

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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Subject:	Public Health Transition Update
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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT:

To update the Board on action to implement the Public Health reforms for Herefordshire.

The Government's response to the White Paper consultation was published in July 2011; regular updates on how the reforms will be implemented are now being published. A number of more detailed policy documents are being published, when more detailed transition planning can start.

This report updates the Board on action to implement the Public Health reforms for Herefordshire, including both our local reforms and the Health and Public Health White Paper changes. The report also provides an update on how we are ensuring resilience during the transition period.

Healthy Lives, Healthy People: National Policy Framework

Public Health Reform Updates covering five areas are being published:

Public Health Outcomes Framework

Public health England Operating Model (20 December 2011)

Roles of local authorities and the Director of Public Health (20 December 2011)

Public health finance

Workforce strategy

Regular Bulletins outline progress on the reforms and a series of regional visits have been organised to support the work on engagement
Chris Bull chairs the Public Health Engagement Group, which provides independent advice and challenge to the Department of Health on the process

Department of Health is working with local government to produce guidance on director of public health appointments, including recruiting to vacant posts to ensure they are fit for purpose for the future

Shadow local authority allocations for public health funding for 2012/13 will be issued in December

Public Health Transition in Herefordshire

Responsibility for the health of the population and Director of Public Health is transferred to Herefordshire Council

Plan in place to improve health outcomes for residents

Update:

Assurance visit by Regional Director of Public Health held on 24 October 2011

Director of Public Health

Herefordshire Public Services response to the consultation on the public health white paper March 2011

Director of Public Health and staff integrated into structure of new HPS People Services Directorate April 2011

Consultant in Public Health on HHCC Shadow Board

West Mercia Public health network risk assurance framework developed and updated quarterly, most recent update 15 September 2011

Public Health Transition Plan to be published by March 2012

Appointment of DPH