

# Report to the Public Health Committee

12 March 2015

Agenda Item: 6

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

#### PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTAL PLAN - PROGRESS REPORT 2014/15

## **Purpose of the Report**

1. The 2014/15 Public Health departmental plan was approved by Public Health Committee on 3 July 2014. This report provides an update on progress against the delivery plan.

# **Background**

- 2. Public Health formally transferred into the Council on 1 April 2013. The transfer to the Council highlighted a number of new opportunities for Public Health, which were captured in the departmental plan, alongside continuous service improvement to shape the strategic approach for Public Health over the year.
- 3. The Committee approved the Public Health Departmental Plan on 3 July 2014 and agreed to receive updates on progress in implementing the Plan. The latest progress against the Plan is presented in Annex 1, following the agreed headings:
  - Improving efficiency and quality in commissioned services
  - Exploring new opportunities to improve health
  - Building on success
  - Embedding Public Health leadership

# **Information and Advice**

- 4. The plan is supported by detailed targets for each activity, which are monitored and linked to the Public Health Outcomes Framework. This will ensure that Public Health continue to deliver health improvement outcomes for local people. Performance against detailed targets is reported to Public Health Committee separately in the quarterly contracts and performance reports. This report is about performance in implementing the Plan, and so it concentrates on activities and whether they have been completed.
- 5. Monitoring confirms that the majority of the activities are on track to be completed by the end of the year. Where delay is anticipated, remedial action plans are being developed to tackle this
- 6. The actions marked in amber in the Annex are those where there were delays in implementation, which have been identified and remedial actions put in place to address them. For example within commissioned services, the need to remain in budget led to delays

in procurement of the obesity service. In order to maintain services, contingency arrangements led to a reduced service being maintained whilst the procurement exercise was completed.

- 7. The effect of retendering services has brought some instability of the system, affecting service delivery. This has been reported previously through the Public Health Services Performance and Quality Report for Health Contracts, with mitigating actions explored and reported.
- 8. Actions marked red are behind schedule. None of these actions are related to direct service delivery. They have been affected by capacity and staff vacancies within the Public Health department. The tasks have been prioritised for Q4.

## **Other Options Considered**

9. This report has been brought for information. No other options are required.

#### **Reason for Recommendation**

10. In July 2014, the Public Health Committee approved the Public Health Departmental Plan for 2014/15 and agreed to receive update reports on progress.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

11. 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, 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**

12. There are no direct financial implications for this report.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Committee notes the report.

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## Financial Implications (DG 20/02/15)

13. As noted in Paragraph 12 there are no financial implications in this report

#### **Constitutional Comments**

14. This report is for noting only and no Constitutional comments are required.

# **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Report to Public Health Committee, 3 July 2014, Public Health Department Plan

## **Electoral Divisions and Members Affected**

All