

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES PERFORMANCE AND QUALITY REPORT FOR HEALTH CONTRACTS

Purpose of the Report

1. This report provides a summary of the performance and quality data relating to the Public Health (PH) contracts that are commissioned by Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) at the end of December 2013 (quarter three).
2. Due to the timing of the report, not all quarter three data is available. Where this is the case, the most up-to-date information is reported.

Information and Advice

3. The PH contract and performance team continue to receive performance and quality data in relation to all the PH contracts.
4. A schedule of contract review meetings has been implemented. An aim of these meetings is to review performance and quality issues and agree any action plans to rectify under- or over-performance.

Key Issues

5. An overview of the contracts where there are current performance issues is set out in a table and included as Appendix One.
6. This shows three main areas of concern in relation to:
 - NHS Health Checks – GPs
 - Genito-Urinary Medicine – Sherwood Forest Hospital Foundation Trust and Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals
 - Tobacco Control – Four week smoking quitter figure; GPs, Community Pharmacists and Bassetlaw Stop Smoking Service.
7. A summary of the issues and actions that are being taken is included in the table.
8. Detailed information regarding all commissioned services is included as Appendix Two. The services are grouped together in relation to the PH function to which they relate.

9. Each PH function is linked to expected outcomes. Detail in relation to the outcome and background information, as well as the link to the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy is included.
10. Details and remedial actions, key issues affecting delivery, actions to address the issues and whether there have been any quality and safety issues in relation to the contract then follow.
11. A trend column has been added which shows whether there has been sustained improvement in performance (↑↑); short-term or recent improvement in performance (↑); no significant change in performance (↔); short-term or recent deterioration in performance (↓) or sustained deterioration in performance (↓↓), since the last quarter's report.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

12. The recommendation is made to support future development of performance and quality reporting for PH Services contracts.

Statutory and Policy Implications

13. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution, the public sector equality duty, 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

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

Implications in relation to the NHS Constitution

15. Regard has been taken to the NHS Constitution together with all relevant guidance issued by the Secretary of State in formulating the recommendation.

Public Sector Equality Duty implications

16. Monitoring of the contracts ensures providers of services comply with their equality duty.

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

17. The performance and quality monitoring and reporting of contracts is a mechanism for providers to assure commissioners regarding patient safety and quality of service.

RECOMMENDATION

18. That the Public Health Committee receives the report and notes the performance and quality information provided in Appendices One and Two.

Appendix One: Summary of main areas of concerns/issues regarding PH contracts.

Appendix Two: Quarter Three Report (October – December 2013/14).

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Constitutional Comments (SG 11/2/14)

19. Because this report is for noting only, no Constitutional Comments are required.

Financial Comments

20. To follow.

Background Papers and Published Documents

None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All