

Public Health and Wellbeing Portfolio - Summary

Performance Summary

1. The Portfolio has a number of performance highlights to report this quarter:

- **Local Stop Smoking Services:** Smoking remains the number one cause of preventable illness and premature death in England and is a major risk factor for cancer, cardiovascular disease, and respiratory illness. Smoking rates have gradually fallen over recent years, however, approximately 70,000 people in West Sussex still smoke. With increased smoking rates among young adults in England since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic, and alongside the risks and impacts of the virus itself, there has never been a more important time to quit. Together with partners, including the Smokefree West Sussex Partnership, District and Borough Councils, universities and colleges, pharmacies, and local NHS organisations across West Sussex, the Council's Public Health Directorate and Communications team, have continued to raise awareness following No Smoking Day (9th March) of the health and financial benefits of quitting smoking, and encourage people to visit the [West Sussex Wellbeing website](#) to find out more information about local Stop Smoking Services available to anyone who lives or works in West Sussex.
- **West Sussex Wellbeing Programme:** Thousands of local people are healthier and more active thanks to the West Sussex Wellbeing service which celebrates more than 10 years of supporting people across the county since it was established countywide in 2011. Commissioned by the Council's Public Health Directorate and funded by the Public Health Grant via a partnership agreement with the seven District and Borough Councils in the county, the service offers free impartial, friendly advice and support on a one to one basis through groups and activities, helping people to make positive choices to tackle risk factors such as excess weight, sedentary behaviour, smoking and drinking too much alcohol. [A countywide wellbeing website](#) provides further support, information, and advice on a range of topics, as part of the overall programme.
- **NHS Influenza Vaccination Programme:** Local Authority Public Health (LAPH) provides an oversight and assurance role for immunisation and screening programmes, working closely with delivery partners to tackle inequalities, including access to vaccination, to increase uptake across the local population of West Sussex. Local NHS partners, Sussex Health and Care Partnership (SHCP) delivered the NHS Influenza Vaccination Programme during the period November 2021 to January 2022; the Council's Public Health Directorate supported the programme during this time by encouraging all eligible residents to take up the offer of the free flu vaccine, via a wide range of communication channels and engaging with key stakeholders. They also encouraged uptake amongst County Council staff and members, and WSCC offered and promoted free flu vaccination to all staff who were not eligible for the free NHS flu vaccine, including school staff, teachers, Capita staff, and foster carers.

Our Council Performance Measures

Public Health and Wellbeing		2021/22 Target	Performance Over The Last 3 Periods			DoT	Performance Analysis	Actions
			2018/19	2019/20	2020/21			
5a	Uptake of flu vaccine in over 65s or at risk Reporting Frequency: Annually	75.0%					Mar-22: 2021/22 results due in August 2022. Local NHS partners, Sussex Health and Care Partnership (SHCP) delivered the NHS Influenza Vaccination Programme during the period November 2021 to January 2022; the Council's Public Health Directorate supported the programme during this time by encouraging all eligible residents to take up the offer of the free flu vaccine, as well as encouraging take-up among all WSCC staff and Elected Members. Activities included delivering key public health messages to local residents and communities (including at-risk groups) in newsletters and press releases, banners in WSCC libraries, an extensive local social media campaign (Facebook and Instagram), and providing information and advice on the West Sussex Wellbeing website. WSCC also offered and promoted free flu vaccination to all County Council staff who were 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.
			73.4%	74.2%	83.7%	↑		
5b	Update of flu vaccine in 'at risk' groups Reporting Frequency: Annually	47.0%					Mar-22: 2021/22 results due in August 2022. Local NHS partners, Sussex Health and Care Partnership (SHCP) delivered the NHS Influenza Vaccination Programme during the period November 2021 to January 2022; the Council's Public Health Directorate supported the programme during this time by encouraging all eligible residents to take up the offer of the free flu vaccine, as well as encouraging take-up among all WSCC staff and Elected Members. Activities included delivering key public health messages to local residents and communities (including at-risk groups) in newsletters and press releases, banners in WSCC libraries, an extensive local social media campaign (Facebook and Instagram), and providing information and advice on the West Sussex Wellbeing website. WSCC also offered and promoted free flu vaccination to all County Council staff who were 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.
			49.1%	45.8%	56.7%	↑		
6	Healthy weight of 10-11 year olds Reporting Frequency: Annually	62.9%					2021/22 results due in November 2022 Dec-21: West Sussex is one of only 19 local authorities who met the criteria to have National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) data published for the Year 6 cohort. (Local authority data was only published where more than 75% of children were measured compared with previous full measurement years). The data shows that there was a significant reduction in the prevalence of healthy weight for 10 to 11 year olds in England, the South East, and West Sussex by 5.6 percentage points, 4.2 percentage points, and 6.6 percentage points respectively, to 57.8% in England, 62.9% in the South East, and 63.2% in West Sussex in 2020/21. Despite this reduction in healthy weight, the prevalence in healthy weight in this cohort of children in West Sussex, remains significantly higher (better) than England. It is recognised that there are likely to be many confounding factors in additional weight gain, for example, the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic with a number of lockdowns, a reduction in children and young people undertaking physical activity, and changes in dietary intake.	The latest data provides a good basis for ongoing and developing obesity work for both Reception and Year 6 children for 2021/22. 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. The National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) for Reception and Year 6 for 2021/22 is on track and will be completed later in the year.
			70.4%	69.8%	63.2%	↓		

