

Title: Update Report – Public Health

Wards Affected: Torbay-wide

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1. Achievements since last meeting

1.1 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).

I-bay, Torbay's intelligence network, is continuing work on the JSNA and the work is progressing well and due for completion by the end of August. They have also undertaken specific pieces of work to support the Ageing Better work on Social isolation and a separate piece on Children and Young people to support the development of the Children's and Young people's plan.

1.2 Partnership work.

Working continues in partnership on the following:

- A Prevention Strategy.
- Work with colleagues from the ICO on priority Workstream 3 areas in particular on Drug and alcohol treatment pathways. An alcohol Harm Summit is planned for May 6th
- We are beginning the work across the wider council on the determinants of health which includes embedding someone in planning within the next month and linking to the Sports Trust work. Other areas we are exploring are Offender Health and the determinants of obesity.
- We continue the work on aligning work with Adult Social Care, Children Services and Community Safety Key areas of partnership work include Prevention and early intervention for Children and young people and Mental health promotion

1.3 Policy Development Group (PDG)

This month our PDG focused on developing work on obesity and healthy Weight which will be an area of focus in the next year.

1.4 Lifestyle service.

The planned review and design of a new lifestyle service to be commissioned in 2015 is well underway and will be the subject of a lifestyle stakeholder event on 1st May.

1.5 NHS Core offer

The Public Health team have now completed the first four quarters of work under the Memorandum of Understanding to support the CCG through the core offer. A Quarter 4 report has been submitted and we are working to identify areas of work for 2014/15. Public Health staff continue to be well embedded within the CCG.

We also support the acute and community trusts and the emerging ICO. We are fully involved in the ICOs workstream 3 plans. We support, in particular the Alcohol workstream but are beginning also to get embedded in the work on frail elderly and on children.

2. Challenges for the next three months

We continue the inter-departmental and inter-organisational work we do in the coming months, increasing the amount of matrix working and align workstreams.

However, we continue to have on-going staff capacity issues which we are working hard to resolve. We have a particular lack of capacity at senior level and in the area of Children's Public Health. Set against the increasing workload resulting from alignment and integration this is preventing us from working at the scale and pace we would like to. Concerns re long-term funding is compounding this.

We will however continue to explore options going forward to resolve this, particularly looking at jointly funded posts to deliver joined-up plans.