and ethnic diversity leading to communication difficulties, social and clinical difficulties.
 - for women having their first antenatal booking assessment at Croydon Health Services NHS Trust (CHS), it is estimated that 13% have little or no understanding of the English language, and nearly two-thirds of women are subject to increased deprivation.
 - there are increasing numbers of women with pre-existing medical conditions, high risk and complex pregnancies as well as social complexities.
 - half of the women having their babies at CHS are overweight, obese or morbidly obese and 5% of women are diabetic.
 - a quarter of pregnant women in Croydon have their first antenatal assessment after 12 weeks of pregnancy;
 - the conception rate for 15-17 year old women is increasing and the percentage of mothers smoking in pregnancy and the proportion of low birth weight babies are both higher than London
 - estimated that 3% of maternities in Croydon are for women affected by Female Genital Mutilation
 - Using national figures, it is estimated that 20% of women in Croydon could be affected by Perinatal Mental Illness
- 2.4 There are a number of different commissioning bodies involved in the range of service provision in maternal and infant health. The CCG maternity spend per weighted head of population was £88 which is higher than England. Nationally, it is estimated that the total cost to a mother and child for perinatal mental health ranges from £35k to £74k

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The overall aim of the chapter is to improve outcomes pregnant women and new mothers, through influencing commissioning.
- 3.2 The aim of the Maternal Health chapter is to provide an overview of:
- the relationships that are developed between the professionals involved in providing support and the caregivers of the baby,
 - the professional relationships that are developed with those involved in the provision of support across health, social care and the voluntary sector to provide a seamless pathway for the mothers and her family
 - what is known about the determinants and risk factors impacting on maternal and infant health in Croydon and the outcomes that are seen as a result
- 3.3 The chapter has an executive summary with key messages and recommendations.
- 3.4 The chapter will be made available online on the Croydon Observatory website.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The chapter has been shared widely during the JSNA process. Input and direction have been obtained from a wide range of stakeholders across Croydon. There have been opportunities for CCG input at earlier stages via involvement in the JSNA prioritisation processes, membership of the JSNA Governance group, the JSNA Steering Group and the CCG SMT. These groups have commented on earlier drafts of the chapter.

5. SERVICE INTEGRATION

- 5.1 The recommendations of this chapter support strong service integration and collaborative working across the whole maternity pathway

6. EQUALITIES IMPACT

- 6.1 The Maternal Health JSNA has considered equality and diversity implications by examining the health and wider determinants of clients, parents, caregivers and infants accessing maternal health services and identifying risk factors that impact on outcomes for mother and infant/child.

- 6.2 The chapter has also considered needs for those people with protected characteristics.

- Just over half of Croydon's population are from Black and minority ethnic groups and this is reflected in the ethnicity of women having their babies at Croydon Health Services
- Increasing social and ethnic diversity leading to communication difficulties and social and clinical challenges
- Evidence suggests that perinatal mental illness affects up to 20% of women which would equate to 1200 women in Croydon per year, with 13 new mothers in Croydon experiencing postpartum psychosis and chronic serious mental illness
- It is recognised that pregnant women with complex social factors may have additional needs.
- A number of gaps were identified in the audit of agencies relating to supporting women with learning and physical difficulties and disabilities including sensory impairment, communication
- A number of recommendations made, reflect consideration of equality and diversity

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: Joint Strategic Needs Assessment - Maternal Health 2014/2015