



HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

Subject Heading:

**Clinical Governance of Public Health
Commissioned Services**

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The subject matter of this report deals with the following themes of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy

- ☒ Theme 1: Primary prevention to promote and protect the health of the community and reduce health inequalities
- ☒ Theme 2: Working together to identify those at risk and intervene early to improve outcomes and reduce demand on more expensive services later on
- ☒ Theme 3: Provide the right health and social care/advice in the right place at the right time
- ☒ Theme 4: Quality of services and user experience

SUMMARY

This report on the clinical governance of public health services covers the period since the last report was presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board in July 2016. Overall, there are robust governance arrangements in place across the services to identify and respond to quality issues.

The clinical services public health commissions have a range of best practice, guidelines, and national standards to support their procurement and operation. The providers of clinical services are also subject inspection by the Care Quality Commission. Some services have very established governance structures and national monitoring of performance.



Our standard public health services contract has clauses relating to maintaining, improving, and reporting quality issues. This is a standing item in contract monitoring meetings.

There are two areas identified in this report.

1. The Health Visiting service has capacity and investment issues that adversely affect their ability to offer the prescribed checks to all 0-4 year olds and have to prioritise their work.

2. In a framework arrangement for a low volume service it is difficult to monitor quality of multiple potential providers.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the members of the Health and Wellbeing Board note the report.

REPORT DETAIL

Please see attached paper.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks: None

Legal implications and risks: None

Human resource implications and risks: None

Equalities implications and risks: None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None