

Public Health and Wellbeing Portfolio - Summary

Performance Summary

1. The Portfolio has a number of performance highlights to report this quarter:
 - **Local Authority Public Health Covid-19 Response.** Led by the Director of Public Health, management of the Council's pandemic response and recovery remains vitally important and is regularly assessed and reviewed to ensure ongoing, robust preparedness, flexing to the demands of the pandemic as it evolves. To control and manage the virus, mitigating risk, public health activity continues across many areas, including surveillance/intelligence, outbreak control/management, providing specialist public health advice, and tackling inequalities including access to testing and vaccination. As such, significant resource remains allocated to the Covid-19 response and is likely to continue into the winter and possibly beyond, depending on how the pandemic progresses.
 - **Events Research Programme – Goodwood Festival of Speed.** West Sussex Public Health worked in collaboration with the Goodwood Estate and key partners including Chichester District Council Environmental Health, Public Health England, and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), contributing to arrangements for the Goodwood Festival of Speed (8-11 July), a pilot event in Phase Three of the government's Events Research Programme. Goodwood has continued to implement many of the good practice measures, used as part of the pilot event, in the planning and delivery of their subsequent events such as Glorious Goodwood and Revival.
 - **West Sussex Wellbeing Programme.** [Future arrangements for the West Sussex Wellbeing Programme; an adult focussed prevention programme, have been agreed by the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing as a Key Decision.](#) The continuation of the programme with a new partnership agreement between West Sussex County Council and district and borough councils across West Sussex, will be effective from 1 April 2022 for five years. This new agreement is an opportunity to review the current programme and to ensure future arrangements best meet the needs of our local communities, whilst continuing to follow national best practice and evidence. This will particularly address the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the health of our residents, their healthy life expectancy and health inequalities.
 - **Smoking Cessation Services.** Following the announcement of additional funding linked to the NHS Long Term Plan from NHS England to Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) in June 2021, WSCC Public Health Directorate team members have collaborated with managers in University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust over the summer to further develop plans to implement inpatient and maternity smoking cessation services.

Our Council Performance Measures

Public Health and Wellbeing		2021/22 Target	Performance Over The Last 3 Periods			DoT	Performance Analysis	Actions	Year End Forecast
5a	Uptake of flu vaccine in over 65s or at risk Reporting Frequency: Annually	75.0%	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20		2020/21 results due in August 2022. Eligible cohorts for 2021/22 increased to include over 50s and 4 additional cohorts in secondary school - all those from years 7 to year 11 will be offered vaccination.	Local NHS, Sussex Health and Care Partnership, are delivering the programme, which WSCC Public Health are supporting by promoting the uptake of the flu vaccination among all eligible cohorts by supporting the NHS Winter vaccination campaign locally via a wide range of communication channels with internal and external partners. WSCC is offering and promoting free flu vaccination to all WSCC staff who are not eligible for the free NHS flu vaccine, including school staff, teachers, Capita staff, and foster carers. Director of Public Health is member of Sussex wide COVID-19 and Flu Vaccination Board to support and promote uptake across the system including and bringing in local authority involvement and support. Consultant in Public Health is member of Sussex Vaccine Inequalities Group working across the system and for West Sussex to promote uptake in most vulnerable groups.	A
			72.9%	73.4%	74.2%	↗			
5b	Update of flu vaccine in 'at risk' groups Reporting Frequency: Annually	47.0%	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20		2020/21 results due in August 2022. Eligible cohorts for 2021/22 increased to include over 50s and 4 additional cohorts in secondary school - all those from years 7 to year 11 will be offered vaccination.	Local NHS, Sussex Health and Care Partnership, are delivering the programme, which WSCC Public Health are supporting by promoting the uptake of the flu vaccination among all eligible cohorts by supporting the NHS Winter vaccination campaign locally via a wide range of communication channels with internal and external partners. WSCC is offering and promoting free flu vaccination to all WSCC staff who are not eligible for the free NHS flu vaccine, including school staff, teachers, Capita staff, and foster carers. Director of Public Health is member of Sussex wide COVID-19 and Flu Vaccination Board to support and promote uptake across the system including and bringing in local authority involvement and support. Consultant in Public Health is member of Sussex Vaccine Inequalities Group working across the system and for West Sussex to promote uptake in most vulnerable groups.	A
			48.5%	49.1%	45.8%	↘			
6	Healthy weight of 10-11 year olds Reporting Frequency: Annually	69.8%	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21		The National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) was delivered to Year 6 pupils during the Summer term 2021. The Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) will collate and publish national data - expected in December 2021.	Obesity is a complex issue affecting all ages, which emphasises the importance of the need for a family targeted approach, working across all age groups. WSCC Public Health are working in partnership with district and borough councils across West Sussex to maintain and develop services to support the populations' needs. NCMP took place only for Year 6 this year, but good uptake so will provide a good basis for ongoing and developing obesity work and is on schedule for both Reception and Year 6 next year.	G
			70.2%	70.4%	69.8%	↘			
31	Healthy life expectancy for men Reporting Frequency: Annually	66 (2018/19 Baseline Data)	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19		Next updates due February 2022 for 2019/20 results. Currently the values shown are the published data for the period 2017-2019, this does not take into account any impact from Covid-19, which may have worsened the position. The Council and local partners work hard to focus on reducing inequalities in the wider health system, however some drivers cannot be controlled, different elements impact on male and female life expectancy, and targets need to be realistic. As such, because the latest data (2017-2019) shows a difference in healthy life expectancy for men and women, it would not be realistic to set a single target for all residents. The Healthy Life Expectancy figures for the final year of the Council's Plan (2024/25) will relate to published data for 2021-2023; the target is to reverse the decline.	Nationally, women's Healthy Life Expectancy is worse than men and often for different reasons e.g. cancer type. We are looking to address this inequality in the county as with other approaches to inequality e.g. disadvantaged communities and minority groups. Work has been undertaken locally to detail the main causes of ill health, disability and death, and also the underlying risk factors, such as smoking, diet (including those high in salt, low in fibre and fruit and vegetables) and obesity. This work is informing a population level approach, agreed at West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board and with local partners.	G
			65.8 Years	64.6 Years	66.0 Years	↗			
32	Healthy life expectancy for women Reporting Frequency: Annually	64.8 (2018/19 Baseline Data)	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19		Next updates due February 2022 for 2019/20 results. Currently the values shown are the published data for the period 2017-2019, this does not take into account any impact from Covid-19, which may have worsened the position. The Council and local partners work hard to focus on reducing inequalities in the wider health system, however some drivers cannot be controlled, different elements impact on male and female life expectancy, and targets need to be realistic. As such, because the latest data (2017-2019) shows a difference in healthy life expectancy for men and women, it would not be realistic to set a single target for all residents. The Healthy Life Expectancy figures for the final year of the Council's Plan	Nationally, women's Healthy Life Expectancy is worse than men and often for different reasons e.g. cancer type. We are looking to address this inequality in the county as with other approaches to inequality e.g. disadvantaged communities and minority groups. Work has been undertaken locally to detail the main causes of ill health, disability and death, and also the underlying risk factors, such as smoking, diet (including those high in salt, low in fibre and fruit and vegetables) and obesity. This work is informing a population level approach, agreed at West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board and with local partners.	G
			63.6 Years	64.3 Years	64.8 Years	↗			
35	Number of people completing evidence-based falls prevention programmes Reporting Frequency: Quarterly, Accumulative	TBC					Q2 results will be available in November 2021 This is a new measure and as a result no previous data or baseline is available. Data will be provided by Districts and Boroughs. Once data is available targets for the next 4 years can be determined.	This is an important area, which has been impacted by Covid-19 since March 2020. It is likely that due to lockdowns and the need for the Clinically Extremely Vulnerable to shield, individual's mobility may have reduced, resulting in a change in need for this area. There is therefore a need to assess and review current falls prevention programmes, working with community and NHS partners to set a target for the next 6-12 months.	A
			New Measure - No Data	New Measure - No Data	New Measure - No Data				

