Nottinghamshire County Council

Report Overview Committee

27 November 2025

Agenda Item: 6

REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND PUBLIC HEALTH

PUBLIC HEALTH PERFORMANCE, RISKS AND FINANCIAL POSITION – QUARTERS 1&2 2025/26

Purpose of the Report

1. The summary of Public Health performance, Vital Signs, departmental finance, and risks.

2. Nottinghamshire's current Public Health Outcome Framework (PHOF) performance and areas for further exploration as part of the Overview Committee workplan.

Information

3. This report provides a high-level summary of the following appendices:

- **Appendix A Public Health Performance Report**

  The document provides a detailed report of the Public Health department's performance, risks, and finances with case studies and stories of change. It also provides a summary of the Public Health Outcomes Framework (PHOF) that compares Nottinghamshire with national indicators.

- **Appendix B**
  Provides further details on the Public Health Vital Signs performance.

- **Appendix C**
  Provides an infographic showing the PHOF indicators.

4. There are no concerns for public health performance for Quarters 1 and 2 for 2025-26. The covering report provides a summary of these, with more detail in appendix A. Appendix A also provides a glossary of what these services are and what they deliver.

Healthy Families Programme (Prescribed Children's 0-5 Services)

5. The new contract commenced on 1st October 2025 and a transformation programme to deliver the new service model is underway. There are no changes to the mandated elements of the contract. Overall performance continues to be strong. An area for improvement has been recruitment of health visitors and there has been work by the provider to improve recruitment, retention and sickness with front line staff. This indicator

is now improving.

Substance Use Services (drug and alcohol treatment and recovery)

6. Performance for the service has been strong with some key highlights.
- The service currently has 4,642 people in treatment; this is 95% of the national target
- The service is retaining 87% people in treatment for 12 weeks or more which exceeds the England average.

Sexual Health Services

7. Performance across the Integrated Service continues to be good at the end of the first year of the new service contract. HIV testing is performing to target. Work is ongoing with health and care partners to increase STI/HIV testing uptake in key high-risk communities. Testing supports treatment and prevention of spread.

8. Access to Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) continues to be very high within the service. This helps to reduce unplanned pregnancies and the number of individuals aged 13-25 registered onto the (condom) C-card scheme is up from last year, but missing target due to school holidays (when places that encourage sign up like schools are closed).

NHS Health Check programme

9. NHS health checks are delivered in 83 GPs in Nottinghamshire. There is targeted work to increase uptake in groups who are at higher risk of cardiovascular disease and with those who don't engage with the service. The service is performing well.

Integrated Wellbeing Service- Your Health Notts (YHN)

10. The service has supported a significant number of people to make positive changes that will benefit their future health. Performance has been good, highlights in the two quarters include:
- 2,700 people who quit smoking at 4-weeks
- 1,500 who achieved a significant weight loss
- Digital access to stop smoking has been expanded.

Homelessness

11. Overall performance has been strong. A highlight has been working with Change, Grow, Live (CGL) - the commissioned substance use provider to reduce the number of people experiencing substance use as a primary barrier to moving on from the service.

Domestic Abuse

12. Domestic abuse services are continuing to perform well. The services are under moderate pressure and managing this within their own organisational plans. Highlights include 1,239 new survivors accessing services in 2025/26 which is in line with targets.

13. A new Counselling service called "Bloom" launched by Juno Women's Aid. Family

Support and Safeguarding domestic abuse specialist workers are in post and embedded in all the Children and Families Safeguarding Teams.

Health Protection

14. In Quarters 1 and 2 there has been greater alignment with the emergency planning team. The team has been supporting the national Operation Pegasus pandemic exercise and staff flu vaccination campaign.

Annual Delivery Plan

15. Performance against the annual delivery plan is either complete or on track for the priorities led by the Public Health and Communities Division.

Workforce

16. The Public Health workforce has remained stable with low turnover and staff sickness.

Budgets

17. There was a 2025/26 forecast underspend for Public Health of £391,000 at Quarter 2. Any actual underspend will be transferred to Public Health reserves at the end of the financial year.

Risk

18. The risk level continues to be low and there has been a recent review of risk management processes.

Public Health Outcomes Framework (PHOF)

19. The PHOF is national standardised way that local authorities monitor progress to increase life expectancy and health inequalities. Reviewing the PHOF helps us to understand long term trends in the health of the population.

20. The PHOF has a range of evidence-based actions to improve public health, and these actions are delivered by central government, the NHS and local authorities.

21. The data is available at population level. This is in contrast to contract measures which focus only on outputs and quality for users of services.

22. There are some key areas of focus where the data in Nottinghamshire is showing worsening trends or areas of concern. These are:

- Outcomes and inequalities in child health. These include Best Start indicators including readiness for school. A review paper will be taken to cabinet later in the year to explore these indicators.
- Outcomes and inequalities in women's health. This was highlighted in previous reviews and as a result has a workstream from the Director of Public Health Annual Report.
- Health Inequalities and geographic differences in health will be reviewed in Health

Scrutiny in Spring 2026. Issues include deaths from cancer, obesity, smoking in pregnancy and serious mental illness.

- Substance use, which includes the harms of drugs and alcohol and those experiencing severe multiple disadvantage. These rates are expected to improve as treatment and recovery services continue to attract additional central Government funding and Nottinghamshire is renewing how to develop recovery communities.
- Vaccination rates, there are falls in some vaccination uptake in Nottinghamshire and other indicators are similar to national averages. This requires system working and is being supported through the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- Disability employment, and how people with disabilities and serious mental illness are supported into work. There are opportunities with the new East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) and Local Government Reform (LGR) policy changes to address these differences.

Statutory and Policy Implications

23. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

24. The planned activity set out in the report will be met from approved budgets.

Local Government Reorganisation Implications

25. LGR will result in a change in boundaries and a refinement of the population size. Public health will review the proposed populations through the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) prior to vesting day to allow for future planning for services.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Overview Committee considers and comments on:

1) The summary of Public Health performance, Vital Signs, and departmental finance and risks.

2) Nottinghamshire's current Public Health Outcome Framework performance and potential areas for further exploration and inclusion in the committee's Work Programme.

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Legal Comments (GG 31/10/2025)

26. There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. The Report falls within the remit of the Overview Committee under Section 6, Part 1, paragraph 2(b) on p.86 of the Council's Constitution.

Financial Comments (PAA29 03/11/2025)

27. The financial implications are set out in paragraphs 16 and 22 of the report. There are no Local Government Reorganisation implications arising from the recommendations."

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.

For further reading please see recommended LGA links/publications

Councillors' guide to local authority public health responsibilities | Local Government Association

https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/prevention-matters-how-elected-members-can-improve-health-their-communities

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.