

Report of the
Director of Communities and Neighbourhoods and
Associate Director of Public Health

PUBLIC HEALTH TRANSITION PLAN

1. The attached papers (Annexes A and B refer) set out the plan for the transition of public health responsibilities from NHS North Yorkshire and York to City of York Council.

Background

2. Process

National expectations are that the substantial majority of public health duties will be transferred to local authorities by the end of October 2012 with robust governance in place for the remainder of 2012/13 while the Primary Care Trust (PCT) remains responsible. By the end of December 2012 all remaining duties will be transferred and by the end of March 2013 all PCTs must have completed the formal handover of public health responsibilities to local authorities.

There are a number of interconnected strands for transition which are detailed within the plan (Annex A refers):

- a) Developing the CYC public health model
- b) Appointing the CYC Director of Public Health
- c) Transferring PCT staff
- d) Transferring commissioning responsibilities

3. **Consultation**

The plan was developed in collaboration between CYC and NHS North Yorkshire & York, paying particular attention to corresponding plans with North Yorkshire County Council, Public Health England and the NHS Commissioning Board. Initial draft plans were reviewed by the Strategic Health Authority and subsequently updated.

Options

4. There are no specific options associated with this report, however Members can comment on the report.

Analysis

5. Whilst this report is predominantly for information, the Committee can use it to identify potential areas for scrutiny review.

Council Plan

6. This report links to the 'Protecting Vulnerable People' and 'Building Strong Communities' priorities in the Council Plan 2011-15.

Implications

7. **Financial** *The transfer includes budgetary responsibilities. The transition plan includes actions to address this.*
8. **Human Resources (HR)** – *The transfer includes staffing responsibilities. The transition plan includes actions to address this.*
9. **Equalities** *The transfer of public health responsibilities will enhance the local authority role in promoting equalities.*
10. **Legal** – *The transfer includes legal responsibilities. The transition plan includes actions to address this.*
11. **Crime and Disorder** – *Alcohol and Drug Misuse are part of the public health responsibilities.*
12. **Information Technology (IT)** – *The transfer includes IT requirements. The transition plan includes actions to address this.*
13. **Property** – *There are no property implications*
14. **Other** – *All other implications have been included within the report.*
15. There are no immediate Financial, Human Resources, Crime and Disorder, IT or Property Implications.

Risk Management

16. The transition plan and associated risks are monitored through the Public Health Transition board and the PCT Public Health Governance Committee.

Recommendations

17. Members are asked to note the contents of this report and identify any concerns that they may have.

Reason: To keep the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee updated on the transition of public health responsibilities to City of York Council.

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Wards Affected: *List wards or tick box to indicate all* **All**

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Background Papers:
Public Health Transition Plan

Annexes

Annex A Transition Plan

Annex B Transition Action Plan