

Public Health and Wellbeing Portfolio - Summary

Performance Summary

1. Performance highlights this quarter:

- The County Council has supported the shared interests of strategic population health and care objectives with the NHS, captured within the final version of [‘Our Plan for our Population’](#) (launched 5 July). The plan will deliver the objectives of both the NHS Operating Plan and the [Sussex Integrated Care Strategy ‘Improving Lives Together’](#), following the implementation of the Integrated Care System for Sussex in July 2022. One of the opportunities the plan offers is a focus on prevention across the whole health and care system. Working at the heart of communities, the County Council has welcomed providing input into shaping the plan, drawing upon the beneficial impact and influence that local government has on health and the wider determinants of health, such as housing, education, and employment.
- Following the recently announced [national initiatives](#) to help achieve the Government’s Smokefree 2030 ambition, **Public Health has developed a cross-directorate approach to addressing vaping amongst children and young people**. This includes directing educational settings to advice and guidance on managing vapes to inform their policies and ‘whole school approach’, supplemented by new national teaching resources, and an increased focus with Trading Standards to reduce children and young people’s access to these products by tackling underage sales and illicit products. Vaping continues to be an effective tool to aid quitting smoking. However, to ensure clear messages, any future local stop smoking campaigns, which include vapes as a quitting aid for adults, will have clear messaging that vaping is not risk free, and will discourage vaping in adults and children and young people who have never smoked.
- Horsham District Wellbeing (part of the [West Sussex Wellbeing Programme](#)) offers a free, friendly, and impartial service to support people who live or work in West Sussex to make positive improvements to their health and wellbeing. On 1st July, the grand opening of the **new high street location of the Horsham Wellbeing Hub took place in Swan Walk, Horsham**. The central location will enable more residents to access support tailored to their own needs and situation, make positive changes to their habits and support them to stay well. The Hub builds upon a long-standing partnership between the two Councils (West Sussex and Horsham) to improve the health of local residents and reduce inequalities and has been resourced by the County Council and the District.

Our Council Performance Measures

2. The following section provides KPI updates comparing performance over the last three periods (each measure will explain the reporting period).

Public Health and Wellbeing		2023/24 Target	Performance Over The Last 3 Periods			DoT	Year End Forecast
6	Measure: Healthy weight of 10–11-year-olds Reporting Frequency: Annually (November)	Top Quartile in South East (%TBC)	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	↑	G
	G		G	G			
			69.8%	63.2%	65.7% (Target: 63%)		
<p>Performance Analysis: Jun-23: Healthy weight of children is measured through the annual National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP), which is delivering well in West Sussex with high compliance. Data is reported annually, the latest of which continues to provide a good basis for ongoing and developing obesity work for both Reception and Year 6 children for 2022/23. Whilst the measure is reporting a RAG status of green, it is important to note that the data shows only two thirds of 10- to 11-year-olds in West Sussex are of a healthy weight, indicating there is a need to support a third of this population group to achieve a healthy weight. Obesity is a complex issue affecting all ages, which emphasises the importance of a family targeted approach, working across all age groups. Data for the period 2022/23 will be available later this year as part of national reporting.</p> <p>Actions: The County Council's Public Health Service commissioned (mandated) service - the Healthy Child Programme (HCP) - will deliver the NCMP for 2023/24. Awaiting national guidance and recording templates. Public Health will be implementing a programme of work to support children to achieve a healthy weight.</p>							
31	Measure: Healthy life expectancy for men Reporting Frequency: 3 Year Rolling Average (May)	67.0 Years	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	↓	A
			G	A			
			64.6 Years	66.0 Years (Target: 66 Years)	63.8 Years (Target: 66 Years)		
<p>Performance Analysis: Jun-23: Healthy Life Expectancy (HLE) measures the years that a person can expect to live in good health. HLE data is published annually; the updated data is delayed this year due the need to incorporate new 2021 Census data, which is expected to be available later in 2023/24. Current data for 2019/20 shows a significant trend downwards with HLE for men reducing by 2.2 years from 2018/19.</p> <p>Actions: There is no single action to improve HLE, but evidence shows the greatest impact will be achieved through addressing smoking, diet and alcohol measures along with evidence-based healthcare interventions, such as identifying and treating people with high blood pressure. Public Health is implementing its approach to evidence-based prevention activities across the county with district and borough councils as part of the West Sussex Wellbeing Programme, and with health and care partners.</p>							
32	Measure: Healthy life expectancy for women Reporting Frequency: 3 Year Rolling Average	67.0 Years	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	↓	A
			G	A			
			64.3 Years	64.8 Years (Target: 64.8 Years)	63.9 Years (Target: 64.8 Years)		
<p>Performance Analysis: Jun-23: Healthy Life Expectancy (HLE) measures the years that a person can expect to live in good health. HLE data is published annually; the updated data is delayed this year due the need to incorporate new 2021 Census data, which is expected to be available later in 2023/24. Current data for 2019/20 shows a downwards trend with HLE for women reducing by 1.1 years from 2018/19.</p> <p>Actions: There is no single action to improve HLE, but evidence shows the greatest impact will be achieved through addressing smoking, diet and alcohol measures along with evidence-based healthcare interventions, such as identifying and treating people with high blood pressure. WSCC Public Health is implementing its approach to evidence-based prevention activities across the county with district and borough councils as part of the West Sussex Wellbeing Programme, and with health and care partners.</p>							
35	Measure: Number of people completing evidence-based falls prevention programmes Reporting Frequency: Annually (June)	500		2021/22	2022/23	↑	A
			A	G			
			New Measure - No Data	354	425 (2022/23 Target: 400)		

