

Subject: Tuberculosis in London

Report to: Health Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 8 July 2015

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out background information and context to the discussion Members will have with expert guests at today's meeting.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes this report as background to putting questions to invited guests on tuberculosis in London, and notes the subsequent discussion.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Committee has agreed to use its meetings in June and July 2015 for an investigation into tuberculosis (TB) in London. The Committee noted the terms of reference for the review at its meeting on 24 June 2015 as follows:
- To examine how the new national TB Strategy will be implemented in London; and
 - To consider how the Mayor and the GLA could further support the reduction of TB in London.
- 3.2 The Committee held the first of its two evidence gathering sessions at that meeting, focusing on clinical perspectives of the TB situation in London. The meeting looked at the broad issues relating to TB prevention, diagnosis and treatment, the specific challenges around delivering the national strategy in London, and sought to identify areas in which the Mayor and other agencies can support better control and management of TB in London.

4. Issues for Consideration

Remit of the discussion

- 4.1 This second evidence session will focus on the role of voluntary and community-based initiatives in TB control and management, alongside clinical interventions. The discussion will also cover the importance of political focus and joined-up thinking on TB at a local government and citywide level, and the role of patients in shaping services.

Invited guests

4.2 The following guests have been invited to attend the discussion on tuberculosis:

- Garrett Turbett, Public Health Specialist, London Borough of Harrow;
- Mike Mandelbaum, Chief Executive, TB Alert;
- Sue Collinson, TB Outreach worker, Homerton Hospital;
- Dr Alistair Story, Clinical lead, Find & Treat Service;
- Amy McConville, Patient Advocate, TB Action Group; and
- Dr Jessica Potter, Clinical Research Fellow, Barts Hospital Trust.

5. Legal Implications

5.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in this report.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report:

None

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers: None
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