

The Director of Public Health is authorised¹ to discharge the following functions²

1) Health Improvement Functions³ including:-

- a) Ensuring rigorous appreciation of local health need;
- b) Contributing to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment;
- c) Contributing to the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy;
- d) Providing health improvement advice⁴;
- e) Providing day to day management of the Council's ring fenced public health budget; and
- f) Reducing health inequalities.

2) Health Protection Functions including:-

- a) Preparing, monitoring and providing advice in relation to health protection plans;
- b) Ensuring public health emergency resilience;
- c) Providing the lead in responding to public health incidents⁵;
- d) Communicable and infectious disease control;
- e) Vaccination and immunisation programmes; and
- f) oversight of national screening programmes.

3) Functions relating to the Commissioning of Public Health Services including:-

- a) Fostering joint commissioning;
- b) Ensuring providers have robust clinical governance arrangements in place; and
- c) Commissioning services in relation to:-
 - i) Smoking Cessation;
 - ii) Weight Management;
 - iii) Mental Health;
 - iv) Alcohol and Drug Misuse;
 - v) Healthy Child Services (0-19);
 - vi) Nutrition;
 - vii) Physical Activity;
 - viii) Oral Health Promotion; and
 - ix) Accident and Injury Prevention.

¹ Save where the Leader or the relevant Portfolio Holder has directed or the Director considers that the matter should be referred to Executive Board for consideration.

² Together with similar and ancillary functions which have not been delegated to another Director.

³ S2B National Health Service Act 2006

⁴ To Members and officers of the Council, the Health and Wellbeing Board and local partners.

⁵ Including environmental hazards

4) Provision of Statutory and Mandated Functions including:-

- a) Providing public health advice to NHS commissioners⁶;
- b) Sexual Health Services⁷;
- c) NHS Health Check Assessments⁸;
- d) National Child Measurement Programme⁹;
- e) Health Visiting (0-5)¹⁰
- f) Joint working with the prison service to secure and maintain the health of prisoners¹¹; and
- g) Assessment of risks posed by violent and sexual offenders¹².

5) Functions of Responsible Authority including:-

- a) Responses under the Licensing Act 2003, e.g. making representations about licensing applications.

6) Production and Publication of the annual report on the health of the local population¹³.

⁶ Regulation 7 Local Authorities (Public Health Functions and Entry to Premises by Local Healthwatch Representatives) Regulations 2013

⁷ Regulation 6 Local Authorities (Public Health Functions and Entry to Premises by Local Healthwatch Representatives) Regulations 2013

⁸ Regulations 4 & 5 Local Authorities (Public Health Functions and Entry to Premises by Local Healthwatch Representatives) Regulations 2013

⁹ Regulation 3 Local Authorities (Public Health Functions and Entry to Premises by Local Healthwatch Representatives) Regulations 2013

¹⁰ Regulation 5A Local Authorities (Public Health Functions and Entry to Premises by Local Healthwatch Representatives) Regulations 2013

¹¹ Section 249 National Health Service Act 2006

¹² Section 325 Criminal Justice Act 2003

¹³ In accordance with The National Health Service Act 2006 section 73B(5) the Director of Public Health must prepare this report (this responsibility is reflected in Article 12) and section 73B(6) the local authority must publish it.