

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care)

Date: 20 February 2013

Subject: Public Health transition in Leeds

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1 Purpose of this report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Scrutiny Board with an update on the transition and transfer of Public Health responsibilities to Leeds City Council from April 2013.

2 Main issues

2.1 As part of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, many Public Health responsibilities will transfer from Primary Care Trusts (due to be abolished from 1 April 2013) to appropriate local authorities.

2.2 The new public health system, will see local authorities take the lead for improving health, coordinating local efforts to protect the public's health and ensuring health services promote population health. At the same time, Public Health England will be created to deliver a range of services – including health protection, providing information and intelligence, and supporting the development of the public health workforce. A summary of the new public health system (published by the Department of Health in December 2011) is attached at Appendix 1.

2.3 In January 2012, the Public Health Outcomes Framework was published in order to help quantify the impact and effectiveness of public health services. A summary of the Public Health Outcomes Framework is attached at Appendix 2. As the responsibility for improving public health transfers to local authorities, it is likely that the Outcomes Framework will be used to help judge the progress of local authorities in this regard.

2.4 In January 2013, ring-fenced public health allocations for local authorities were announced for 2013/14 and 2014/15. Details of the grant allocations are attached at Appendix 3.

2.5 Given the fairly imminent transfer of Public Health responsibilities to Leeds City Council, the Director of Public Health has been invited to attend the Scrutiny Board meeting to outline progress in this transition and address any associated matters raised by the Scrutiny Board in this regard.

3 Recommendations

3.1 Members are asked to consider the details presented in this report and discussed at the meeting and determine any appropriate further scrutiny activity at this time.

4 Background papers¹

None used

¹The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.