

Public Health and Wellbeing Portfolio - Summary

Performance Summary

1. The Portfolio has a number of performance highlights to report this quarter:
 - **Sussex Health and Care Assembly.** The Integrated Care Partnership, the Sussex Health and Care Assembly, is the statutory joint committee between the NHS and local government (West Sussex, East Sussex, Brighton & Hove), and comes together to formally agree the strategic direction for the local health and social care system. The Assembly's introductory seminar took place on 12th September with the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing in attendance as the Council's representative in his capacity as Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB). Organisations will work closely together at place-level to facilitate joint action to improve the outcomes, equality of access, and patient experience of health and care services for all communities across Sussex.
 - **Autumn Covid-19 Booster Programme and Flu Vaccination Programme.** From September, both the autumn Covid-19 Booster Programme and flu vaccination programme, led by NHS Sussex, have been rolled out across the county with eligible people able to get their flu and Covid-19 jab at the same time depending on local arrangements. The County Council is supporting both vaccination programmes, carrying out targeted work with partners to increase uptake, reduce inequalities, and improve the health of our local population, including offering free flu vaccination to all County Council staff and Elected Members who are not entitled to receive the NHS offer.
 - **Stoptober.** Promotion of this year's Stoptober campaign began on 22nd September with planning taking place ahead of this to support the annual national stop smoking challenge, encouraging and supporting smokers to make a quit attempt during October. The campaign engages with smokers through a range of media channels, with an emphasis on targeting smokers aged 25 to 50 from lower socio-economic groups who work in routine and manual jobs. The messaging focus is on promoting the benefits of quitting, but also giving smokers the confidence that they can quit successfully. In addition to the work of the campaign, stop smoking support tools are available on the Better Health website and those living and working in West Sussex can also access support to stop smoking from West Sussex Wellbeing.

Our Council Performance Measures

2. 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.

Public Health and Wellbeing		2022/23 Target	Performance Over The Last 3 Periods			DoT	Year End Forecast
5a	Measure: Uptake of flu vaccine in over 65s or at risk Reporting Frequency: Annually	75.0%	2019/20 74.2%	2020/21 83.7%	2021/22 85.0%		A
	Performance Analysis: 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 programme 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. Actions: The 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.						
5b	Measure: Update of flu vaccine in 'at risk' groups Reporting Frequency: Annually	50.0%	2019/20 45.8%	2020/21 56.7%	2021/22 58.5%		A
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6	Measure: Healthy weight of 10-11-year-olds Reporting Frequency: Annually	Top Quartile in South East (62.9%)	2018/19 70.4%	2019/20 69.8%	2020/21 63.2%		G
	Performance Analysis: Jun-22: Among the West Sussex pupils measured in the 2020/21 academic year, 63.2% were of a healthy weight. This is significantly higher than the England figure of 57.8%. However, there has been a significant reduction, of 6.6 percentage points, in the proportion of pupils who were of healthy weight; the percentage in West Sussex in 2019/20 was 69.8%. This reduction reflects a national trend; in England the percentage of Year 6 pupils who were a healthy weight reduced by 5.8 percentage points, from 63.4% to 57.8% between 2019/20 and 2020/21. 2021/22 results due in November 2022. Actions: 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.						
31	Measure: Healthy life expectancy for men Reporting Frequency: 3 Year Rolling Average	66 Years (Pre-Pandemic Levels)	2017/18 64.6 Years	2018/19 66.0 Years	2019/20 63.8 Years		A

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<p>Performance Analysis: Sep-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). 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>Actions: Analyses have detailed 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 & Hove) outlining what are the most important health needs of our population across the area, based on the latest evidence available.</p>							
32	<p>Measure: Healthy life expectancy for women</p> <p>Reporting Frequency: 3 Year Rolling Average</p>	64.8 Years (Pre-Pandemic Levels)	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20		A
			64.3 Years	64.8 Years	63.9 Years		
<p>Performance Analysis: Sep-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). 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>Actions: Analyses have detailed 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 & Hove) outlining what are the most important health needs of our population across the area, based on the latest evidence available.</p>							
35	<p>Measure: Number of people completing evidence-based falls prevention programmes</p> <p>Reporting Frequency: Annually</p>	400			2021/22		A
			New Measure - No Data	New Measure - No Data	354		
<p>Performance Analysis: 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>Actions: 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>							

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, are being explored.
5. Consequently, a ring-fenced underspend of £3.1m was carried forward from 2021/22. In-line with strict grant requirements, these public health funds can only be spent on meeting public health outcomes for our local population, enabling the local authority to discharge its statutory public health functions. Accordingly, the County Council will be working to ensure any funds are utilised in the most effective way to meet these outcomes, including to address Public Health issues that have emerged over the last two years and the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic.
6. With regard to the 2022/23 financial year, there is an estimated underspending of around £2.5m currently projected based on known activity. This is in part due to the pandemic and impact of activity levels but also due to the increase in Public Health Grant allocated to the County Council by the Department for Health and Social Care. 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 the Public Health Grant is a ring-fenced grant, any unspent funds for 2022/23 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 portfolio sections. Further detail on all risks can be found in **Appendix 4** - Corporate Risk Register Summary.