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Subject: Health Improvement Programmes Performance Report

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Summary: This performance report provides an update of Public Health performance, particularly on the two programmes highlighted specifically in the NHS Operating framework (Health Checks and Stop Smoking Services) and also the services that are mandated.

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 health improvement.

This report shows performance to date on the majority of Public Health: Health Improvement programmes which will move to Kent County Council from 1st April 2013

The report is presented in a dashboard style, with the individual performance targets RAG (red, amber, or green rated)

2 Exception Reports

1. Smoking Quits

Data presented is for progress to date for Quarter three of this financial year. Although performance has improved considerably in the East of the county, the service is behind schedule in the West

Work continues with the provider Kent Community Health NHS Trust (KCHT) to get the number of quits back on track. Extensive local advertising campaigns, work with clinical staff to increase referrals and an increase in the number of community pharmacists providing the service are all in place to push the numbers up in quarter 4.

A verbal update will be given on progress to date.

2. Health Checks

The target set for the service with the SHA continues to be challenging for 2012/13 with quarterly projections highest in the first two quarters of the new financial year (these are based on evidence of uptake in longer running programmes). The east of the county are now achieving both the number of invites target and the number of health checks received target, the west continue to work to get the number of practices involved and started.

Health Checks is a five year rolling programme with the expectation that 20% of the total cohort eligible for a health check will have been offered a health check annually. Thus it will take five years for us to reach the 100% mark

Full investment by both NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent and NHS West Kent for 2012/13 means that we should reach the target agreed with the SHA.

Nationally, the England average of 11.7% of the cohort invited in Q3, in Kent the average is 10.4%, with East Kent at 16% and West Kent at 5.2%.

3. Breast Feeding Initiation

The gradual improvement from Q2 has continued in the recording of breastfeeding initiation rates for Q3. In both East and West of the county we are above the 95% ascertainment threshold of 95% with initiation rates at 42%.

3. Recommendations

Members are asked to note the report

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Background information Nil