

Public health update for Health and Wellbeing Select Committee

July 2015. Bruce Laurence, Director of Public Health

Some current highlights and areas of focus.

1. Contributing to YCYW

This will involve most of our health improvement services and we are playing a wider role particularly on the commissioning strategy group.

2. Launch of healthy weight strategy

Wide ranging strategy now out for consultation. This goes alongside the launch of the Fit for Life strategy and the development of a governance framework including multiagency theme groups

3. Health protection report

Good outcomes and coordination. Challenges around fully operationalising HP plans, ensure resilience of health emergency planning, support devp of air quality action plans for Salford and Keynsham, improve uptake of child imms, improve flu uptake in target groups and continue assurance and risk identification and mitigation. There has been a lot of focus on BaNES emergency planning with the establishment of a design group to strengthen cross-council planning, multiagency health emergency scenario exercises, a general emergency training workshop

4. Health checks

Piloting of pharmacy and workplace outreach to complement GP based programme

5. Preparing for the transfer of the 0-5 budget.

In October this year the Council will take on the budget and commissioning responsibility for health visiting and family nurse partnership services (c£2.5M). the money is firmluy ties into contracts but this gives the council control of a very wide range of children's services.

6. Young people's substance misuse needs assessment

Wide range of outcome. In general services, particularly Project 28, are good with above average outcomes. But there are concerns about common thresholds, early identification of problems and attention given to the children of adult service users. An action plan is being drafted.

7. Active alcohol screening in RUH Emergency Dept.

Since April, 5000 people have been screened

8. AWP have gone smoke free.

This is piloted in BaNES (Hillview). NRT within 30 mins of admission and allowing e-cigs if necessary. We are evaluating this and if successful AWP will roll out.

9. Sexual health needs assessment

Good range of services but some improvements could be made to opening times and locations to suit young people, reviewing marketing of c card scheme as declining uptake, increase mix of central and outreach apt and walk in clinics. A strategy is being drafted and will go out for consultation in next month.

10. "SHEU" survey (health of school children)

Over 3000 children in years 8 and 10 surveyed. Interesting discussion pre-survey about importance of anonymity vs. safeguarding. Needs a proper analysis but some issues that have been raised are girls' attitudes to body weight and levels of physical activity.

11. Dementia

Dementia prevention action plan is being written. This won't particularly involve new work, but aims to ensure that staff training/communications with public and staff/policies etc that already address healthy lifestyles also include message about benefits of healthy lifestyle to reducing dementia risk. What's good for your heart is good for your head.

12. Palliative Care Strategy

Joint work between PH team and CCG to provide a comprehensive palliative care strategy for the council and NHS.

13. Meeting savings targets.

PH has taken part in the strategic review and is committed to playing a strong role in helping the council to meet its financial targets.

14. Meeting the challenge of in year cuts.

Size of cut is unclear but likely to be in the region of £500k. PH team is finding in year savings with limited impact on services.

15. Work with Wessex Water

Early discussions about investment in health promotion (esp through green spaces) to investigate possibility of reducing need for prescribed medicines.

16. Workplace wellbeing.

Three businesses in BaNES have had awards this month. DKA Architects, Maddison Oakley Estate Agents, Bakers of Bath.