

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEALTH CONSULTATIONS

Health Liaison Board – 25 November 2015

Report of Chief Officer Communities & Business

Status: For Information

Key Decision: No

Executive Summary: This report sets out details of Kent wide Public Health Consultations on 'Adult Health Improvement Services' and 'Health Visiting and School Public Health Service'

This report supports the Key Aim of reducing health inequalities and improving health and wellbeing

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Recommendation to Health Liaison Board: That the report be noted. Member's views are sought.

Introduction and Background

- 1 Kent County Council's Public Health Directorate (KCC) is responsible for delivering prevention work via commissioned services for young people and adults. In April 2015, KCC began a review of the use of the public health grant and the programmes commissioned through the grant.
- 2 KCC are seeking the views of this Council regarding proposed new service delivery models within Public Health, as part of a Kent wide consultation. Consultation responses will be used to improve services and ensure that they are designed around the needs of residents.
- 3 The consultation documents have been circulated to all Members in advance and their responses will form the basis of a draft response which will be tabled.
- 4 Some of the services detailed in these consultations form part of the Sevenoaks District 'Mind the Gap' Health Inequalities Plan, adopted recently by Members, as well as contributing to the Healthy Environment priority in the Community Plan. This forms part of the holistic approach to reducing health inequalities across the District and supporting community health and wellbeing.

Adult Health Improvement Service Consultation

- 5 As part of this consultation, KCC is proposing an improved service model that delivers a more integrated and holistic approach to health improvement services for adults. The aim of the new model is to help residents to live healthier lives, with support to make difficult lifestyles changes.
- 6 Public Health is consulting on whether the proposed model for Health Improvement Services meet the needs of residents in an accessible way, with desired outcomes.
- 7 The proposed model will take a holistic approach to each person that comes in to the service to support the individual to address a range of factors that might be affecting their lifestyle choices.
- 8 The proposed model will therefore integrate the current separate commissioned services such as healthy weight, smoking cessation, physical activity, Health Trainer service as well as elements of Health Checks, alcohol and sexual health services, with mental and emotional wellbeing underpinning the whole service delivery approach.
- 9 The KCC Health Improvement Service Consultation document and questionnaire can be found at Appendix A.

Health Visiting and School Public Health Service Consultation

- 10 KCC became responsible for the School Public Health Service in April 2013 and the Health Visiting Service in October 2015. This transfer of commissioning responsibly presents KCC with an opportunity to ensure that services meet the health and wellbeing needs of children and young people in Kent.
- 11 The KCC consultation proposes new delivery models for children and young people services, to ensure the model best achieves the desired outcomes for the 0-19 population.
- 12 This consultation is seeking views on how KCC may improve or tailor services better to suit local people. Four proposed delivery models have been developed, in line with the National Framework, for consideration.
- 13 The KCC Health Visiting and School Public Health Service Consultation document can be found at Appendix B.

Current Service Delivery by Sevenoaks District Council

- 14 For over six years, this Council has been commissioned by Public Health to deliver a range of health and wellbeing prevention programmes. These programmes are included within the service review as part of these consultations which aims to deliver a new integrated service model.
- 15 The way in which the services are provided in the future may change the amount of funding paid to the District Council. Further information about the financial implication is given in paragraphs 17.

Key Implications

Financial

- 16 This Council is currently commissioned by Kent Public Health to the value of £130,741 for 2015/16 through an annual Service Level Agreement to deliver a range of preventative health and wellbeing programmes. However, in July 2015, a 10% in-year budget saving was requested by Kent Public Health, leaving a total annual budget of £117,666.90 for this financial year.
- 17 The length of this Agreement has been extended to September 2016 to allow the service model reviews to be undertaken. For the period of April 2016 – September 2016, this Council is expected to receive £58,833.45 to continue to deliver these services in the interim period until the new models are commissioned from October 2016.
- 18 The programmes currently commissioned by KCC and delivered by this Council form part of these consultations and the new service delivery model.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

- 19 There are no legal implications for the Council associated to this report.

Equality Assessment

- 20 No decision is required as part of this paper and therefore no perceived impact on end users.

Conclusions

- 21 Members are asked for their comments on these consultations and asked to note this report.

Appendices

Appendix A – KCC Health Improvement Service Consultation document

Appendix B – KCC Health Visiting and School Public Health Service Consultation document

Background Papers:

Link to Kent County Council online consultation documents: www.kent.gov.uk/consultations

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