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			2016/17	2017/18	2018/19			
31	Healthy life expectancy for men Reporting Frequency: 3 Year Rolling Average	66 (2017/19 Baseline Data)					Mar-22: The latest local authority level data available for healthy life expectancy for men and healthy life expectancy for women was published in May 2021 and relates to the period 2017-2019.	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.
			65.8 Years	64.6 Years	66.0 Years	↗	An update, for the period 2018-2020, will be released later in 2022, and this includes the first year (2020) of the Covid-19 pandemic. It is important to note, however, that the impact of Covid-19 continues and there may be on-going, direct, and indirect, effects of the pandemic on health.	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.
32	Healthy life expectancy for women Reporting Frequency: 3 Year Rolling Average	64.8 (2017/19 Baseline Data)					Mar-22: The latest local authority level data available for healthy life expectancy for men and healthy life expectancy for women was published in May 2021 and relates to the period 2017-2019.	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.
			63.6 Years	64.3 Years	64.8 Years	↗	An update, for the period 2018-2020, will be released later in 2022, and this includes the first year (2020) of the Covid-19 pandemic. It is important to note, however, that the impact of Covid-19 continues and there may be on-going, direct, and indirect, effects of the pandemic on health.	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.
35	Number of people completing evidence-based falls prevention programmes Reporting Frequency: Annually	400					Feb-22: Covid-19 restrictions during the pandemic have impacted on the provision of group exercise classes; they were paused for a significant period of time, and in the main, re-established at the beginning of Autumn 2021. Programmes run for approximately 6 months and thus, data for completers will be available in Q1 2022-23.	Falls are a significant risk factor for reducing independence in older people. The Covid-19 pandemic is likely to have further increased this risk due to deconditioning taking place as a result of shielding for the Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) and other social distancing requirements. Reduction in activity levels can lead to loss of muscle strength and postural stability, which both increase falls risk. Work is currently taking place with NHS and district and borough partners to assess and review the current situation and actions to respond.
			New Measure No Data	New Measure - No Data	New Measure No Data		A range of partners and providers deliver falls prevention programmes in West Sussex, and therefore data is combined from a range of areas. Due to this, the reporting frequency has been reviewed and revised to annual reporting.	

Finance Summary

Portfolio In Year Pressures and Mitigations

Pressures	(£m)	Mitigations and Underspending	(£m)	Year end budget variation (£m)
Covid-19 pandemic expenditure	£9.692m	Funding from Covid-19 grant	(£9.692m)	
Public Health and Wellbeing Portfolio - Total	£9.692m		(£9.692m)	£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 2021/22 outturn position for the Public Health and Wellbeing Portfolio is a balanced budget. This is due to any underspending within the ring-fenced Public Health Grant being carried forward into 2022/23 and costs associated with the Covid-19 pandemic being met from specific Government grants.

Review of the 2021/22 Financial Year

4. Public Health has been impacted heavily by the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic. This has resulted in £1.9m of underspending within the Portfolio, primarily because activity levels in demand-led areas like NHS health checks and sexual health were lower than usual during the pandemic.
5. As the Public Health Grant is a ring-fenced grant, the £1.9m in-year underspend will be carried forward, where it will add to the underspending of £1.2m that was brought forward from 2020/21. In total this means that a sum of £3.1m will transfer into 2022/23.

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 (PHG). This comes about because £1.2m of opportunity was available within the Public Health budget, partly from uncommitted Public Health Grant and partly from cost reductions secured in spending areas like the Help at Home Contract. That has allowed £1.2m of corporate overhead costs that support delivery of Public Health activities to be recharged against the PHG, so enabling delivery of the saving within the Support Services and Economic Development Portfolio. This £1.2m saving is reported as delivered.

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 Summary.