

# Briefing Note

**Title: Healthy Ageing Portfolio, Public Health**

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Partner organisation

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**Job Title: Consultant in Public Health**

**Intended Audience:**

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## **Purpose or recommendation**

To brief Councillor Samuels on the Healthy Ageing Portfolio within the Public Health team.

## **Overview**

The Healthy Ageing team consists of 1 FTE Consultant in Public Health Medicine (Dr. Ankush Mittal), 1 FTE Principal in Public Health (Mr. Steve Barlow), 1 FTE Senior Public Health Officer (Mr. Parmdip Dhillon), and 0.5 FTE Health Improvement Officer (Mrs. Anita Patel)

The workstreams and associated performance targets of the portfolio are summarised in the table on the next page.

We hold a contract of circa £200,000 for a joint TB and Infection Control service for the City (in partnership with Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group)

## **Background and context**

### Local context:

Public Health at CWC have had a recent restructure, moving from a team of >100 to ~30 staff working across 4 service areas. The new model for the directorate follows a 'Life Course' approach, appreciating the shifting challenges related to health and wellbeing with age.

The Healthy Ageing portfolio (ages 65+) is 1 of the 4 service areas within the public health directorate, the others being Healthy Start (0-18 years), Healthy Life expectancy (18-65 years) and System Leadership (links to Royal Wolverhampton Trust and the Black Country STP)

### Wider Context

Currently, public health consultants work across a range of organisations, many with a specific remit - e.g. control of communicable diseases (Public Health England), screening and immunisations (NHS England). Local Authority public health consultants have a more generalist function, overseeing and supporting prevention in its widest sense at a local level.

We aim broadly to organise the efforts of society to meet essential public health needs, be they social, economic, physical, mental or environmental, based on local needs assessment.

## Healthy Ageing

**Commissioning Responsibility:** TB Support Services, Infection Prevention and Control Service for Care Homes  
**Strategic Leadership:** Optimising the physical, mental, social and economic wellbeing of over 65s; Health Protection and Emergency Preparedness; Screening and Immunisations; Community Offer; Wolverhampton CCG and Public Health Partnership  
**Business Partnering:** Adult Social Care, Wolverhampton CCG, Public Health England (PHE), Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust, Housing and Welfare, Transport, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector

### Workstream

#### Keeping people well in their community: Physical and Mental Health and Wellbeing

- Lead on population approaches to maximise the coverage of NHS Health Checks and Cancer Screening
- Support local arrangements to optimise pathways for chronic disease diagnosis and management
- Support key partners with population approaches to falls prevention
- Lead on population approaches to healthy diets and active lifestyles in older age
- Support local systems to identify and meet mental health needs in older age, and promote a dementia friendly city

#### Key aims and indicators 2018-2020

- Screening: NHS Health Checks, Cancer
- QOF indicators for chronic disease
- Falls related admissions/fractures
- Dementia related admissions
- Early diagnosis of dementia

#### Keeping people well in their community: Socio-Economic Health and Wellbeing

- Support population approaches to address social isolation
- Support safeguarding and community safety teams to keep older adults safe in their homes and communities
- Support key partners with population approaches to improved housing and home economies for older adults
- Support safeguarding teams protecting older adults from financial exploitation

- % of adult social care users reporting as much social contact as they would like

#### Keeping people well in their community: Community Offer

- Lead on community engagement as part of the Council's Community Offer development

- % of older adults receiving winter fuel payments

#### Keeping people well in their community: Carer Health and Wellbeing

- Work with carer support services and wider partners to meet the health and wellbeing needs of carers

- Develop Community Engagement Strategy

#### Mandated Function: Health Protection

- Lead on population approaches to maximise the coverage of key immunisations, especially flu vaccine
- Support and assure local emergency preparedness, resilience and response systems with DPH
- Lead on community arrangements for reducing the transmission of infectious disease, especially influenza, TB and HIV
- Support local air quality planning, protecting the population from the ill health effects of pollutants

- % of carers reporting as much social contact as they would like
- Immunisations: Influenza vaccine in over 65s
- Hospital admissions from care homes for influenza like illnesses
- Early diagnosis of TB and HV

#### Mandated Function: Healthcare Public Health Support for Wolverhampton CCG

- Support Wolverhampton CCG with Healthcare Public Health advice as part of our mandated public health function
- Support Black Country STP and Wolverhampton CCG to embed regional and local approaches to frailty across populations
- Support Health and Care partners with a system wide strategic review of mortality in Wolverhampton
- Support Health and Care partners to optimise End of Life pathways in Wolverhampton