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**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 4, 2016/17**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To enable the scrutiny of the performance and quality of services commissioned by Public Health (PH) before noting the report.

#### **Background**

2. The Authority has a duty under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 to take appropriate steps to improve the health and wellbeing of the local population.
3. The NHS Act 2006 and Part 2 of the Local Authorities (Public Health Functions and Entry to Premises by Local Healthwatch Representatives) Regulations 2013 (SI 2013/351) provides for certain mandatory functions to be provided by the Authority, including:
  - **Regulation 3** requires local authorities to provide for the weighing and measuring of certain children in their area (including age and school type).
  - **Regulations 4 and 5** relate to the duties of local authorities to provide or make arrangements to provide for health checks for eligible people.
  - **Regulation 6** requires local authorities to secure open access sexual health services in its area.
  - **Regulation 8** imposes a duty on local authorities to provide information and advice to certain persons and bodies with a view to promoting health protection arrangements.
4. The PH Contract and Performance Team robustly reviews and monitors performance and quality data received from the providers of services commissioned directly by PH.
5. PH grant is used to fund services commissioned by other teams and departments of the Authority.
6. Whilst the PH Contract and Performance Team does not directly contract manage the services commissioned by other teams, the Team has endeavoured to engage with the

commissioners and providers to ensure PH grant is spent on PH outcomes and in accordance with the grant conditions and guidance that governs the use of the PH grant.

## **Information and Advice**

7. 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 4 (January to March 2017) against key performance indicators related to Public Health priorities, outcomes and actions within:
  - i) the Public Health Service Plan 2016-2017;
  - ii) the Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Nottinghamshire 2014-17; and
  - iii) the Authority's priorities following the adoption of the Strategic Plan 2014-18.
8. A summary of the performance measures is set out at **Appendix A**.

## **Key Issues in Performance in Quarter 4 of 2016-17**

9. 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 by the numbers, more detail is provided below.
10. Health check numbers are down against target and are lower than the totals achieved last year. The PH team have focussed this past year on improving the quality of health checks that are done and on getting a more streamlined IT system in place that will facilitate future improvements in both activity and quality. The reduction in activity may be partly a result of this and also we are seeing that many comparably mature programmes around the country are having similar results (loss of momentum). There is confidence that this will be reversed with the new IT system that is due to go live in Q2.
11. The tobacco control and smoking cessation provider has not performed to target this year. However there has been a rise in 4 week quitters against the total achieved last year by the previous provider. The provider is keen to ensure that numbers of smoking quitters improve as this is a 'payment by results' contract.
12. 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. Action plans have been provided to address these issues and the public health team will continue to robustly monitor this.
13. The domestic abuse service is an October to September contract and whilst this quarter 4 report provides figures that make it look like the providers have underperformed, this is not the case and the providers are performing to plan.
14. The numbers of people attending training courses provided by the Healthy Housing service has not achieved target. The provider has had issues with venues and attendees simply not turning up. However, the provider has over performed on the target set for county residents given energy efficiency advice.

15. The provider for homelessness support is still experiencing problems of finding move on accommodation for their service users. A robust review is planned with commissioning colleagues.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

16. 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**

17. 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**

18. 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**

19. 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**

The recommendations are:

- 1) That the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee receives the report and notes the performance and quality information provided together with the mitigating and monitoring actions of Public Health officers.

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### **Constitutional Comments**

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

### **Financial Comments**

21. 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