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Subject: **Public Health Performance**

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Summary: This report provides an update of Public Health programme performance, including the two programmes highlighted specifically in the NHS Operating framework (Health Checks and Stop smoking Services) and those mandated to be commissioned by Local Authorities from April 2013

1. Introduction

Part of the NHS reforms is the move of Public Health to the local upper tier Local Authority, and the move to the Local Authority of a ring fenced budget for the commissioning and provision of public health improvement programmes.

This report provides an update of performance of the majority of those programmes through a Public Health performance dashboard where each of the programmes is RAG rated (Red, Amber, or Green) depending on local Kent county performance.

2. Performance of Health Improvement Programmes

The NHS Operating Framework for 2012/13 emphasises two particular elements (NHS Health Checks and Stop Smoking) of commissioning health improvement which are reported here together with key other programmes

The Public Health Performance Dashboard (attached) covers the following programmes:

1. Smoking Quits
2. Health Checks (Mandated service)
3. Sexual Health (Mandated service)
4. National Childhood Measurement Programme (Mandated service)
5. Healthy Schools
6. Breastfeeding Initiation
7. Health Trainers

A further key programme, Healthy weight will be included in future reports; is not reported here as more work will need to be done to agree how we report key performance indicators. Healthy weight is a complex programme where we are commissioning a wide range of services from Health Walks and Health Passport to

weight management services for obese and morbidly obese people along the bariatric surgery pathway.

The dashboard includes the following information for each programme:

- The key performance indicator(s) related to the programme
- The target
- The achievement to date
- A RAG rating
- A short commentary about what the programme is commissioned to provide
- The timeframe the achievement and RAG rating refer to
- An indication of the timeframe the programme functions over and what time lag there is in data reporting.

3. Exception Reports

1. Health Checks

As previously reported to the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Health Checks have failed to reach the target for 2011/12.

This is due to the fact that 2011/12 was the start-up year for both the East and West Kent services and because the PCTs allocated modest funding which reflected the start position.

For the year 2012/13 PCTs have allocated the full amount of funding to the programme recurrently and we expect to achieve the target for this financial year.

However, it should be noted that the programme is a five year rolling programme with one fifth of the total eligible cohort being invited annually. Therefore it will take five years to achieve full coverage.

Compared with other areas, whilst Kent appears down the lower end of performance, it is better than about 30 or so other PCT areas, five of which are reporting zero offers.

Public Health is working with providers to ensure achievement this year.

2. Smoking Quits

We reported in previous POSC performance reports that the smoking quit performance was on track and envisaged to achieve the target. Unfortunately the combined target was missed by just 103 quitters.

Analysis of the issue which relates to underachievement in the West Kent service relates to a combination of factors including untimely data flows and an unexpected reduction of quits in the last quarter.

Public Health are working with the provider to ensure a recovery plan is developed and implemented to ensure we are not in this position this time next year.

Recommendation:-

4. Members are asked to comment upon the dashboard style performance report and to note performance.

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