

REPORT TO: Health and Wellbeing Board

Date of Meeting: 30th April 2013

Report of: Director of Public Health

Subject/Title: NHS Health Checks – an update

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 has introduced a statutory requirement for the Local Authority to undertake NHS Health Check Assessments as part of its Public Health responsibilities. The report outlines the requirements and progress made to undertake these within Cheshire East.

2.0 Decision Requested

- 2.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board receive the report and support the implementation of NHS Health Checks within Cheshire East.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 To ensure that the Health and Wellbeing Board is aware of and supports the implementation of a Statutory responsibility within the new health system.

4.0 Policy Implications - Health

- 4.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 has introduced a number of significant changes that will affect the local health and social care landscape. This includes the establishment of the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board, the GP Clinical Commissioning Groups and the transfer of the Public Health responsibilities from the PCT to the Local Authority.
- 4.2 To achieve improved health and wellbeing outcomes for local communities, the Act identified the need for increased joint working between the NHS and local authorities, with high quality local leadership and relationships being an essential foundation. The Act described Health and Wellbeing Boards as having the key role of improving joint working by bringing together key commissioners and through their function of encouraging integrated working in relation to commissioning.
- 4.3 The provision of NHS Health Checks will be commissioned by Public Health within Cheshire East Council.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 The budget allocation for the provision of NHS Health Checks in 2013-2014 is a part of the Public Health ring fenced funding allocation to the Local Authority.

6.0 Legal Implications

- 6.1 The Statutory Instrument 'The Local Authorities (Public Health Functions and Entry to Premises by Local Healthwatch Representatives) Regulations 2013' states that 'In the exercise of its functions under Section 2B of the National Health Service Act 2006 (inserted by Section 12 of the 2012 Act), each local authority shall provide or shall make arrangements to secure the provision of health checks to be offered to eligible persons in its area.'

7.0 Risk Management

- 7.1 The Health Checks Steering Group is monitoring the progress to introduce NHS Health Checks in accordance with the required timetable.

8.0 Health Checks

- 8.1 Appendix One gives details of the progress being made to introduce NHS Health Checks within Cheshire East. The legislation details who is eligible for a health check (within the age range 40 – 74) and the process by which NHS Health Checks should be conducted.
- 8.2 The Local Medical Committee has been consulted with and has supported the proposed Health Checks programme.

9.0 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writers:

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