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<p>Performance Analysis: Jun-23: This data relates to falls prevention programmes within the West Sussex Wellbeing Programme – a partnership with district and borough councils across West Sussex and shows a good increase in the number of people completing the programmes. These are one of a number of services across the county; NHS services also provide falls prevention programmes and therefore, it is likely that the number of people completing falls prevention programmes overall in the county is higher than the West Sussex Wellbeing data reported here.</p> <p>Actions: Public Health will continue to work closely with partners to deliver and improve this approach, including planning for winter pressures.</p>							
53	<p>Measure: Mental health – self-reported wellbeing – people with a high anxiety score</p> <p>Reporting Frequency: Annually</p>	21%			2021/22		R
			New Measure – No Data	New Measure – No Data	23.9%		
<p>Performance Analysis: Jun-23: This is a new measure, and therefore no data is available from previous reporting periods to analyse trend(s). The data source for this measure is the Annual Population Survey (APS) from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) and an update for 2022/23 is currently awaited. It is important to note, that the indicator is an estimate based on a sample of the population in the area.</p> <p>Actions: This is a priority area for the County Council and partners and is a recently added measure to Our Council Plan because of the assessed level of need in the population. The team will be reviewing the latest data through a needs assessment, which will inform the County Council’s work and public health interventions to improve this measure.</p>							
54	<p>Measure: HIV late diagnosis in people first diagnosed with HIV in the UK</p> <p>Reporting Frequency: Annually</p>	25% -50%	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21		R
			53.2%	55.2%	57.6%		
<p>Performance Analysis: Jun-23: There has been an upward trend in this measure which is currently being explored with an aim to understand potential reasons for this and identify appropriate public health interventions, if required.</p> <p>Actions: In March representatives from Public Health, the Integrated Sexual Health Service (ISHS), UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), NHS England and NHS Sussex, held a workshop to review the local HIV Care Pathway, and in June attended a South-East HIV Action Planning event. Following these, Public Health have developed a West Sussex HIV Action Plan to assess the latest evidence, identify local population need, and implement evidence-based initiatives, where required.</p>							
55	<p>Measure: Chlamydia – proportion of 15 – 24-year-olds screened.</p> <p>Reporting Frequency: Annually</p>	12%	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21		R
			15.2%	6.8%	6.2%		
<p>Performance Analysis: Jun-23: Chlamydia detection rates in the public health commissioned Integrated Sexual Health Service (ISHS) were impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic with reduced numbers of people accessing services, dropping significantly from 2018/19 to 2019/20, however, they are recovering. Diagnosis targets were set in 2018 as part of a five - year action plan and in 2022/23 these were met. However, chlamydia screening remains low outside of sexual health services, and while the proportion of 15–24-year-olds screened rose to 7.8 in 2022 from 5.8 in 2021, this is still the lowest in the South East.</p> <p>Actions: This is a priority for Public Health team to explore potential reasons for reduced chlamydia detection rates in the county, focusing on system wide improvements to increase testing opportunities and awareness.</p>							
60	<p>Measure: Smoking cessation (4 week quits) of smokers from disadvantaged groups.</p> <p>Reporting Frequency: Quarterly, Reported a quarter in arrears</p>	600	Sep-22	Dec-22	Mar-23		G
			257	427	579		

