

Public Health and Wellbeing Portfolio - Summary

Performance Summary

1. The Portfolio has a number of performance highlights to report this quarter:
 - **Member Development Session – Public Health in West Sussex.** A County Council Member Development Session focused on Public Health in West Sussex took place on 4th November 2022. Hosted by the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing and led by the Director of Public Health and members of her leadership team, the session provided an opportunity for members to learn about public health and how it is delivered locally in West Sussex. This included statutory duties, key themes, funding and public health contributions to improving the impacts and outcomes of the four Council priorities. The session also outlined the role of the West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board and its strong links with the new Integrated Care System for Sussex. There will be opportunities for further learning on public health topics for members at future Member Development Sessions.
 - **Stoptober.** Organisations in the [Smokefree West Sussex Partnership \(PDF, 1MB\)](#), led by the County Council, supported the annual national stop smoking campaign by engaging 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. Evaluation of the campaign locally is underway. Between 1 September and 16 October there were over 1,150 unique page views of the stop smoking services page on the West Sussex Wellbeing website - an increase of 135% from the same period last year. Those living and working in West Sussex can continue to access support to stop smoking from [West Sussex Wellbeing](#) and stop smoking support tools are available on the [Better Health website](#).
 - **Autumn Covid-19 Booster Programme and Flu Vaccination Programme.** Led by NHS Sussex, delivery of the Covid-19 Booster Programme and flu vaccination programme across the county has continued throughout the winter period, following their roll-out in September 2022. The County Council is supporting both vaccination programmes, through proactive communications to those eligible, to increase uptake, reduce inequalities, and improve the health of our local population. They are also offering a free flu vaccination voucher to staff and Elected Members who are not eligible for the NHS offer.
 - **Social Media Campaign – Mental Health Support.** The County Council ran a social media campaign from the end of summer and through autumn, to promote mental health support available locally and nationally, ranging from emotional wellbeing, through to support in a crisis, and support for local businesses. The series of 12 messages included key dates, such as World Mental Health Day (10 October 2022), and were also disseminated during the national period of mourning following the death of Queen Elizabeth II. While each post promoted a different service, the series of messages as a whole had an ongoing focus on cost-of-living pressures, each message reiterating that help is available for our residents and communities.

- Sussex Integrated Care Strategy** - With oversight of the Sussex Health and Care Assembly, the Sussex Integrated Care Strategy has been developed, following a period of co-production and suggestions for content, capitalising on opportunities created by being part of an Integrated Care System. The draft strategy was circulated to the West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board virtually for comments, before the final strategy was presented to the Sussex Health and Care Assembly in December for sign-off, where it was unanimously supported. As per the statutory requirement of the Health and Social Care Act 2022, following approval from the Sussex Health and Care Strategy, the final strategy was received by the NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board on 4 January 2023. NHS Sussex and each local authority are required to respond to the strategy, including preparing a joint forward plan (JFP) before the start of each financial year. Systems are encouraged to use the JFP to develop a shared pan-system delivery plan for the Integrated Care Strategy supported by Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategies (JLHWSs), as outlined in draft national guidance.

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.

Public Health and Wellbeing		2022/23 Target	Performance Over The Last 3 Periods			DoT	Year End Forecast
	Measure		2020/21	2021/22	2022/23		
5a	Uptake of flu vaccine in over 65s or at risk	75.0%	83.7%	85.0%	80.1%		G
	Performance Analysis: Dec-22: As of the 30th November (last validated and published data) the vaccination uptake for West Sussex was comparing well against the national averages of 76.2% and exceeding this in all 'at risk' groups. Actions: The Director of Public Health is a 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	Update of flu vaccine in 'at risk' groups	50.0%	56.7%	58.5%	46.9%		A
	Reporting Frequency: Annually Performance Analysis: Dec-22: As of the 30th November (last validated and published data) the vaccination uptake for West Sussex was comparing well against the national averages of 42.7% and exceeding this in all at risk groups. However, this measure is rated 'Amber' as data is just below the 2022/23 target of 50%, at 46.9%. Actions: The Director of Public Health is a 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.						

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6	Measure: Healthy weight of 10–11-year-olds Reporting Frequency: Annually	Top Quartile in South East (66.1%)	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22		G
			69.8%	63.2%	65.7% (Target: 63%)		
Performance Analysis: Sep-22: 65.7% prevalence of healthy weight in Year 6. 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 2022/23 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	2018/19	2019/20		A
			64.6 Years	66.0 Years	63.8 Years		
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. 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.							
32	Measure: Healthy life expectancy for women Reporting Frequency: 3 Year Rolling Average	64.8 Years (Pre-Pandemic Levels)	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20		A
			64.3 Years	64.8 Years	63.9 Years		
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. 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.							
35	Measure: Number of people completing evidence-based falls prevention programmes Reporting Frequency: Annually	400			2021/22		A
			New Measure – No Data	New Measure – No Data	354		
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. 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.							

Finance Summary

Portfolio In Year Pressures and Mitigations

Pressures	(£m)	Mitigations and Underspending	(£m)	Year end budget variation (£m)
Covid-19 – Contain Outbreak Management Fund projects and expenditure	£3.651m	Covid-19 Contained Management Outbreak Fund Grant. Unspent grant to be C/F into 2023/24	(£3.651m)	
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 this quarter.

Financial Narrative on the Portfolio's Position

4. Local Authority Public Health (LAPH) is funded by a ring-fenced Public Health Grant (PHG). Accordingly, the County Council is required to carry forward any underspending at the end of the financial year, so it remains available to spend in accordance with grant requirements. At the end of 2021/22 the amount carried forward into 2022/23 £3.1m.
5. A number of elements have contributed to this position, mainly arising from the impact on services following the lockdown periods during the pandemic, additional operational pressures affecting the capacity for services to pick-up activity and changes in the way residents prefer to access and use the services differently, highlighting the need in some services, to review the model of delivery.
6. Activity levels within a range of areas within Public Health 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. This remains the pattern in 2022/23, which makes it likely that the value of the Public Health Grant carry forward will have increased further by the end of the financial year. It is currently forecast, based on known activity, to increase by a further £2.8m.
7. In-line with strict grant requirements, the Public Health Grant can only be spent on meeting public health outcomes for our local population, enabling the local authority to discharge its statutory public health functions. Therefore, the County Council is 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 and a half years and the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. As at the time of writing this report, the Public Health Grant allocation for 2023/24 still remains unknown.

Covid-19 Expenditure Update

8. 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 and addressing the impacts of the virus on health outcomes and health inequalities.
9. £3.651m from the Contain Outbreak Management Fund was brought forward from 2021/22 and with the majority of this funding expected to be utilised during the financial year. In December 2022, the UK Health Security Agency wrote to councils to confirm that any unspent grant could be carried forward into 2023/24. It is currently forecast that £1.6m will be available in 2023/24 to help control any further outbreaks of Covid-19 and its consequences and any on-going costs that are being incurred.

Savings Delivery Update

10. 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 at Home contract being decommissioned in July 2021. This has allowed £0.088m of other eligible spend to be funded through the Public Health Grant.

Capital Programme

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

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 4** - 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.