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To: Adult Social Care and Public Health Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 30 March 2012

Subject: **Public Health Transition**

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Summary: This report provides an update on Public Health transition to Kent County Council.

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## **Introduction**

Part of the NHS reforms is the move of Public Health to the local upper tier Local Authority. In January 2012 PCT Clusters were required to submit an outline Public Health transition plan to the Strategic Health Authority and in mid-March a more detailed plan in a specified format. Key lines of enquiry include the following:

- 1 **Ensuring a robust transfer of systems and services**
- 2 **Delivering PH responsibilities during transition and preparing for 2013/14**
- 3 **Workforce**
- 4 **Governance**
- 5 **Enabling infrastructure**
- 6 **Communication and engagement**
- 7 **Health and Wellbeing Board**
- 8 **HealthWatch**
- 9 **Risk register**

## **Transition Plans**

The following provides an overview on the extent and depth of the transition plan which includes not only the detailed pieces of work required to move the Public Health staff to KCC, but also the ongoing delivery of the Public Health programmes through transition.

Rather than provide detailed plans, a summary of key lines of enquiry are included as follows:

### **KCC developing a vision for Public Health to underpin use of resources and new structure**

- What do you want public to see?
- Briefings sessions for members are discussion forums

- Picture of current use of commissioning resources for cabinet and programme budget board

### **JSNA and Health and Well-Being Strategy**

- JSNA and Health and Well-Being strategy responsibility of KCC using Health and Well-Being Board from April 12.

### **Commissioning arrangements to be in place by April 13**

- Needs assessments, quality reviews, equity audits to be continued by public health during 2012
- Details of contract lengths, costs, performance, national and clinical requirements shared with cabinet March 2012
- Workshop seminar on sexual health services for members and officers June 2012
- 4 mandated services , NHS health checks, NCMP, sexual health services, smoking quitting services to be included in KCC monthly performance monitoring
- Monthly performance reports on all public health services to be given to cabinet member monthly
- Public health services to be subject to KCC service review process possibly YP sexual health services during 2012 to be commissioned alongside youth services
- cabinet member to determine whether PCT commissioning support services to be used or develop team in house within Public Health
- legal services to advise on novation of contracts

### **Joint responsibilities with National Commissioning Board and Public Health England (HIGHEST RISK)**

- Develop agreement on the provision of screening and immunisations services and management of health protection issues with the existing Kent Health Protection Unit. These will be the commissioning responsibility of NCB and PHE to commission with quality monitoring by LA team.

### **Core Offer to GPs**

- This has already been agreed with the current CCGs in liaison with cabinet member. This is a public health service to be provided to GPs.
- This will need to be revised by April 13

### **Workforce**

- Restructure consultation by July 2012.
- Involvement of staff the unions early
- Joint leadership KCC and NHS HR.
- Appoint to consultant vacancy ASAP, cabinet member appointment

### **Estates**

- Current public health staff on 4 sites, 3 NHS and some at sessions house
- Expand the number of spaces at sessions house
- Negotiate for some staff to be based with CCGs, District Councils or local KCC offices

## Management of Transition

- KCC project manager to be identified
- Andrew Ireland to chair transition Board, include HR, estates, legal services, finance, service improvement, communications
- PCT PH Transition programme underway

## Finance

- PCT Director of Finance to review budgets and share with KCC finance lead.
- KCC finance develop PID
- Response to DH on allocations suggesting revision

### Recommendation:-

4. Members are asked to note the key elements of the Public Health transition plan

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