

HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
24 SEPTEMBER 2015
SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION (SRE)
REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To receive an update on current legislation, good practice and evidence base regarding sex and relationships education (SRE).

2. Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to use the information provided to scrutinise the delivery of SRE in Nottingham schools.

3. Background information

- 3.1 There needs to be a whole school approach to SRE with age appropriate content delivered at each stage of the child's school life as part of a comprehensive Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE) programme in partnership with parents/carers.
- 3.2 The report will outline the national legislation and describe the current provision for children and young people in Nottingham as well as what is being done to improve this.
- 3.3 The report will examine the evidence base for effective SRE and how this contributes to public health priorities including teenage conceptions, sexually transmitted diseases, child sexual exploitation, female genital mutilation, homophobia and examining the link between emotional well – being and academic achievement.
- 3.4 Local data will be provided.
- 3.5 The Health Scrutiny Committee will also be informed of how Nottingham City Council and its partners are supporting schools to improve SRE provision, which include the SRE Charter, PSHE continuing professional development, Healthy Schools, School Nursing, Health Improvement Facilitators and stakeholder events.

4. List of attached information

- 4.1 SRE Report, September 2015.

5. **Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information**

5.1 None.

6. **Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

6.1 None.

7. **Wards affected**

All

8. **Contact information**

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