

11 February 2013**Agenda Item:****REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH
PUBLIC HEALTH LEGACY DOCUMENT****Purpose of the Report**

1. To inform the Public Health Sub-Committee of the process followed to document historic arrangements and agreements for Public Health Services and seek endorsement of the Public Health Legacy Document.

Information and Advice

2. During the transfer of Public Health from the National Health Service (NHS) into local government it is essential that the handover process builds on previous work and learning in order to avoid duplication of effort or omissions.
3. Within the changes resulting from the Health and Social Care Act 2012 most Public Health responsibilities will transfer into local government. There are some responsibilities such as immunisations and screening which will transfer to the NHS Commissioning Board and other responsibilities such as commissioning for long term conditions which will transfer to the Clinical Commissioning Groups.
4. It was recognised that while there would be some transfer of staff and expertise to support these changes. However, it would be essential to ensure that a formal handover of information take place to ensure risks are minimised and business continuity and quality is maintained during the transition.
5. The Public Health Legacy Document has been prepared in line with guidance provided by the Department of Health. It is intended that it will be made available not only within local government but also to other receiver organisations, taking on responsibility for services previously managed within Public Health in NHS Nottinghamshire County and NHS Bassetlaw.
6. The Public Health Legacy Document will also form part of an overarching document for both NHS Nottinghamshire County and NHS Bassetlaw Primary Care Trusts as they are dissolved on 31 March 2013.
7. The Legacy Document is for internal business processes and therefore supporting information and appendices referred to within the document are only accessible within the

Department. Any requests for further information will be managed through the freedom of Information process.

Statutory and Policy Implications

8. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1) The Public Health Subcommittee are asked to endorse the Public Health Legacy Document, with effect from 1 April 2013.

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Constitutional Comments (NAB 1.2.13)

The Public Health Sub-committee has authority to consider the matters set out in this report by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (NR 1.2.13)

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers

How to: maintain quality during the transition: Preparing for handover
The National Quality Board May 2012
<http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/05/handover-guide/>

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.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All