



Although a formal committee of the city council, the Health & Wellbeing Board has a remit which includes matters relating to the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), the Local Safeguarding Board for Children and Health Watch. Papers come from a variety of sources. The format for Health & Wellbeing Board papers is consequently different from papers submitted to the city council for exclusive city council business.

1. Formal details of the paper

1.1 Title of the paper

Cancer Screening in Brighton and Hove

1.2 Who can see this paper?

All

1.3 Date of Health & Wellbeing Board meeting

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2. Decisions, recommendations and any options

- 2.1 This paper presents an overview of screening performance in Brighton and Hove for the three NHS cancer screening programmes: bowel, breast and cervical cancer, considering uptake/coverage rates by CCG locality and by GP practice. It makes provisional recommendations for increasing cancer screening rates in the city.
- 2.2 The paper is intended to inform members about current performance and to promote discussion as to the way forward.

3. Relevant information

- 3.1. The paper was requested by the HWBB at the meeting of 09/09/14 following the report on the progress made in the five priority areas of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- 3.2 In May 2012, the shadow Health and Wellbeing Board agreed the priority areas for the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy based on the high impact areas identified from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. Cancer and access to cancer screening is one of the five health and wellbeing strategy priorities.
- 3.3 There are three national NHS cancer screening programmes: for bowel, breast and cervical cancer. Screening is a process of identifying apparently healthy people who may be at increased risk of a disease or condition who, once identified, can be offered information, further tests and appropriate treatment to reduce their risk, and/or any complications arising from the disease or condition.
- 3.4 In April 2013 the responsibility for commissioning screening programmes was transferred to NHS England. Public Health England staff are embedded in the NHS England Area teams to lead on this work.
- 3.5 The information provided here is intended to illustrate to members the uptake/coverage for the three cancer screening programmes by CCG locality and by GP practice and to promote discussion as to the way forward for future collaborative working.

4. Important considerations and implications

4.1 Legal

The report considers one of Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) priorities agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board. Section 196 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (the Act) makes it a duty of the Health & Wellbeing Board to prepare and publish a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The terms of Reference for the HWB include monitoring the outcomes of the JHWS.

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4.2 Finance

The responsibility for funding and commissioning screening programmes lies with NHS England. Public Health raises public awareness of screening programmes and provides targeted support through the Public Health grant. The CCG supports GPs to encourage increased uptake.

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4.3 Equalities

There is evidence that there are inequalities in the uptake of NHS cancer screening programmes. Nationally, lower levels of uptake have been linked to deprivation, age, learning disability, race and sexual orientation. Local services commissioned to promote public awareness will continue to target these groups.

4.4 Sustainability

There are no specific implications arising from this report. These will continue to be considered by the relevant partnership.

4.5 Health, social care, children's services and public health

Improving uptake is dependent upon all those involved (NHS England, Local Authority Public Health, the CCG, NHS Screening Programme Centres) working together in partnership. Adult social care will need to be aware of the lower levels of screening in some groups, such as people with learning difficulties, in order to help

improve awareness and uptake. There are no additional implications for children's services.

5 Supporting documents and information

Attached document: Cancer Screening in Brighton and Hove