

MEETING:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
DATE:	20 MARCH 2012
TITLE OF REPORT:	PUBLIC HEALTH TRANSITION PLAN
REPORT BY:	Interim Director of Public Health

CLASSIFICATION: Open

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

To receive the Public Health Transition Plan.

Recommendation(s)

THAT: the Health and Wellbeing Board receive and note the Public Health Transition Plan.

Key Points Summary

- With effect from 01 April 2013, and subject to the Health and Social Care Bill being passed by parliament, responsibility for a range of Public Health functions, along with the associated budgets and staff will transfer from the Primary Care Trust to the Local Authority and to other legacy organisations.
- The Department of Health (DH) requires PCTs (sender organisations) to submit Public Health Transition Plans that have been agreed by the Local Authority (receiver organisation) by 31 March 2012.
- The Midlands and East SHA required PCTs in its area, including NHS Herefordshire, to submit their Public Health Transition Plan by 09 March 2012 for moderation by the SHA before submission to the Department of Health by 31 March 2012.
- The attached Public Health Transition Plan, which has been produced by a Project Management Group with sender and receiver representation, sets out the key tasks and milestones to be achieved during 2012/13.
- The plan identifies the following six workstreams:
 - Workforce, HR and Accommodation;
 - Communication and Engagement;
 - Commissioning Support, Contracting and Core Offer to the CCG;
 - Finance, Assets and Resources;

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- Governance, Information and Assurance;
- West Mercia Public Health Network.

Alternative Options

- 1 n/a - no alternatives

Reasons for Recommendations

- 2 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to receive and note the Public Health Transition Plan which sets out key tasks and milestones relating to the transfer of public health functions from NHS Herefordshire to Herefordshire Council and other legacy organisations including Public Health England and the NHS Commissioning Board.

Introduction and Background

- 3 The purpose of the Plan is to bring together the key information needed to take forward the process of Public Health Transition on a sound basis and to convey key information to relevant stakeholders in order to establish a new public health system in Herefordshire in line with national NHS and public health reforms and to ensure a seamless transition to this new system. This will include identifying and implementing the actions required for Herefordshire Council to assume a range of statutory responsibilities for public health, and for the transfer of public health responsibilities from NHS Herefordshire to the Herefordshire Council, the NHS Commissioning Board (NHSCB) and Public Health England (PHE).
- 4 The following are in “scope”:
- a. describe the operating model of the new public health system in Herefordshire from April 2013;
 - b. complete transfer of public health funding, contracts and staff from NHS Herefordshire to legacy organisations;
 - c. sustain and improve delivery of public health responsibilities during the transition period and ensure accountabilities are clear.

Key Considerations

- 5 The project will:
- a. Produce a public health leadership development programme linked to the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) development programme.
 - b. Produce an operating model for each of the ‘domains’ of the new public health system locally including health improvement, health protection (including screening, immunisation and emergency preparedness, resilience and response), population healthcare advice to NHS Commissioners, health intelligence, dental public health and other health and wellbeing services falling within scope in Herefordshire.
 - c. Identify priorities and outcomes for 2013/14 in line with the Public Health Outcomes Framework and current performance trajectories.
 - d. Identify the agencies involved in delivery and their respective roles and responsibilities.
 - e. Identify governance and partnership arrangements.
 - f. Transfer of funding and contracts for public health services to legacy organisations including the Council and the NHS Commissioning Board and Public Health England.

- g. Transfer public health staff to legacy organisations including: incorporation of public health staff into the People's Services Directorate within the Council, transfer of staff to the NHSCB and transfer of staff to Public Health England.
- h. Ensure comprehensive handover from NHS Herefordshire to legacy organisations including: completion of migration of public health into Herefordshire Council's processes, procedures and constitution; development and publication of a legacy document; establishment of an asset register; archiving of old records & establishment of existing and potential liabilities including legal liabilities/litigation.

Community Impact

- 6 Successful transition and transfer of public health functions will ensure continuity of existing public health programmes during the transition period thereby minimising any potential adverse community impact occurring due to the transition process.

Financial Implications

- 7 The plan establishes a Finance and Resources Workstream and sets out key tasks and milestones for this workstream. The financial implications relating to the transition of public health functions to legacy organisations are a key component of the plan.

Legal Implications

- 8 The plan establishes a Governance, Information and Assurance Workstream. The legal implications relating to Public Health Transition come under the remit of this workstream.

Risk Management

- 9 A risk register is included within the Transition Plan and will be updated on a regular basis.

Consultees

- 10 The Public Health Transition Plan includes an overview of the engagement and consultation undertaken in relation to public health transition and integration to date. The plan establishes a Communication and Engagement Workstream which will be responsible for producing a Communication and Engagement Plan by the end of March 2012. This will set out details of any relevant consultation processes.

Appendices

- 11 Public Health Transition Plan (March 2012). Please contact Terri Hill on 01432 260668 for copies of the appendices to the Public Health Transition Plan, if required.

Background Papers

- 12 None identified.