

Minutes



To: All Members of the Public Health, Prevention and Performance Cabinet Panel, Chief Executive, Chief Officers, All officers named for 'actions'

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PUBLIC HEALTH, PREVENTION AND PERFORMANCE CABINET PANEL 10 NOVEMBER 2017: 10.00 AM

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS OF THE PANEL

A P Brewster, L A Chesterman, C Clapper, B A Gibson, S Gordon, N A Hollinghurst, M B J Mills-Bishop, R M Roberts (Chairman), A F Rowlands, A Stevenson, E H Buckmaster (substituted for A D Williams (Vice Chairman)), W J Wyatt-Lowe

OTHER MEMBERS

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Upon consideration of the agenda for the Public Health, Prevention and Performance Cabinet Panel meeting on 10 November 2017 as circulated, copy annexed, conclusions were reached and are recorded below:

Note: No conflicts of interest were declared by any member of the Cabinet Panel in relation to the matters on which conclusions were reached at this meeting.

PART I ('OPEN') BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

- 1.1 The Minutes of the Cabinet Panel meeting held on 21 September 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 1.2 The panel agreed that actions from the minutes would return to the future meetings as reports.

2. PUBLIC PETITIONS

- 2.1 There were no public petitions.

3. ANNUAL REPORT ON HERTFORDSHIRE'S STOP SMOKING SERVICES 2016/17

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[Officer contact: Elizabeth Fisher, Head of Provider Services, (Tel: 01442 453633); Emily Clarke, Assistant Manager, Hertfordshire Health Improvement Service (Tel: 01442 453111); Piers Simey, Consultant in Public Health (Tel: 01438 844175)]

- 3.1 Members received the annual report on Hertfordshire Stop Smoking Services 2016/17 (HSSS).
- 3.2 The panel welcomed the progress made on the 2015/16 HSSS annual report recommendations and the key achievements for 2016/17 including: a better quality of service than regional and national, increased progress in groups experiencing health inequalities and a lower 'cost per quit' than statistical neighbours and the national average. Members commended the report.
- 3.3 Officers confirmed that, for efficiency, the response to the actions set out in the minutes of June's panel relating to HSSS would be circulated to members after the meeting.
- 3.4 In order to align with Public Health England guidance that people who vape should not be treated like smokers, several options were under consideration by PH: County Council workplace policy could be changed, however changes in social practice of vaping could take some time because of the need for consultation with staff, or people planning to quit smoking could be given e-cigarette starter kits. Members expressed support for the possibility of vaping only areas at County Hall.
- 3.5 The Panel congratulated Hertfordshire Health Improvement Service (HSS) on winning two national awards for the social marketing campaign 'Love Your Bump.'
- 3.6 The panel commented that:
 - Family Centres could be used to overcome the issues around minimum number of people required to establish stop smoking support groups;
 - HHIS should focus not only on referrals from Hertfordshire hospitals but also on those outside the county used by Hertfordshire residents;
- 3.7 Members were pleased to note that regular smoking in 15 year olds in Hertfordshire was at an all-time low and that the data showed that smoking at this age was not reflected in them as adults. Officers confirmed that a report on reduction of risky behaviours in children would be brought to the February 2018 PHP&P cabinet panel. Members commended the continued reduction in smoking in pregnancy rates and improved stop smoking services for pregnant women, and were reassured by the targeted approach in place to identify and support the most addicted smokers.

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- 3.8 Officers clarified that the low cost per quit figures for West Sussex in 2015/16 were in due to anomalies in reporting and did not reflect the true cost. West Sussex had not submitted data for 2016/17.
- 3.9 On hearing that although there had been a reduction in smoking related neonatal disabilities there was an increase in the number of children in Hertfordshire being born with learning disabilities, not necessarily related to smoking, Members highlighted that the issues of families with multiple problems could be addressed via the Family Services programme.
- 3.10 Officers were complimented on the thoroughness of the Equality Impact Assessment.

Conclusions:

- 3.11 The panel noted, commented upon and approved the contents of the Annual report and its recommendations for future improvements.

4. SECTOR LED IMPROVEMENT – PEER CHALLENGE ON PREVENTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH

[Officer Contact: Jim McManus, Director of Public Health (Tel: 01992 556884)]

- 4.1 The panel received a report on the process and outcome of the Sector Led Improvement Peer Challenge of Public Health and Prevention and, on the basis of the observed strengths in the feedback, commended PH on its performance in the Council. Members requested a list of the organisations involved in the peer review
- 4.2 Members heard they would receive a full debriefing report on the Peer Challenge Feedback in January 2018 for their comments. The LGA would be offering Prevention training in the new year; members agreed that this would be useful.
- 4.3 Members agreed with the report that Overarching leadership was important and that Prevention should become embedded across local government and health.

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- 4.4 Members variously suggested:
- that methodologies should include ‘working at pace’;
 - improvement of the working relationships with the CCG’s;
 - challenging professional conservatism to overcome barriers;
 - a role for elected members as community champions for mental health and alongside this training for members and outside bodies to understand their advocacy role;
 - inclusion of a ‘Prevention’ section on all county council reports;
 - commissioning of joint prevention strategies with district and borough councils;
 - a toolkit for interactions with GPs;
 - the need for increased County Council input into spatial planning;
 - the need to ensure sustainability of programmes once initial County Council funding to outside bodies had ceased.
- 4.5 Officers highlighted that the system had to be held to account on how it worked with non-county council bodies etc.
- 4.6 It was agreed that this discussion would inform the Prevention Strategy to be brought back to the Panel.

Conclusions:

- 4.7 The Panel commented on the content of the report and:-
- i. Provided its views on how the County Council , in light of the messages, continued to develop its approach to Prevention;
 - ii. Noting that Peer Challenge specifically asked the Council to consider that it should see itself as custodian of the Public’s Health for Hertfordshire, and what system leadership issues arise from this, discussed the issues identified for system leadership;
 - ii. Noting that the Local Government Association was also offering Prevention training for elected members, considered whether to take forward this offer and agreed as per 4.2 above.

5. COMPLAINTS AND COMPLIMENTS TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL

[Officer Contact: Kathryn Pettitt, Chief Legal Officer (01992 555527), Stuart Reynolds, Executive Assistant, Resources (01992 588630)]

- 5.1 The panel received a report summarising the complaints and compliments received by the County Council in 2016/17, including trends and organisational learning across the Council and the Local Government Ombudsman’s (LGO) Annual Review letter.

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5.2 Members noted that Resources had received the highest number of compliments, a consequence of having two public facing departments and that the overall drop in number of complaints in Children's Services reflected a triaging system that had been adopted and which attempted to deal with concerns prior to them escalating to complaints.

5.3 The Chairman asked that the Panel's thanks be passed to complaints managers for their work.

Conclusions:

5.4 That Panel gave their views on the report and its continuing value and content for future years.

6. OTHER PART I BUSINESS

There was no other business.

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CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER**

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