

**LEICESTER CITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
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Subject:	Addressing racial disparities in maternal outcomes for the population of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) - DRAFT
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report and framework was established to answer the specific question, “what is happening in Leicester to address the disparities experienced by black women and people during pregnancy and childbirth?” In drawing together a number of experts across disciplines, it is clear that there is already a significant drive to address this problem, with multiple individual workstreams to address various facets. However, it is also fair to say that more needs to be done, especially if the work that is happening is to move from a reactive state to a proactive and sustainable change.

This report intentionally focuses on key themes that should underpin work to address maternal inequalities, particularly for Black women and birthing people. For the impact to be felt most deeply, these themes should be aligned to key areas of clinical focus that any organisation highlights as a source of maternal inequality.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is requested to note the recommendations of the report with specific reference to six key themes that should be adopted to underpin and improvement work that is focused on addressing ethnic disparities in maternal outcomes.