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<p>Performance Analysis: Jun-23: Validated quarterly data for this measure is published one year in arrears. Full year data for 2023/24 is expected in August 2024. The RAG status reflects the year-end forecast - actions to progress target are on track and cumulative totals of quits during 2022/23 suggest a continued increase during 2023/24.</p> <p>Actions: Work to implement the West Sussex Tobacco Control Strategy Action Plan is progressing, including preparing for Stoptober 2023, the national stop smoking campaign, developing a cross-directorate approach to addressing vaping amongst children and young people, working closely with educational settings, and continuing to offer vaping as a quitting tool, as an option to adults within stop smoking services.</p>							
61	<p>Measure: Smoking prevalence in adults (18+) – current smokers (APS) - to achieve Smokefree 2030 prevalence of 5% or below.</p> <p>Reporting Frequency: Annually</p>	10.9%			2021/22	R	
			New Measure – No Data	New Measure – No Data	12.4%		
<p>Performance Analysis: Jun-23: Smoking prevalence is measured by the Annual Population Survey, which is published in arrears, consequently, the impact of current tobacco control activity undertaken in 2023/24 will be measurable in 2025/26, as the survey will be undertaken in 2024, with results published in 2025. This is a new measure, and therefore no data is available from previous reporting periods to analyse trend(s).</p> <p>Actions: Delivery of the West Sussex Tobacco Control Strategy Action Plan is driven by the West Sussex Smokefree Partnership and is on track.</p>							

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

Financial Narrative on the Portfolio's Position

- As at June, the forecast for the Public Health and Wellbeing Portfolio is a balanced budget.
- A wide range of public health functions, responsibilities and services impact on wider Council areas, with public health working collaboratively across the authority, contributing to improving the impacts and outcomes of the Council Plan priorities.
- The level of population need has increased in a number of areas and we have seen changes in the way residents prefer to use some services differently. Consequently, there is work underway to review public health spend across the county to ensure mandated services are provided but that spending plans support the delivery of the Council's countywide priorities whilst also meeting public health outcomes.

6. An increase of £1.2m (3.3%) has been provided for within the **Public Health Grant** allocation for 2023/24; for which spending plans are progressing to reflect the increased level of need in the population for mandated public health services. An indicative budget for 2024/25 has been announced which increases the grant by a further 1.3%. It is noted this is significantly below the level of inflation and spending plans will need to take this into account and other responsibilities for example, NHS contracts and national salary uplift requirements.
7. The current financial position indicates that there is approximately £1.9m of the grant that remains unallocated. This has largely been due to reduced access to services during the Covid-19 pandemic and staffing capacity. An amount will be required to meet the increased need and demand seen in certain public health mandated services. In accordance with ring-fenced grant requirements, any unspent funds will be carried forward into the next financial year, so it remains available to manage risk.
8. It should be noted there is currently a £5.9m Public Health Grant balance, as a result of underspending in previous years due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, particularly in demand-led areas like NHS Health Checks and sexual health services, which saw lower than usual volumes during earlier phases of the pandemic.
9. During the Covid-19 pandemic the government allocated **Contain Outbreak Management Funding (COMF)** to help reduce the spread of the virus and to support local public health needs. The County Council carried forward £1.874m of funding into 2023/24. Eligible expenditure relating to agreed COMF projects, including public health action and intervention measures, will be allocated to this grant.

Savings Delivery Update

10. The portfolio has no named savings target for 2023/24, however there is a direct link to the £0.038m 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 and has enabled other eligible spend within the Support Services and Economic Development portfolio to be funded through the Public Health Grant.

Capital Programme

11. Currently, there are no Public Health and Wellbeing capital schemes within the County Council's Capital Programme.

Risk

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

13. Full details of the latest Risk Register, including actions and mitigations can be found under the County Council's [Regulation, Audit and Accounts Committee Agenda](#) website.