

Meeting:	Children and young people scrutiny committee
Meeting date:	Monday 12 November 2018
Title of report:	Dental Health and Childhood Obesity - recommendations and outcomes
Report by:	Chairperson of the spotlight review

Classification

Open

Decision type

This is not an executive decision

Wards affected

(All Wards);

Purpose and summary

To report the outcomes and recommendations of the spotlight review concerning dental health and childhood obesity on 17 September to the children and young people scrutiny committee. The committee will consider and approve the outcomes from the spotlight review and decide if the recommendations should be reported to the cabinet or partners organisations.

Recommendation(s)

That:

- (a) The committee considers the report and recommendations of the dental health and childhood obesity spotlight review (at appendix 1 of this report) and determines whether to agree the findings for submission to the executive or partner organisation; and**
- (b) Subject to the review being approved, the Committee be advised of the executive and health partner organisations' responses.**

Alternative options

1. The recommendations proposed in this report represent the outcomes of the spotlight review conducted on the 17 September 2018. If there are any additional

recommendations which the committee feels should be included these can be proposed and voted upon at the meeting.

Key considerations

2. At its work programming session on 4 June members of the children and young people scrutiny committee requested that a spotlight review focusing on dental health and childhood obesity was added to the committee's work programme for 2018/19. This was requested resulting from concern about the levels of tooth decay and childhood obesity in Herefordshire as reported in the [Understanding Hereford Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2017](#). At its following meeting, on 16 July, the committee agreed that the spotlight review would take place in the afternoon of 17 September. The scope of the spotlight review was as follows:
 - To provide a forum to undertake a comprehensive spotlight review of statistics, services and issues surrounding childhood obesity and dental/oral health;
 - To enable the identification of gaps and opportunities for joint working;
 - To assess the progress of key projects and available performance data;
 - To consider potential future initiatives and projects; and
 - To inform a report to the children's scrutiny committee with potential recommendations relating to childhood obesity and dental health in Herefordshire.
3. Initially members of the children and young people scrutiny committee and the adults wellbeing committee were invited to participate in the review and this was later extended to all members of the council. At the spotlight review 12 members attended to contribute to discussions and the consideration of recommendations.

The following organisations were invited, and attended the spotlight review, to present evidence and detail of work to progress the priorities of dental health and childhood obesity:

- NHS England West Midlands
- Healthwatch Herefordshire
- Health and Wellbeing Board
- Herefordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

Attendees from Herefordshire Council included representatives from public health, children and families (early help), transportation and strategic planning.

A representative of the CQC was also invited but was unable to attend.

4. The spotlight review consisted of presentations from partner organisations which set out details of: Evidence of the provision and performance of services for dental health and childhood obesity in Herefordshire; and work undertaken to progress the priorities of dental health and childhood obesity. Following the presentations members questioned the representatives of those partner organisations in attendance and discussed potential recommendations.
5. A report of the outcomes of the review and recommendations proposed are contained in the appendix to this report. The recommendations are proposed to the children and young people committee to consider proposing to the executive and partner organisations.

Community impact

6. In accordance with the adopted code of corporate governance, Herefordshire Council is committed to promoting a positive working culture that accepts, and encourages constructive challenge, and recognises that a culture and structure for scrutiny are key elements for accountable decision making, policy development, and review.
7. The recommendations made by the spotlight review of dental health and childhood obesity services contributes to priorities in the corporate plan to: keep children and young people safe and give them a great start in life; and secure better services, quality of life and value for money.
8. The spotlight review and recommendations proposed also contribute to the priorities in the health and wellbeing strategy. The priority 'For Children' includes indicators for children to have the best start in life continuing through to adulthood as: excess weight in 4-5 and 10-11 year olds; and tooth decay in children aged 5. The recommendations proposed through the spotlight review contribute to priorities in the health and wellbeing strategy to improve dental health and weight management of children.

Equality duty

9. Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the 'general duty' on public authorities is set out as follows:

A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to -

- (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
 - (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
 - (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
10. The public sector equality duty (specific duty) requires us to consider how we can positively contribute to the advancement of equality and good relations, and demonstrate that we are paying 'due regard' in our decision making in the design of policies and in the delivery of services. The recommendations proposed by the spotlight review seek to improve dental health and weight management outcomes of all children in Herefordshire.
 11. The recommendations contained in this report seek to address some health inequalities and improve access to health care services. The recommendations seek to advance equality of opportunity to all children, many of whom will share a protected characteristic. This report and its recommendations support the council in discharging its equality duty proactively.

Resource implications

12. This report proposes recommendations to organisations responsible for the provision of services relating to dental health and childhood obesity. The final recommendations agreed by the children and young people scrutiny committee will be sent to relevant organisations. In considering their response to the approved recommendations a full assessment of resource implications will be undertaken.

13. The spotlight review was conducted within existing budgets.

Legal implications

14. The functions of the children and young people scrutiny committee include statutory health scrutiny powers including the review and scrutiny of any matter relating to the planning provision and operation of health services for children and young people, including transitional health care services, affecting the area and to make reports and recommendations on these matters.

15. The scrutiny committee in reviewing and scrutinising any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service, relating to children in Herefordshire, can make reports and recommendations to a responsible person on any matter it has reviewed or scrutinised or to be consulted by a relevant NHS body or health service provider in accordance with the Regulations (2013/218) as amended. In this regard *health service* includes services designed to secure improvement—

(i) in the physical and mental health of the people of England, and

(ii) in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of physical and mental illness

(iii) And any services provided in pursuance of arrangements under section 75 in relation to the exercise of health-related functions of a local authority.

Risk management

16. There are no risks associated with the recommendations in this report. In considering their responses to those recommendations raised, relevant organisations will undertake assessments of risks.

Consultees

17. None.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Report of the dental health and childhood obesity spotlight review

Background papers

None identified