

Health Scrutiny Committee
Meeting to be held on 10 June 2014

Electoral Divisions affected: All

Public Health England

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Executive Summary

Over the next 12 months the Health Scrutiny Committee will look in greater detail at the current and emerging strategies developed to deliver public health services to the residents of Lancashire. As part of that undertaking representatives from Public Health England have been invited to attend Committee to provide members with information on:

- Their roles and responsibilities
- Priorities
- Partnership working with other organisations to deliver the priorities

Recommendation

The Health Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the report.

Background and Advice

As an introduction to the role and function of Public Health England, below is an excerpt from their website, <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england/about> for background information

What we do

Our mission is to protect and improve the nation's health and to address inequalities.

Responsibilities

We are responsible for:

- making the public healthier by encouraging discussions, advising government and supporting action by local government, the NHS and other people and organisations

- supporting the public so they can protect and improve their own health
- protecting the nation's health through the national health protection service, and preparing for public health emergencies
- sharing our information and expertise with local authorities, industry and the NHS, to help them make improvements in the public's health
- researching, collecting and analysing data to improve our understanding of health and come up with answers to public health problems
- reporting on improvements in the public's health so everyone can understand the challenge and the next steps
- helping local authorities and the NHS to develop the public health system and its specialist workforce

Priorities

In 2013 and 2014, our priorities will be:

- helping people to live longer and more healthy lives by reducing preventable deaths and the burden of ill health associated with smoking, high blood pressure, obesity, poor diet, poor mental health, insufficient exercise, and alcohol
- reducing the burden of disease and disability in life by focusing on preventing and recovering from the conditions with the greatest impact, including dementia, anxiety, depression and drug dependency
- protecting the country from infectious diseases and environmental hazards, including the growing problem of infections that resist treatment with antibiotics
- supporting families to give children and young people the best start in life, through working with health visiting and school nursing, family nurse partnerships and the Troubled Families programme
- improving health in the workplace by encouraging employers to support their staff, and those moving into and out of the workforce, to lead healthier lives
- promoting the development of place-based public health systems
- developing our own capacity and capability to provide professional, scientific and delivery expertise to our partners

Who we are

We employ 5,500 staff, mostly scientists, researchers and public health professionals. We have 15 local centres and 4 regions (north of England, south of England, Midlands and east of England, and London). We work closely with public health professionals in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, and internationally.

Public Health England was established on 1 April 2013 to bring together public health specialists from more than 70 organisations into a single public health service.

Consultations

N/A.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

This report has no significant risk implications.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers

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N/A.

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A.