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Report of the Executive Director of Public Health

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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report provides the Commission with an overview of Public Health responsibilities that have transferred to the local authority, along with details of how these responsibilities will be delivered during 2013/14.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Commission is asked to note the information provided within the report and at Appendix 1, Delivering Public Health in Peterborough, Public Health Business Plan 2013/2014 and to identify any specific areas that it wishes to scrutinise in greater depth.

3. LINKS TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

- 3.1 This report links to the SCS priority: Creating opportunities, tackling inequalities

It describes how local Public Health services will be organised, commissioned or directly delivered to improve outcomes within the national Public Health Outcomes Framework

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Local authorities (LAs) now have the lead for improving health and coordinating local efforts to protect the public's health and wellbeing, working together with health services to ensure the effective promotion of population health. Local political leadership will be central to making this work. The NHS will continue to play a full role in providing care, tackling health inequalities and ensuring every clinical contact counts.

Most local Public Health roles and functions in Peterborough transferred successfully to Peterborough City Council on 1 April 2013. Others transferred to Public Health England (PHE). This system is new – the combination of local government leadership for the public's health supported by an expert national body is a first for England. PHE's aim is to cement a reputation with local authorities for credibility and expertise, as the foundation upon which PHE will help the new system to drive transformation. Local action will drive sustainable change in the public's health, but PHE are committed to taking action on a national scale where it makes sense, and when it is needed.

Through its new duty to promote and protect the health of the population, and through providing public health healthcare advice to NHS Commissioners, the City Council is taking on a major strategic and visionary leading role in influencing and direct decision-making concerning health, healthcare and wellbeing in the city. In order to deliver this transformational agenda, it is important that a public health approach is integrated with every council function, its policy and decision-making so that taking action to improve health is an automatic part of the work and culture of every department, section, team and individual.

The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) will be refreshed this year, and as part of the refresh process work with partners will be undertaken to ensure that the JSNA is in a format that is accessible to both to commissioners and others who wish to understand more fully how

wider social determinants impact on health outcomes. This refresh will also support the Health and Wellbeing Board to deliver its Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) that starts to integrate local commissioning strategies, ensuring a community-wide approach, and aligns public health responsibility with the many levers to tackle the wider determinants of health and health inequalities.

5. KEY ISSUES

5.1 In this first year following transition of Public Health roles and responsibilities, it is essential that key issues are identified and resolved in order to deliver on the health outcomes needed to reduce health inequalities. Therefore we have identified a vision and objectives that focus in on some of the key priorities locally.

5.2 Our vision is: to enable the Council to reduce health inequalities in Peterborough through the successful integration and delivery of Public Health.

The strategic objectives are:

- Successful integration of commissioning functions into the corporate commissioning model
- Design of an integrated care pathway for contraceptive and sexual health services, and subsequent procurement
- Work with commissioning partners to develop and agree a commissioning framework for children's health services
- Develop and implement a Healthy Lives Strategy, which will include:
 - Delivery through the neighbourhoods function
 - Healthy Weight Strategy
 - Tobacco Control Strategy
 - Localising the PH Responsibility Deal
- Refresh of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, focussing initially on health inequalities and building on recent work completed as part of the welfare reform needs assessment.
- Development of a Long Term Conditions Strategy focussing on prevention and early intervention particularly in relation to CHD/Stroke, Diabetes and Cancers.

We will ensure that there is a specific focus on improving access to public health services for vulnerable people, including Looked after Children and people with learning disabilities.

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 As a result of the Local Authority now having responsibility of Public Health, the implications are wide reaching as the LA will need to ensure the public health objectives (described further in Appendix 1) are delivered as required.

7. CONSULTATION

7.1 Public Health continues to work closely with partners externally and colleagues internally in the development, commissioning and delivery of Public Health Services. Appendix 1 is an internal document describing how PH services will be delivered in this first year. This has not been consulted on, although the transfer of Public Health was subject to thorough Equality Impact Assessment.

8. NEXT STEPS

8.1 The attached Business Plan will be subject to regular review in line with feed back from the Commission or changes in delivery requirements.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

9.1 See the list of references in Appendix E of the Delivering Public Health in Peterborough, Public Health Business Plan 2013/2014 attached at Appendix 1 of the report.

10. APPENDICES

- 10.1 Appendix 1 - Delivering Public Health in Peterborough, Public Health Business Plan 2013/2014

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