

## **Briefing on the Leeds City Council Public Health Service Plan**

### **Responsibilities**

The public health responsibilities for Leeds City Council and the duties of the Director of Public Health are set out in the Health & Social Care Act 2012 and the NHS Act 2006.

The Leeds City Council Public Health Service Plan is based on three sets of responsibilities:

- Health Improvement by working in partnership with local organisations and communities; and through commissioning services, to influence the determinants of health such as life-styles, education, employment, housing, financial inclusion and the environment.
- Health Protection by preparing for and responding to outbreaks of infectious diseases, chemical, radiological and other major incidents
- Public Health in NHS Health Care by working with NHS Commissioners to increase the impact and the quality of health, social care and related services

An overarching responsibility is to affect the determinants of health to reduce inequalities in health.

### **Vision and Priorities**

The Leeds City Council Public Health Service Plan shares the same vision of the Leeds Joint Health & Well Being Strategy: that Leeds will be a healthy and caring city for all ages and that people who are the poorest will improve their health the fastest.

The priorities of the Public Health Service Plan are specifically aligned to a number of the outcomes in the Leeds Joint Health & Well Being Strategy. These include: people will live longer and have healthier lives; people's quality of life will be improved by access to quality services; people will live in health and sustainable communities.

To achieve this, the Public Health priorities are to:

- Ensure every child has the Best Start in life
- Support more people to make healthy lifestyle choices
- Protect the health of the whole population
- Prevent people dying early and reduce ill health
- Influence the social economic and environmental conditions that impact on health and wellbeing

Collectively, these priorities cover the life course but with a particular focus on the 150,000 living in the 10% nationally most deprived communities along with the association GP practices and school clusters.

### **Making it Happen**

The Public Health Service Plan describes the role and function of the Office of the Director of Public Health in ensuring the vision and priorities are achieved through the following actions that run through all Public Health Consultant led programmes:

- Advocating to build better health through change in public policy with partners and stakeholders within Leeds City Council, Clinical Commissioning Groups and NHS England, national agencies and the Commercial sector.
- Investing in, and commissioning, Public Health Services that are evidence based and value for money. This covers not only LCC commissioning but also assurance on NHS commissioned public health services.
- Leadership for strategies and/or programmes that lead to improvements in health and wellbeing, and reduction in health inequalities.
- Providing, and commissioning, workforce development and communications to build the knowledge, skills and capacity of specialist, professional, and frontline workforce and communities to improve health and wellbeing.
- Leading public health Intelligence and Needs Assessment and supporting Research and promoting evidence-based practice.
- Developing the public health system through LCC Elected Members, Community Committees and partnerships e.g. Healthy Cities, Public Health England, NHS commissioners and providers.
- Ensuring the Office of the DPH is working well through effective governance, financial control, appraisals and other business functions.

## Budget

### Public Health ring fenced grant 2014/15

#### £40.5m

- £36.8m (as per 2013/14 grant)
  - £32.7m on commissioned/funded services (e.g. drugs & alcohol, sexual health, school nurses, stop smoking, NHS health check, healthy weight services, local health living services)
    - £30.3m externally commissioned
      - § 9.7m 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector
      - § 6.5m Leeds Community Healthcare
      - § 5.5m primary care (GP's, pharmacists)
      - § 4.6m Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust
      - § 3.5m Leeds & Yorkshire Partnership Foundation Trust
      - § >500k Joint commissioning with rest of Council
    - 1.0m funding Adult Social Care Services
    - 0.5m funding Children's Services
  - 4.1m (staff, internal charges etc)
- 3.7m (2014/15 Department of Health uplift)
  - £2m funding Leeds City Council Services including 800K ASC Services, 770k Childrens Services
  - 1.7m cost pressures

## Monitoring progress

A series of Programmes are implemented through Public Health Consultant led teams to achieve an agreed set of priority indicators that includes measures for : adults over 18 that smoke, alcohol related admissions to hospital, infant mortality, excess weight in 10-11 year olds, early death (under 75s) from cancer, early death (under 75s) from cardiovascular disease.