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**To:** Children's Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee

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**Subject:** Public Health Performance – Children and Young People

**Classification:** Unrestricted

**Summary:** This report provides an overview of the performance indicators monitored by the Public Health division which directly relate to services delivered to children, or services which aim to improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people.

There have been no updated figures to the commissioned services since the previous report; the 2013/14 National Child Measurement Programme measurements have now been submitted and publication is expected in December 2014. Nationally the breastfeeding data continues to be under scrutiny due to poor data completion; Kent Public Health has escalated these concerns.

**Recommendation(s):** The Children's Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee is asked to

- note the current performance and actions taken by Public Health
- note that breastfeeding statistics in Kent have not met validation criteria and have not been published

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. This report provides an overview of the key performance indicators for Kent Public Health which directly relate to services delivered to children and young people, or services which aim to improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people.

## 2. Performance Indicators

- 2.1. There is a wide range of indicators for public health, including the indicators contained in the Public Health Outcomes Framework (PHOF). This report will focus on the indicators which are presented to KCC Cabinet, and which are relevant to this committee. The key to the tables is available in appendix 1.

Indicator Description	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	Trend
<b>Prescribed Data Return</b>					
National Child Measurement Programme - Participation Year R	95.0% (G)	93.7% (G)	92.2% (G)	Not yet available	↓
NCMP Year R Excess Weight (overweight or obese)	22.9%	21.7%	21.7%	Not yet available	↔
National Child Measurement Programme - Participation Year 6	93.2% (G)	95.0% (G)	95.4% (G)	Not yet available	↑
NCMP Year 6 Excess Weight (overweight or obese)	33.3%	32.7%	32.7%	Not yet available	↔
<b>Local Indicator</b>	<b>Q1 12/13</b>	<b>Q2 12/13</b>	<b>Q3 12/13</b>	<b>Q4 12/13</b>	
Proportion women breast feeding (partial or total) at 6-8 weeks	40.2% (A)	40.5% (A)	41.9% (A)	39.8% (R)	↓

- 2.2 Participation in the child measurement programme has continued to be very good, far exceeding the 85% target. Measurements for 2013/14 have now been submitted and publication is expected in December 2014; internal monitoring of the programme has shown that provisional participation rates as continuing to exceed the 85% minimum rate and both Year R and Year 6 increased on last year.
- 2.3 Data quality problems have meant that breastfeeding prevalence figures in Kent continued to fail the validation process and have not been published for 2013/14; This is a national issue as England did not pass the validation process. Information has been provided by CCG and GP practice on data quality and Public Health are undertaking further work to identify areas of concern and direct the new Community Infant Feeding Service to target these areas when it starts in October 2014.
- 2.4 Public Health has raised concerns about data collection with NHS England, who hold the contract for the Child Health Information System, and has escalated the issue to the Kent Health & Wellbeing Board. Public Health will also be providing Local Health & Wellbeing Boards and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) with the information.

### 3. Annual Public Health Outcomes Framework (PHOF) Indicators

- 3.1 There have been no updates or additions to the annual PHOF indicators since the last committee meeting.

Annual PHOF Indicators	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Trend
Under 18s conception rate (per 1,000)	36.5 (G)	34.1 (G)	34.6 (A)	31.0 (A)	25.9 (A)	↑
<b>Annual PHOF Indicators</b>			<b>2010/11</b>	<b>2011/12</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>Trend</b>
Smoking status of pregnant women at time of delivery			16.8% (R)	15.2% (R)	*	↑

RAG is against National performance. \* Not published due to data quality concerns

3.2 Public Health has analysed local data on smoking status at time of delivery; this data indicates that in 2013/14 the rate was 13.1%. Public Health are also working with those CCGs with high proportions through the Integrated Commissioning Groups.

#### 4. Health Visiting

4.1 In October 2015, KCC will assume responsibility for commissioning health visiting services in Kent. KCC Public Health staff have begun attending the provider performance monitoring meetings with the current commissioners, NHS England Area Team.

4.2 The key target for the service is to increase the workforce numbers; most recently available figures show that there were 253.63 whole time equivalent (WTE) Health Visitors, against a target of 263.10. Targets are currently under review. These are shown in the table below.

	April 2014	May 2014	June 2014
Actual number of Health Visitors employed - FTE	248.25	250.23	253.63
Target number of Health Visitors - FTE	258.10	262.10	263.10
Difference	-9.85	-11.87	-9.47

#### 5. Conclusion

5.1 There are ongoing concerns about breastfeeding statistics which have been escalated to key partners involved in the commissioning and provision of the service. There have been no other updates or additions to the other public health performance indicators for children and young people.

5.2 Public Health are working with a range of partners and service providers to improve performance in these key areas, to help ensure that all children in Kent have the best start in life.

#### 6. Recommendations

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## Appendix 1:

Key to KPI Ratings used:

(G) GREEN	Target has been achieved or exceeded
(A) AMBER	Performance at acceptable level, below Target but above Floor
(R) RED	Performance is below a pre-defined Floor Standard
↑	Performance has improved relative to targets set
↓	Performance has worsened relative to targets set
↔	Performance has remained the same relative to targets set

Data quality note: Data included in this report is provisional and subject to later change. This data is categorised as management information.

**Background Documents:** none