

Joint Public Health Board

**Bournemouth, Poole and Dorset councils
working together to improve and protect health**

Date of Meeting	4 February 2019
Officer	Acting Director of Public Health
Subject of Report	Public Health Dorset Business Plan 2018/19 – monitoring delivery
Executive Summary	<p>The Board received the Public Health Dorset monitoring report, based on the Business Plan for 2018/19, at its September meeting. Members endorsed the approach. The monitoring report has been updated to incorporate Member feedback and updates on performance.</p> <p>The report also highlights national work underway to provide more publicly available information resources that can be used to compare local authority public health delivery.</p>
Impact Assessment:	<p>Equalities Impact Assessment: A separate equality impact assessment is not carried out for the business plan. However, where activity in the business plan affects service delivery, such as via commissioning and contracting decisions, equalities impact assessments are carried out in line with policy.</p>
	<p>Use of Evidence: The business plan is a summary of the Public Health team's planned activity for 2018/19. A range of evidence is used to inform how we plan to work, including national guidance and standards for delivery of public health services.</p>
	<p>Budget: The Business Plan identifies how we will spend the 2018/19 budget of £28.5m. When used alongside national benchmarking and performance information, it provides a more complete picture of whether local commissioning and provision of public health services is providing value and improving outcomes.</p>

	<p>Risk Assessment: Having considered the risks associated with this Business Plan using the County Council's approved risk management methodology, the level of risk has been identified as:</p> <p>Current Risk: LOW Residual Risk LOW</p> <p>As in all authorities, performance continues to be monitored against a backdrop of reducing funding and continuing austerity.</p> <p>Other Implications: None.</p>
Recommendation	The Board is asked to note the performance update of the 2018/19 Business Plan.
Reason for Recommendation	Close monitoring of the commissioned programmes is essential requirement to ensure that services and resources are compliant used efficiently and effectively.
Appendices	PHD Business Plan monitoring report, 2018/19.
Background Papers	Various including current Prevention at Scale Plans, commissioning and project plans associated with the delivery of team business,
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1. Background

- 1.1 The Joint Public Health Board exists to provide oversight, assurance and governance around the effectiveness of the delivery of the public health function for the Upper Tier authorities of Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole.
- 1.2 An important part of this role is understanding how the Public Health Grant allocation is used to commission effective public health services, and whether those services are providing value for money, when judged against local priorities for improvement in health and wellbeing and reducing inequalities in health.
- 1.3 Public Health Dorset has produced a business plan for the past three years, with the aim of increasing visibility of commissioning and service provision plans. For this financial year 2018/19, we have developed the plan further. This is because of the number of projects now underway as part of the Dorset ICS Prevention at Scale plans, national focus on use of the Public Health Grant, and to improve Board member's oversight of delivery against the Grant.

2. Current position

- 2.1 The monitoring plan shows that most deliverables are on track to achieve their milestones in 2018/19. The approach to RAG rating has been to consider progress in delivery, not effectiveness or outcomes.
- 2.2 There is one area currently red rated. This is the NHS Health Checks programme, because of the degree of drop off in delivery of invitations and checks, and the current continuing risk around not being able to invite people to the programme. A Flexible Framework Agreement of qualified providers (e.g. GPs and Pharmacies) has been set up to directly award contracts for these services from April 2019. Engagement has taken place with GPs, the LMC and LPC and the current feedback from locality meetings with GPs is that the new approach to procurement should increase activity.
- 2.3 Engagement of people with drug and alcohol issues with treatment services has changed from a red to amber rating. There has been a review of the service, including several measures around access to treatment and drug related deaths, and recommendations are currently being implemented. Close monitoring will be required in the next financial year to ensure the changes are effective.

3. Next steps

- 3.1 This summary paper and the associated monitoring report is focusing on progress against deliverables, rather than outcomes. However, we are committed to sharing with the Board more information on outcomes for our major commissioned programmes to improve transparency and accountability.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Board members are asked to note the performance update against the 2018/19 business plan.

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