

Title: Update Report –Public Health

Wards Affected: All wards

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1. Achievements since last meeting

- 1.1 Public Health commissioners have transferred to Torbay Council. Two new members of staff have been appointed to the posts of Public Health Consultant (medical) and Health Protection (nurse). Two existing staff however, have recently been offered posts in the NHS.
- 1.2 The Public Health Outcome Framework has been reviewed and priorities for Torbay identified on the basis of current performance and relevance to our population. Despite improvements over recent years, Torbay remains an outlier on outcomes for alcohol, teenage conceptions and the associated smoking in pregnancy and breastfeeding. Two vaccination outcomes have also been included as priorities, but these will be commissioned by NHS England now under the new arrangements for the NHS.
- 1.3 The work of building relationships between the new Community Hubs, the community and other agencies is progressing. A questionnaire in the Hele/Watcombe area has identified that the top issue the community would like support with is the achievement of healthy weight through diet and exercise. This coincides with the new requirement for GPs to ask questions on exercise as part of the QOF funding regime and a joined up approach is being identified. Barton Academy has asked the Community Hub to support them with children who are regularly not in school and the team have reported the early identification of new families with additional needs from their links with the Housing team.

2. Challenges for the next three months

- 2.1 Members will recall that the Community Hub work has started in the Watcombe/Hele area. The interim report on progress to date and suggestions for the roll out of the Hubs to other areas of Torbay will be available for the next Health and Wellbeing Board.

2.2 The outbreak of measles in Wales has provided an opportunity to remind local parents to check the immunisation status of their school age children. A catch up campaign has commenced through local GP practices.

3. Action required by partners

3.1 The alcohol strategy needs to be refreshed and this will be undertaken under the banner of the Health and Wellbeing Board. Stakeholder involvement could be the topic of a future H&WB Board forum meeting.

3.2 The Public Health team and the Clinical Commissioning Group are exploring opportunities to support businesses to encourage health and wellbeing in their workforce. The TDA and Communications teams are supporting this work.

3.3 A peninsula healthy weight network has been established and the views of stakeholders are being sought. Could partners please circulate and encourage feedback (Appendix 1).

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Briefing Paper - Obesity

Background Papers:

The following documents/files were used to compile this report:

None