

## **Public Health update on Q1 and Q2 of 2019/20**

### **Key Activity in Q1 and Q2**

#### Strategic Public Health Partnership with Hampshire County Council

A partnership between Isle of Wight Council and Hampshire County Council to deliver effective Public Health services was formalised by Cabinet in July. This will ensure that the council has strong leadership for the public health responsibilities and opportunity for the council to provide stronger leadership in health and care. The team has been restructured with leadership and specialist expertise provided by Hampshire County Council.

The team is focusing on delivering aspects of the corporate plan which includes developing a public health council with the intention to develop a Public Health strategy for the Isle of Wight; quality public health services and leadership for population health. This paper focuses on the services and finances.

#### Public Health Services

There has recently been a strong focus on strengthening the commissioning of services. The Public Health team has developed service specifications for those services based on national best practice. Service tenders for 0-19 Public Health nursing services and the Substance Misuse Services are in progress. Negotiations continue to ensure the council can be assured of a safe sexual health service. Options are being considered for the future delivery of smoking cessation and weight management services, currently known as the wellbeing service, with a view to improving outcomes through service transformation.

#### Quality and Performance

Public Health monitors performance of Public Health services that are commissioned by the council through contract performance meetings.

The IOW NHS Trust is commissioned to provide Sexual health services and 0-19 services. The CQC report 4/9/19 found the Trust was requiring improvement with some actions for improvements in the sexual health and 0-19 services. These are being followed up in contract review meetings.

Inclusion (Part of Midlands Partnership Trust) is commissioned to provide Substance misuse services. This service was rated as good in July 2019.

### **Public Health Outcomes Framework**

There are measures published nationally for a whole range of indicators of Public Health outcomes many of which are shared by Adult Social care, Children's services (including Education), and the Neighbourhoods directorate. These are known as the Public Health Outcomes Framework (PHOF) and the full set can be found at:

<https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/public-health-outcomes-framework/data#page/1/qid/1000049/pat/6/par/E12000008/ati/102/are/E06000046>

Following to formal partnership with Hampshire County Council a more robust system for monitoring the public health outcomes framework is being set up. The following are key measures part of the corporate plan.

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Time Period</b>	<b>Isle of Wight</b>	<b>England</b>	<b>Source</b>
Smoking status at time of delivery	2017/18	14.5%	10.8%	PHOF
Breastfeeding prevalence at 6-8 weeks after birth - current method	2017/18	47.2%	42.7%	PHOF
Successful completion of alcohol treatment	2017	43.0%	38.9%	PHOF
Percentage of NHS Health Checks offered to the total eligible population in the quarter	2019/20 Q1	4.2%	4.8%	PHOF
Percentage of NHS Health Checks received by the total eligible population in the quarter	2019/20 Q1	1.9%	2.0%	PHOF
Percentage of NHS Health Checks offered which were taken up in the quarter	2019/20 Q1	45.7%	41.0%	PHOF
Participation rate of National Childhood Measurement Programme : Reception	2017/18	94.0%	95.2%	PHOF
Participation rate of National Childhood Measurement Programme: Year 6	2017/18	93.5%	94.3%	PHOF

## Finances

Isle of Wight Council receives a Public Health ring fenced grant of £7.3 million, This predominantly funds commissioning services where there is a mandated duty to deliver. There are a range of outcomes delivered by other council departments which receive public health funding. The 2019/20 budget is on track utilising part of the Public Health reserve. This is possible to support service transformation and future lower spend.

Following a recent internal audit report into Public Health outcomes being delivered across the council a more robust process for monitoring and overseeing is being implemented .

The Chancellor's Autumn statement announced that the Public Health Grant will increase in line with inflation and the Department of Health and Social Care's contribution will grow in line with the additional investment in the National Health Service next year. There is work being undertaken to further understand this and the impact for IOW Council.

A Members' briefing and support paper is being planned to support member understanding of the Local Authority responsibilities regarding Public Health.

### Conclusions

The Public Health grant for the Isle of Wight is being effectively managed and service quality is being monitored. A focus on re-commissioning mandated services will improve outcomes for Island residents. It is planned for a balanced budget to be delivered in 2019/20 . It is important that the Public Health budget is maintained in the future so that opportunities for health and wellbeing are maximised for the Island's residents and so the council can deliver its responsibilities for public health.