

Planning Objective 10 – Population Health

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What is the aim of the Planning Objective?

SCOPE:

- Health Improvement strategic oversight and elements of delivery including healthy weight, reducing harms from tobacco, drugs and alcohol
- Local health protection system leadership, vaccination and immunisation oversight and delivery with partners (eg Primary Care)
- Leadership and partnership working to strengthen Health Board position on health equity and the wider determinants of health, continuing to develop a Social Model for Health and Wellbeing. (Including support and collaboration with Public Services Board (PSBs) and Regional Partnership Board (RPB))

AIM:

To lead strategy, delivery and oversight in relevant areas to improve health, prevent ill health and reduce the long-term trends of increasing burden of ill health on the Health Board.

What have been the key achievements so far?

- **10.1 Develop a strategic approach to improving health equity.**

Establish forum with appropriate governance, and Terms of Reference (ToR) for oversight of systematic approach to health equity in Hywel Dda University Health Board (HDdUHB) by 30 September 2024. – **On track:** Health Equity Group has met, terms of reference have been agreed and meeting dates arranged. Wider remit agreed to further strengthen this group in Quarter 2.

- **10.2 Develop and implement a regional health protection plan.**

Establish Strategic Health Protection Oversight Group and agree local priorities, identifying trajectories and improvement outcomes by 30 June 2024. – **On track:** Group established, and local priorities, trajectories and outcomes identified and signed off in the second meeting in July 2024.

- **10.3 Deliver on National Immunisation Framework with a focus on increasing uptake of Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) and seasonal immunisations.**

- Vaccination centre walk in for all over 5s for all vaccination programmes - **On track:** Work needed on drop in access especially with summer holidays approaching and around training staff that will be undertaken over next three quarters.
- Data cleansing for MMR to ensure accurate portrayal of Health Board performance – **completed.**
- Vaccination sessions at all schools with 50+ pupils under 90% MMR2 rate – **completed but a challenge on uptake, focussed programme continues.**
- Review seasonal vaccination uptake among nursing staff and make recommendations with early planning for 2024/25 programme – **On track:** Work well underway for seasonal planning for Autumn Flu and Covid programme for 2024/25.

What have been the key achievements so far? (con't)

- **10.4 Tobacco – implementation of local tobacco control plan working towards Smokefree 2030.**

Establishment of local tobacco control group – **Complete**: First meeting scheduled for end of June 2024 chaired by Prof. K Lewis, draft terms of reference established, agenda and dates of quarterly meetings ongoing.

- **10.6 (Re)establish regional Children and Young People’s governance forum under RPB.**

Regularised meetings with ToR approved by group to improve recognition of needs and strategies to improve health and wellbeing of children and young people (CYP) – **On track**: Discussions already held with RPB representatives with initial meeting held on 18 July 2024 where ToR and regional priorities for CYP were discussed.

- **10.8 Alcohol and drug use.**

Retendering of Tier 2 Drug and Alcohol Services - **On track**: Work on specification to be discussed at extended Senior Leadership Team (SLT) in July 2024. Tender due to be out by October 2024 and awarding of contract in January 2025.

- **10.9 Equity in Clinical Service Planning.**

Develop framework for integrating equity and prevention into clinical service planning – **On track**: Work on developing the frameworks for integrating equity and prevention into clinical services setting out proposal and approach is underway and report to be produced. Also linking with Public Health Wales and framework was included in a Clinical Services Review Workshop late May 2024 as part of Hurdles Document.

What needs to be done next?

- To explore how do we know what we are doing is having an impact on improving population health.
- To consider how do we improve what we are doing.

RISKS:

- **1884** - There is a risk of that the Hywel Dda Public Health Team will be unable to effectively support the Health Board to deliver its priorities, as set out in the Health Board's Annual Plan 2024/25, and its public health responsibilities, including its statutory functions, such as responding effectively to any acute outbreaks adequately. This is caused by limited capacity within the Public Health Team with only one of four consultants in post. This is a Directorate risk, current score 20.

What are your take home messages for the Committee?

SDODC is asked to **RECEIVE ASSURANCE** on Quarter 1 progress and the focused commitment of the Directorate to further explore the impact these objectives are having on population health and the actions required to demonstrate further improvement.