

17 March 2016

Agenda Item: 7

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTAL PLAN 2015/16 - PROGRESS REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. The 2015/16 Public Health departmental plan was approved by Public Health Committee on 10 September 2015. This report provides an update on progress against the plan for noting by the Committee.

Background

2. Public Health has an annual plan which sets the overall direction for its work and highlights key activities and actions to be undertaken. In 2015/16, the Plan was delayed owing to the need to ensure it took account of other Council decisions, specifically proposals for implementation of Redefining Your Council which were approved by Policy Committee in July.
3. Public Health Committee approved the 2015/16 Public Health Department Plan on 10 September 2015 and agreed to receive updates on progress in implementing the Plan. An update was provided in November 2015. This report provides the latest progress against the Plan presented in Annexe 1, following the agreed headings:
 - Improving efficiency and quality in commissioned services
 - Exploring new opportunities to improve health
 - Embedding Public Health leadership and oversight
 - Developing and making the maximum use of Public Health skills.

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. Since the last report to Committee, there have been some positive changes. The activities around the Schools Health Hub, previously marked as amber owing to delays, have been developed further. Revised timeframes were agreed with partners during Quarter 3 and these timeframes are now on schedule, so the status of this activity has been changed to Green.
6. There are no actions marked red as none are behind schedule and unable to be recovered.

Other Options Considered

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

Reason for Recommendation

8. In September 2015, the Public Health Committee approved the Public Health Departmental Plan for 2015/16 and agreed to receive update reports on progress.

Statutory and Policy Implications

9. 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

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

RECOMMENDATION

1) That Committee notes the update on progress report.

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Constitutional Comments

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

Financial Comments (KS 24/02/2016))

12. The financial implications are contained within paragraph 10 of the report

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, 2 July 2015, Public Health Department Plan 2014/15 and update on preparation of 2015/16 plan

Report to Public Health Committee, 10 September 2015, Public Health Department Plan 2015/16

Report to Public Health Committee, 21 November 2015, Public Health Departmental Plan 2015/16 - Progress Report

Electoral Divisions and Members Affected

- All

