

MEETING:	HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MEETING DATE:	6 DECEMBER 2013
TITLE OF REPORT:	LA Public Health Core Offer to the HCCG
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Classification

Open

Key Decision

This is not a key decision.

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

The report aims to provide an update to the Committee on the LA Public Health Core Offer to the HCCG.

Recommendation(s)

THAT:

- (a) To note the contents of the report.

Alternative Options

Nil

Reasons for Recommendations

Statutory function of LA Public Health

Key Considerations

- 1 Herefordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (HCCG) is required, under section 14W of the NHS Act 2006, inserted by the Health and Social Care Act 2012, to “obtain advice appropriate for enabling it effectively to discharge its functions from persons who (taken together) have a broad range of professional expertise in (a) the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of disease, and (b) the protection or improvement of public health.”
- 2 The Local Authorities (Public Health Functions and Entry to Premises by Local Healthwatch Representatives) Regulations 2012 require local authorities to provide a public health advice service to any clinical commissioning group whose area falls wholly or partly within the authority’s area.
- 3 This service will consist of such information and advice to a clinical commissioning group as the local authority considers necessary or appropriate, with a view to protecting and improving the health of the people in the authority’s area.
- 4 The level of advice will be determined by agreement between the Herefordshire Council (HC) and HCCG or, in default of such agreement, by the HC.
- 5 The LA Public Health and HCCG signed a MoU ad SLA (Appendices 1 & 2). The SLA sets out the agreed level of advice to be provided in Herefordshire, funded via the public health ring-fenced grant, and provided by appropriately trained and accredited public health professionals, as defined by the Faculty of Public Health.
- 6 Appendix 2 contains the agreed work plan 2013-14, which is on the trajectory.
- 7 The work plan 2014-15 is being developed.

Community Impact

- 8 Central to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- 9 Central to the HCCG priority setting process
- 10 Central to the commissioning of health and social care services

Equality and Human Rights

- 11 None identified

Financial Implications

12 To be financed by the Public Health ring-fenced grant.

Legal Implications

13 Statutory function of LA Public Health

Risk Management

14 Due to limited capacity of the LA Public Health, it may fail to deliver the work plan. Therefore, it may need to outsource certain elements of the work plan.

Consultees

15 HCCG Board, H&WB Board, Council Management Team

Appendices

Appendix 1. LA PH and HCCG MoU

Appendix 2. LA PH and HCCG SLA

Background Papers

- None identified