

# DPH Update for HOSP

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# Progress of PH team since January

- Appointed extremely competent people to the previously vacant consultant in public health posts.
- A lot of joint work with children's services on designing and delivering the joint early help service (integrating health visiting services with social care and MAT)
  - Broadly going well, range of issues that still need an agreed process to ensure provision doesn't have significant gaps.
- Developed draft of pharmaceutical needs assessment (statutory requirement of the HWBB) – going to HWBB on 20<sup>th</sup> Sept.
- Wellbeing service undergoing redesign using systems thinking and significant restructure to achieve savings against PH grant reductions – likely to have some impact on service provision, but hopefully this will be mitigated by improvements in efficiency as result of better targeting of the service and improved IT / referral management.
- Significant progress in supporting the hospital trust to become a smokefree site.
- Developed physical activity strategy and implementing elements of it – encouraging local schools to participate in the “Daily Mile” or “Golden Mile” schemes, and signposting to support.
- Developed and implementing breathalyser scheme for night clubs to reduce impacts of “pre-drinking” on health and risk-taking / anti-social behaviour.
- Developed and beginning to implement plan for addressing the rise in drug related deaths observed both nationally and locally.
- Implemented new sexual health contract – provider started new service model in April.
- Reviewed siting of defibrillators in the city and identified best sites for placing new defibs, and developed and implementing action plan for this to take place.
- Reviewed effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of tier 3 weight management services, and aiming to consult jointly with the CCG on future weight management pathways for the city in light of the results.
- Developing action plans to respond to recommendations from the recent CQC inspection of services for LAC and care leavers.

# Opportunities

- Realising potential for further joint working with Southampton to ensure best use of available capacity in both cities.
- Developing programme of joint work with Hampshire and Isle of Wight PH teams to make best use of regional capacity.

# Challenges

- Mitigating impacts of national cuts to the PH grant – delivering annual reductions is increasingly threatening essential / preventative services.
- Capacity for strategic work often stretched due to joint DPH role