

SHEFFIELD FIRST FOR HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT TO 30 JULY 2004 MEETING

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DATE: 30 July 2004

SUBJECT: Public Health Partnership Board

ALREADY CONSIDERED BY:

SUMMARY:

This report summarises the outcome of the first meeting of the Public Health Partnership Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to note the report.

IMPLICATIONS FOR OTHER AREAS OF SHEFFIELD FIRST FOR HEALTH AND OTHER PARTNERS IN SHEFFIELD FIRST:

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Public Health Partnership Board

The first meeting of the Sheffield Public Health Partnership Board was held on the 9 July 2004. Dorothy Birks was elected as Chair of the Board.

This being the first meeting, attendees spent some time discussing their expectations of the Committee, what they could contribute and what they hoped it would deliver. It was agreed that the Board would be a focus for coordinating and driving forward public health strategy across the City. As well as maintaining an oversight of the Health Inequalities Action Plan, the Board will seek to start new initiatives aimed at improving public health in the City. The Board will be ambitious, having an eye to the medium and longer term, and seek to effect large scale changes in public health in the City. It will ensure that the performance management structures of both statutory sectors within the partnership are made congruent in a way that will ensure the delivery of the public health agenda.

The Board reviewed its Terms of Reference and recommends some changes to Sheffield First for Health. The Board agreed that it would report after every meeting to Sheffield First for Health, and would seek to achieve and maintain a high profile within the City and beyond.

The Board will meet on the first Friday of alternate months. The next meeting is on the 3 September 2004, when the main item for discussion will be the Health Inequalities Action plan.

Public Health Partnership Board Sheffield First for Health Terms of Reference

1. Membership

- Directors of Public Health from all four PCTs.
- Head of Regeneration and Partnerships, Sheffield City Council
- Two representatives for the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector
- Sheffield First for Health Partnership Manager
- Healthy Cities Coordinator
- Representatives from Sheffield City Council Directorates

To be determined

- A representative of the Foundation Trust

2. Aim

To ensure development and delivery of public health policy and action to improve health and reduce health inequalities through joint working between the NHS and Local Authority, including achieving the floor targets. The Board will achieve and maintain a high profile both within the City and more widely in the Region and beyond.

3. Tasks

To implement the Sheffield First for Health health inequalities action plan, including oversight of the Health Action Zone programme.

To make recommendations to Sheffield First for Health and its constituent partners on public health and health inequalities.

To oversee and commission health equity audits across the city, including taking action to rectify mis-match between resource use and inequalities in health.

To ensure an appropriate response is made to the Wanless report, Choosing Health, and other national initiatives.

Health impact assessment.

To commission and take an oversight of health impact assessments within the city, including ensuring that health impact assessments are undertaken of both existing

and new major initiatives likely to impact on health, and being aware of the links between health and sustainable development.

Information and intelligence

Maintain information and intelligence relating to health inequalities in the city through maintaining an oversight of all information gathered, regularly updating information held and further profiling the nature of health inequalities that exist.

To produce data and monitoring information for the Sheffield City Strategy and any City level monitoring required, including evidence to support the scrutiny process.

Healthy Cities

To act as the operational group of the WHO Healthy Cities Programme.

Coordination

To agree the work programme of the Sheffield First for Health Partnership Manager.

4. Working Arrangements

Members of the Board will bring resources to carry out the work required (either staff in kind or money).

Meetings will be held bi-monthly.

A Director of Public Health will chair the meetings.

A quorum will be two Directors of Public Health and two Senior Officers of the City Council.

Representatives from the University of Sheffield and Sheffield Hallam University will be invited as appropriate.

Officer support will be provided by the Sheffield First for Health Partnership Manager.

Information Support from Health Informatics Service and Sheffield City Council

The Board will issue a report to the Sheffield First for Health Committee after every meeting.