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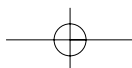
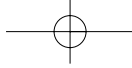
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Introduction

This is my second report on the health of the population of Kingston. The first report (Choosing Health in Kingston) detailed a range of areas that have been highlighted by the government as requiring concerted Public Health action. The first chapter of this report gives an update on work undertaken locally to progress these topics. It is good to note that despite the financial issues affecting both the Royal Borough of Kingston (RBK) and Kingston Primary Care Trust (KPCT), progress has been made against the majority of the recommendations of the first report. The PCT and RBK have also decided to invest in a range of prevention initiatives, which will reap dividends for the local population in future years and is to be commended.

Some of the topics for this year's report are intended to highlight groups of people or health issues that are not highlighted as regularly as they could be, hence the title of this report - 'The Road Less Travelled'. People with learning disabilities have more health needs than the general population, but are often less assertive in ensuring that these needs are met. Older people with mental health problems are also one of the most vulnerable sections of our population. Dental health issues affecting local people are also highlighted in this report.

The health protection section contains an update on pandemic 'flu planning. This may well be one of the greatest health threats that we face, and it is incumbent on both KPCT and RBK to plan for the pandemic so that the best possible service can be provided to local people.

Chapter three looks at deprivation in Kingston in some detail. Comparison between the 2007 Index of Multiple Deprivation and the 2004 Index shows that Kingston, whilst still an affluent area overall, has slipped down the rankings. This does not necessarily mean that people are more deprived in absolute terms, but it does mean that Kingston has become more deprived when compared with other local authorities in England.

PCTs in South West London will be implementing a package of changes to strengthen the commissioning of health services. This will include the strengthening of the joint work with RBK to improve the health of the local population.

I would like to thank everyone involved in the production of this report, especially Iona Lidington who has expertly lead the co-ordination of the report and was an editorial committee member as were Sundus Hashim and Charlotte Fitzgerald.

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I hope that this report is of interest. I would welcome comments, which can be sent to me at: jonathan.hildebrand@kpct.nhs.uk.



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Map 1

The Royal Borough of Kingston

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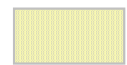
Kingston Borough

 Region

Kingston Wards

 Region

Urban Area

 Region

Rail Ln in Kingston

 Line

 Line

Railway Station

 Point

TROAD

 Line

A road in Kingston

 Line

B road in Kingston

 Line

