

**To the Chair and Members of the Health and Adults Social Care Scrutiny Panel**

**Public Health Self-Assessment/Public Health Commissioning**

<b>Relevant Cabinet Member(s)</b>	<b>Wards Affected</b>	<b>Key Decision</b>
Cllr Pat Knight	All	

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. The Public Health function has self assessed itself using the Sector Led Improvement methodology designed across Yorkshire and the Humber. The majority of areas are rated as developing with 5 areas rated as basic and 5 as excellent. A draft action plan has been proposed and this will be updated following the meeting today and following consultation with partners.

**EXEMPT REPORT**

2. N/A

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

3. The Health and Adults Social Care Panel is asked to:
  - (a) **COMMENT** on the approach to assurance of the public health function and Sector Led Improvement.
  - (b) **CONSIDER** the self-assessment and draft action plan

**WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?**

4. An effective public health function protects the health of the population, improves the health of the population and ensure partners include public health considerations in their decision making about health and care issues.

## **BACKGROUND**

### **5. The assurance of the public health function.**

The public health function transferred into the council on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 from Doncaster Primary Care Trust as a result of Health and Social Care Act (2012). The Act places a number of new duties on Local Authorities including the responsibility for health improvement, health protection and health care public health. The assurance that these functions were effectively delivered was previously carried out by the NHS through systems such as world class commissioning, annual governance visits and direct reporting through to regional public health structures.

The transfer of public health teams has happened in a number of ways and in Doncaster the team transferred initially as a standalone directorate but has now moved to be part of the new adults, health and wellbeing directorate. The assurance of the new public health function is now left to Local Authorities. There are a number of ways to assure the effective delivery of the public health function and these include assessment of progress against the public health outcomes framework, the effective financial management of the function, delivery of the corporate plan and in depth scrutiny of specific aspects e.g. health protection. Another way to provide some assurance of the effectiveness of the public health function is using Sector Led Improvement.

### **6. Sector Led improvement and the public health function.**

The Directors of Public Health in Yorkshire and Humber have worked together to design a Sector Led Improvement approach to assurance aligned with the approaches that already happen across adult social care and children's services.

The Sector Led improvement approach consists of a self-assessment exercise followed by a peer visit. The self-assessment approach covers 6 areas of practice

- Health improvement
- Health protection
- Healthcare public health
- Knowledge and Intelligence
- Capacity building
- Governance and systems

Each area is self assessed into one of three categories basic, developing or excellent. The full framework is attached as an appendix.

### **7. Doncaster self-assessment**

Doncaster has agreed to have a peer review visit in 2016. However the team decided to conduct a self-assessment as part of the first '100 day plan' of the new DPH. The key findings are presented below and a more detail action plan is included as an appendix.

## Key findings

Most areas were self-rated as developing. A number of areas were self-rated as excellent these included:

- Partnership working for health improvement
- Community engagement for individual projects
- Health protection assurance framework
- Drugs and substance misuse
- Information governance, data flows and information gathering

The 5 areas that were rated as basic included:

- Ensuring the public health function could demonstrate it was embedded across the council and was used effectively and could demonstrate impact
- Ensuring the public health function could demonstrate it was embedded across the Clinical Commissioning Group and was used effectively and could demonstrate impact
- Joined up community engagement and community development with partners
- Ensuring there were embedded clinical governance approaches
- The need for a public health audit programme

## 8. Next Steps

The draft action plan is attached for comment, it prioritises a number of potential actions which will be considered by the public health team, adults, health and wellbeing and the directors. The self-assessment and draft action plan will be sent to key stakeholder for comment e.g. other parts of the council and other partner agencies.

## IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY PRIORITIES

### 9.

	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Implications</b>
	<p>We will support a strong economy where businesses can locate, grow and employ local people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i></li><li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Be a strong voice for our veterans</i></li><li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i></li></ul>	Public health function can support this priority
	<p>We will help people to live safe, healthy, active and independent lives.</p>	Public health function can support this priority

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i></li> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i></li> </ul>	
	<p>We will make Doncaster a better place to live, with cleaner, more sustainable communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i></li> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i></li> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i></li> </ul>	Public health function can support this priority
	<p>We will support all families to thrive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i></li> </ul>	Public health function can support this priority
	<p>We will deliver modern value for money services.</p>	Public health function can support this priority
	<p>We will provide strong leadership and governance, working in partnership.</p>	Public health function can support this priority

## **RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS**

10. Doncaster requires an effective public health function to deliver the new duties placed on the council following the Health and Social Care Act (2012).

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

11. N/A

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

12. The public health function is funded from the Public Health Grant.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS**

13. No immediate HR implications, although delivering the action plan may require changes to roles, responsibilities and structure of the public health team.

## EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

14. None

A due regard statement is being developed alongside the refresh strategy and will be updated throughout the consultation process.

## CONSULTATION

15. The action plan has been developed by the public health team

This report has significant implications in terms of the following:

Procurement		Crime & Disorder	
Human Resources		Human Rights & Equalities	
Buildings, Land and Occupiers		Environment & Sustainability	
ICT		Capital Programme	

## BACKGROUND PAPERS

16. Public Health self-assessment tool for Sector Led Improvement Programme  
PH self-assessment action plan

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