

9 October 2017**Agenda Item: 5**

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

PUBLIC HEALTH PERFORMANCE AND QUALITY REPORT FOR CONTRACTS FUNDED WITH RING-FENCED PUBLIC HEALTH GRANT

QUARTER 1, 2017/18

Purpose of the Report

1. To enable Members to scrutinise the performance and quality of services commissioned by Public Health (PH)

Background

2. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 confers general duties on local authorities to improve and to protect the health of their local populations, including specific statutory duties about the commissioning of certain mandatory services to residents^[1], the provision of specialist advice to the local NHS, and of health protection advice to organisations across the local system.
3. In discharging these duties, the authority is currently supported by a ring-fenced grant which must be deployed to secure significant improvements in health, giving regard to the need to reduce health inequalities and to improving uptake and outcomes from drug and alcohol treatment services.
4. Services commissioned by public health contribute to a number of Council commitments (in particular, Commitment 6 – People are Healthier) and are critical for securing improved healthy life expectancy for our residents.
5. Working with public health colleagues, the Public Health Contract & Performance Team manages the performance of providers to ensure that contracts continue to deliver the outcomes and full value for which they were let.

^[1] These mandatory services include: local implementation of the National Child Measurement Programme, assessment and conduct of health checks, open access sexual health and contraception services

Information and Advice

6. This report provides the Committee with an overview of performance for Public Health directly commissioned services and services funded either in whole or in part by PH grant, in Quarter 1 (April to June 2017) against key performance indicators related to Public Health priorities, outcomes and actions within:
 - i) the Public Health Service Plan 2017-2018;
 - ii) the Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Nottinghamshire 2014-17; and
 - iii) the Authority's Commitments 2017-21.
7. A summary of the performance measures is set out at **Appendix A** (to be circulated separately).

Key Issues in Performance in Quarter 1 of 2017-18

8. The majority of Public Health commissioned services are on track and performing well. For those contracts where performance against plan is an issue or actual performance is not fully explained in Appendix A, more detail is provided below.
9. It is unlikely that the annual target for the number of people being offered or receiving health checks will be met this year. A new IT system for recording health checks is becoming operational this year and this should make it easier for GPs to record health checks. Of those patients offered a health check, 53.1% received a health check compared to the national average of 43.2%.
10. The sexual health providers are offering the HIV test to all new service users and are investigating why the acceptance rate is so low. Service users do not have to accept the test.
11. There is a national issue with the take up of chlamydia testing and whilst two of our sexual health providers are below target, Nottinghamshire as a whole is performing better than our neighbours. Public Health are hoping to commission an on-line chlamydia testing service to address the low take up.
12. Further work is required by the young people's service to register more people onto the C-card scheme and public health are working with the team to support this.
13. Solutions 4 Health continue to underperform in the tobacco control and smoking cessation service. This is due to numbers of people accessing the service being too few. However, of those people who access the service, 55% quit. The provider is offering a new deal to GPs and pharmacists to help increase numbers.
14. The Obesity Prevention and Weight Management provider is performing to plan in a number of key areas and overall is exceeding target. However, the numbers are still below target in children's and maternity services. The PH team are working with the new service management to ensure delivery of more effective approaches but delivery to target is dependent on third parties.

15. There are teething problems in the reporting from the 0-19 service and therefore the performance data received from the provider may not be a true reflection of the work being done. The public health team are working with the provider to address this.
16. The oral health provider has failed to reach the target for training frontline staff to deliver oral health brief advice to children this first quarter, however there is a plan in place to ensure performance improves.

Statutory and Policy Implications

17. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

18. Robust performance and quality reporting ensures that financial implications are monitored and reviewed effectively to minimise financial risk to the council.

Public Sector Equality Duty implications

19. Monitoring of the contracts ensures providers of services comply with their equality duty. Equality performance is a standing agenda item of review meetings and providers are asked to provide case studies celebrating success and showing how complaints, if applicable, are resolved.

Implications for Service Users/Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults Implications

20. The performance and management and quality monitoring and reporting of contracts are mechanisms by which commissioners secure assurance about the safety and quality of services using the public health grant.

RECOMMENDATION

For Committee to scrutinise the performance of services commissioned using the public health grant

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Constitutional Comments

21. No Constitutional Comments are required.

Financial Comments

22. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Public Health Outcomes Framework 2016-19 at a glance.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All