[Website link to Our Council Performance Measures here.](#)

Finance Summary

Portfolio In Year Pressures and Mitigations

Pressures	(£m)	Mitigations and Underspending	(£m)	Year end budget variation (£m)
Covid-19 pandemic forecast expenditure <i>(Covid-19 position is reported in Appendix 2)</i>	£24.634m	Assumed funding from Covid-19 grant <i>(Covid-19 position is reported in Appendix 2)</i>	(£24.634m)	
Public Health and Wellbeing Portfolio - Total	£24.634m		(£24.634m)	£0.000m

Significant Financial Issues and Risks Arising

2. There are no significant issues to raise within this section.

Financial Narrative on the Portfolio's Position

3. The Public Health and Wellbeing Portfolio is continuing to project a balanced budget due to the expectation that any underspending within the ring-fenced Public Health Grant will be carried forward into 2022/23.
4. The budget continues to be impacted heavily by the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic. This is resulting in some underspending in areas of the service where expenditure is based on activity, such as health checks and sexual health. In addition, timing has not made it appropriate to plan to spend the £0.2m increase in this year's Public Health Grant that was announced in March.
5. Whilst the outturn will depend on the level of service delivered in those areas which are demand-led, it is not unreasonable to expect underspending in the region of £2m. As ring-fenced funding, this will transfer into 2022/23 where it will add to the underspending of £1.2m brought forward from 2020/21.

Savings Delivery Update

6. The portfolio has no named savings target for 2021/22, however it should be noted that there is a direct link to the Support Services and Economic Development saving – Use of Public Health Grant. Expenditure within the Support Services and Economic Development Portfolio that supports delivery of Public Health activities has been recharged against the Public Health Grant, therefore enabling the saving to be realised. This £1.2m saving is reported as on track 'green'.

Capital Programme

7. There are currently no capital projects for the Public Health and Wellbeing Portfolio.

Risk

8. There are no corporate risks assigned to this portfolio. Risks allocated to other portfolios are specified within the respective appendices of this report. Further detail on all risks can be found in **Appendix 5** - Corporate Risk Register.