

Scope for Review:
Asthma, Allergies, & Air Quality

What are the main issues?

- Causes
- Implications
- Triggers

Improving the experience of sufferers:

- Prevention
- Diagnosis
- Education and awareness
- Treatment

Reviews in other local authorities have covered:

- Asthma Policies in Schools
- Indoor Pollution
- Home Environment
- Diet
- Allergen Avoidance
- Inequalities
- Management of asthma care for Children and Young People
- The accuracy diagnosis in young children.
- Recognising early signs and symptoms of asthma.

The local picture- prevalence and our knowledge of cases.

How the diversity and demographics of Brent are impacted by asthma.

How this breaks down in terms of age- Adults and Children.

How services are provided.

Allergies and the environment, further links to climate change and air quality.

Policy Context

Community Strategy

This subject has direct links to the “Help when you need it” (Health & wellbeing) (P31) section of the Council’s community strategy which states;

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“The council provides a range of services aimed at promoting and protecting the independence and health of people with physical disabilities, mental health difficulties or learning disabilities. Our challenge is to provide tailored care packages for those with the greatest need and engage in preventative work so that need does not escalate unnecessarily”.

Why are we looking at this area?

Previous committee members interest.

Possible links to the forthcoming work of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee work around Climate Change.

What should the review cover?

Provide members with an overview of services and the scale of the issues locally. Allow positive preventative steps to be developed and provide a public platform for the issues to further awareness and understanding.

Recommended Approach	Presentation/ Themed Meeting
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