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ITEM TITLE:	Teenage Conceptions in Southwark		
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1. Summary

The reduction of teenage conceptions has been a priority for the Southwark Alliance for a number of years. First as a neighbourhood renewal 'floor target' and now as an indicator within the Local Area Agreement (NI 112), it has been a major focus of the partnership system, with significant attention being given to the issue by Young Southwark and Healthy Southwark, as well as the LSP.

In spite of considerable effort by a range of bodies, the borough's teenage conception rate has remained high, and is currently the highest in the UK. In recent months, the teenage pregnancy strategy has been reviewed and a new strategy and action plan is currently being developed. It is therefore timely for the Board to review progress and give consideration to the new strategy.

Appendix 1 gives a number of key facts about teenage pregnancy in Southwark; outlines government thinking on what constitutes good practice; identifies a number of ways in which Southwark's pattern of provision has differed in recent years from other areas and sets out the proposed way forward in the new teenage pregnancy strategy. This will be complemented by a presentation by the Teenage Pregnancy Co-ordinator.

2. Recommendations

The Board is asked:

- 2.1 To comment upon the proposed new approach for reducing teenage conceptions in the borough.