

## **Cllr Iles Report to HOSP**

**November 2015 to March 2016**

**9 March 2016**

1. I have continued to work with Public Health Senior Leadership team to identify savings following the Government's announcement of the in-year Public Health grant reduction which was announced in June 2015. The 2015/16 Public Health budget balances (two thirds of the savings were identified and the remaining amount was addressed by draw down of 60% of the Public Health reserve).
2. More recently, I have worked with the Public Health team to agree budget savings for 2016/17 following the Autumn statement / CSR. A clear 2016/17 Public Health financial plan is now in place (see HOSP report, 9 March 2016).
3. I attended the Public Health Primary Care contracts workshop with Cllr Willis on 9 November 2015. The purpose of the workshop was to explore future commissioning and contracting options for Primary Care services. These options included:
  - a. Contracting via an arms-length provider organisation established by the Local Medical Committee and Local Pharmaceutical Committee.
  - b. 'Lifestyle Hub' – the services would be provided by 'Lifestyle Hub' organisation(s) at multiple GP practices / pharmacies or in other settings.
  - c. Contracting with a grouping of GP Practices or federations; contracting with groups of Pharmacies.
  - d. The decision was made to continue to procure Public Health services (such as Health Checks, Stop Smoking and under-25 sexual health) from the traditional Primary Care providers (GP Practice and Pharmacies) until the market for alternative primary care providers develops bringing opportunities for greater competition. This is expected to take at least two years (to March 2018).
4. I attended an 'Understanding Health Improvement Seminar in November 2015. This has given me a stronger understanding of the range of Public Health functions delivered by local authorities.
5. I have met the majority of the Council's Public Health staff. The team are well-established within the local authority and it is pleasing to see how they are operating within the Council and continuing to engage with partners.
6. I have been discussing with the interim Director of Public Health the contracts for sexual health services for 2016/17. There is a one-year interim contract with UHB and a one-year interim contract with WAHT should start from April 2016. This will allow for the joint procurement process to take place with a new service provider to be in place for April 2017.