

# Public Health and Wellbeing Portfolio - Summary

## Performance Summary

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

- **Children of Alcohol Dependent Parents Innovation Fund**  
The success of the Children of Alcohol Dependent Parents Innovation Fund in West Sussex was celebrated at a high-profile event in May, hosted by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). Funding from the DHSC and Department for Work and Pensions enabled the development and implementation of a new service aimed at early identification and support to people drinking alcohol during their pregnancy, as well as the county-wide expansion of an existing specialist therapeutic service for children and young people (CYP) affected by parental alcohol use. Additional funding from NHS partners enabled the scope of the therapeutic service to be extended to children affected by parental drug use. Local evaluation by West Sussex Public Health comprised some positive outcomes, including reduced alcohol use reported by pregnant and new parents, and improved outcomes in CYP receiving therapy. The evaluation's findings and recommendations will contribute to the evidence base for commissioning of services and improving outcomes for children and families affected by alcohol use.
- **Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA)**  
The West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board has published its draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) in line with its statutory duty, and is seeking feedback from organisations, community groups and residents with an interest in local pharmaceutical services. The PNA is a statement of the current and future needs for pharmaceutical service provision within a local area and is used by NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) when considering applications for new pharmacies, dispensing doctors or appliance contractors and changes to existing services. It is also used to inform commissioning of services from community pharmacies by NHSE&I, and local commissioners such as the NHS and local authorities. The consultation runs from 20 June until 28 August.
- **Integrated Care System (ICS) for Sussex**  
The way health and care works across Sussex (East Sussex, West Sussex, Brighton & Hove) changed on Friday, 1 July, with organisations including West Sussex County Council, formally becoming part of an Integrated Care System (ICS) for Sussex, having been a partner in the ICS since April 2020.

With the Health and Care Act 2022 coming into law in April, two new statutory entities are now in place; the Integrated Care Board (ICB), to be known as NHS Sussex, and the Integrated Care Partnership (ICP), to be known as the Sussex Health and Care Assembly. Both will have duties to consider Health and Wellbeing Board plans, and Joint Strategic Needs Assessments and health and wellbeing strategies will set the


evidence base and strategic framework within which priorities for each place within the ICS are identified. These changes will strengthen our commitment to working more closely with our partners to help improve the health and wellbeing of people in communities across the county. Cllr Lanzer, Chairman of the West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board, is the Council's representative on the Sussex Health and Care Assembly and Alison Challenger, Director of Public Health (DPH), is the representative on the Integrated Care Board, as a Partner Member, for all three local authority DPH. Alison Challenger presented a paper at the inaugural meeting of NHS Sussex Board in July 2022 on the population of Sussex outlining what are the most important health needs of our population across the area, based on the latest evidence available.

## Our Council Performance Measures

- The following section provides updates of the performance KPIs agreed in Our Council Plan and the action taking place, comprising a wider performance view, with KPI measures comparing performance over the last three periods - this may be quarterly, annually or other time periods (depending on how regularly data is released); however, each measure will explain the reporting period.

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			2019/20	2020/21	2021/22			
<b>5a</b>	Uptake of flu vaccine in over 65s or at risk	75.0%	74.2%	83.7%	85.0%	↗	<p><b>Performance Analysis:</b> Jun-22: During the 2021-2022 flu season, the health and social care system faced a very challenging environment, over and above the usual winter pressures. Additional cohorts had been added into the flu vaccination programme and they were delivering the extensive Covid-19 vaccination programme. This was against a backdrop of increased demand for services due to the pandemic, staff shortages and managing outbreaks. Despite this, a successful flu vaccination program was delivered - for West Sussex in some groups, uptake exceeded previous years and overall West Sussex uptake compares favourably in the majority of eligible groups to the South East average</p> <p><b>Actions:</b> Director of Public Health is member of Sussex Covid-19 and Influenza Vaccination Programme Board to support and promote uptake across the system including and bringing in local authority involvement and support. Consultant in Public Health chairs West Sussex Covid-19 and Influenza Placed Based Cell, and represents the County Council at the South East Vaccine Equality Network and NHS England Immunisation Programme Board.</p>	<b>A</b>

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5b	Update of flu vaccine in 'at risk' groups  Reporting Frequency: Annually	50.0%	45.8%	56.7%	58.5%	↗	<p><b>Performance Analysis:</b> Jun-22: During the 2021-2022 flu season, the health and social care system faced a very challenging environment, over and above the usual winter pressures. Additional cohorts had been added into the flu vaccination programme and they were delivering the extensive Covid-19 vaccination programme. This was against a backdrop of increased demand for services due to the pandemic, staff shortages and managing outbreaks. Despite this, a successful flu vaccination program was delivered - for West Sussex in some groups, uptake exceeded previous years and overall West Sussex uptake compares favourably in the majority of eligible groups to the South East average.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b> Director of Public Health is member of Sussex Covid-19 and Influenza Vaccination Programme Board to support and promote uptake across the system including and bringing in local authority involvement and support. Consultant in Public Health chairs West Sussex Covid-19 and Influenza Placed Based Cell, and represents the County Council at the South East Vaccine Equality Network and NHS England Immunisation Programme Board.</p>	A
6	Healthy weight of 10–11-year-olds  Reporting Frequency: Annually	Top Quartile in South East (62.9%)	70.4%	69.8%	63.2%	↘	<p><b>Performance Analysis:</b> 2021/22 results due in November 2022</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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</p>	G

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							<p>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.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b> The latest data continues to provide a good basis for ongoing and developing obesity work for both Reception and Year 6 children for 2022/23. 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.</p>	
31	Healthy life expectancy for men  Reporting Frequency: 3 Year Rolling Average	66 Years  (Pre-Pandemic Levels)	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20		<p><b>Performance Analysis:</b> Jun-22: Updated local authority data for HLE for men for the 2018-2020 period has been released, which includes the first year of the Covid-19 pandemic (2020). This shows that since the last data period 2017-2019, HLE for men has decreased by 2.2 years to 63.8 years (2017-2019 66.0 years).</p> <p>It is important to note that the impact of Covid-19 continues, and there may be ongoing direct, and indirect, effects of the pandemic on health.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b> Work continues to be 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. In their capacity as Partner Member, the Director of Public Health presented a paper at the inaugural meeting of NHS Sussex Board in July 2022 on the population of Sussex (East Sussex, West Sussex, Brighton &amp; Hove) outlining what are the most important health needs of our population across the area, based on the latest evidence available.</p>	A
			64.6 Years	66.0 Years	63.8 Years			

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			2017/18	2018/19	2019/20			
32	Healthy life expectancy for women  Reporting Frequency: 3 Year Rolling Average	64.8 Years (Pre-Pandemic Levels)					<p><b>Performance Analysis:</b> Jun-22: Updated local authority data for HLE for women for the 2018-2020 period has been released, which includes the first year of the Covid-19 pandemic (2020). This shows that since the last data period 2017-2019, HLE for women has decreased by 0.9 years to 63.9 years (2017-2019 64.8 years).</p> <p><b>Actions:</b> Work continues to be 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. In their capacity as Partner Member, the Director of Public Health presented a paper at the inaugural meeting of NHS Sussex Board in July 2022 on the population of Sussex (East Sussex, West Sussex, Brighton &amp; Hove) outlining what are the most important health needs of our population across the area, based on the latest evidence available.</p>	A
			64.3 Years	64.8 Years	63.9 Years	↓		
35	Number of people completing evidence-based falls prevention programmes  Reporting Frequency: Annually	400			2021/22		<p><b>Performance Analysis:</b> Jun-22: 354 older people across West Sussex are recorded as having completed evidence-based strength and balance falls prevention programmes in 2021-22 delivered through West Sussex Wellbeing. These programmes are for older people at significant risk of falls with completion being defined as participating in 75% of programme sessions.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b> It is important to highlight that NHS services also provide falls prevention programmes and therefore, it is likely that the number of older people completing these programmes across the county is higher than the West Sussex Wellbeing data reported here. It is also acknowledged that the pandemic response continued during 2021-22, impacting on both service delivery and older people's engagement with services. The County Council will explore opportunities to work with local authorities and health and care partners to coordinate and maximise our approach to falls prevention programmes across the county.</p>	A
			New Measure – No Data	New Measure – No Data	354			

## Finance Summary

### Portfolio In Year Pressures and Mitigations

Pressures	(£m)	Mitigations and Underspending	(£m)	Year end budget variation (£m)
Public Health and Wellbeing Portfolio - Total	£0.000m		(£0.000m)	£0.000m

### Significant Financial Issues and Risks Arising

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

### Financial Narrative on the Portfolio's Position

4. Due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, activity levels within a number of areas of the Public Health budget continue to see fluctuations and have yet to return to pre-pandemic levels. This includes demand-led areas like NHS health checks and sexual health services, which saw lower than usual volumes during earlier phases of the pandemic. Numbers are expected to increase, and opportunities to add in new ways of working to reflect public preferences for easy access to services and more choice, will be explored. Consequently, a ring-fenced underspend of £3.1m was carried forward from 2021/22, and in line with grant requirements will be spent on public health, enabling the local authority to discharge its statutory public health functions.
5. Plans are progressing to utilise this underspend to address Public Health issues that have emerged over the last two years including the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. As the Public Health Grant is a ring-fenced grant, any unspent funds for 2022/23 will transfer into 2023/24; the potential level of that underspending will become clearer in future months.

### Revenue Grant Update

6. In February 2022, the Department for Health and Social Care announced an additional £0.990m of Public Health Grant in 2022/23 for the County Council. Although this is an uplift of 2.7%, the grant needs to provide for additional elements, including the HIV prevention drug Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), NHS wage uplifts, test, track and trace and outbreak planning, and other public health spend relating to Covid-19. As detailed above, the Public Health Grant is a ring-fenced grant which means that funds must be spent on eligible activities. Any unspent funds will transfer into 2023/24.

## **Covid-19 Expenditure Update**

7. As the pandemic continues, there remains a need to provide quality services and assistance to residents. Within the Public Health portfolio, work is continuing to support residents and businesses in containing outbreaks and managing Covid-19. £3.651m from the Contain Outbreak Management Fund was brought forward from 2021/22 and is expected to be utilised during the financial year.

## **Savings Delivery Update**

8. The portfolio has no named savings target for 2022/23, however there is a direct link to the Support Services and Economic Development saving – Use of Uncommitted Public Health Grant (PHG). This saving has occurred due to the Help and Home contract being decommissioned in July 2021. This has allowed £0.088m of eligible corporate overheads to be charged against the grant which has enabled the delivery of a saving within the Support Services and Economic Development Portfolio.

## **Capital Programme**

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

## **Risk**

10. 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 4** - Corporate Risk Register Summary.