

# **Scrutiny of Portfolio Holder with responsibility for health**

**Clr Campbell-Clark  
Health Scrutiny Committee  
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**Nottingham  
City Council**

# Summary review of 2020/21

- COVID-19 has clearly had a significant impact on the work of public health teams within local authorities throughout this financial year
- The demands of responding to COVID-19 have meant that 'business as usual' has largely been paused
- The impact on individual Council Plan commitments is considered in the following slides
- Savings agreed in March 2020 and October 2020 have been achieved
- Staffing capacity has been temporarily expanded using COVID-19 grant funding



# Key achievements (COVID) (1)

- Established a centrally co-ordinated system for sourcing and distributing PPE
- Published and delivered the Local Outbreak Control Plan in conjunction with County Council
- This included setting specific Incident Management Plans for care homes, universities, schools, prisons and more. Significant ongoing systems work with each of these groups
- Worked closely with partners to mitigate the COVID risks to Nottingham's homeless population through the Everyone In initiative and more
- Established & resourced the necessary strategic & operational structures to manage outbreaks
- Day-to-day outbreak management alongside PHE, Environmental Health and Infection & prevention control colleagues



# Key achievements (COVID) (2)

- Developed the BAME Health Inequalities Framework
- Set up a streamlined notification system for outbreaks, as well as providing health protection advice & responding to queries
- Established & resourced the Engagement Board
- Regular data analysis in place and local dashboard made available to the public
- Set up an enhanced local contract tracing service to compliment the national Test & Trace service
- Ensured a comprehensive testing offer for the City and currently setting up asymptomatic testing across the area
- Supporting the roll out of the NHS-led vaccination programme



# Council Plan Performance highlights

- We have worked closely with our commissioned providers to ensure service delivery which supports many of these commitments has continued (albeit reshaped to address the current situation and need)
- Several health services have successfully moved online during Covid-19 and this may present an opportunity to reach more people in new ways.
  - Sexual health offer reviewed to ensure a comprehensive online offer – this has been very successful
  - Increased use of online access to services also saw improved engagement by pregnant women with smoking cessation support
- Reshaped the NHS Health checks offer to encourage prioritisation of BAME groups (once checks resumed)



# Overall portfolio Council Plan performance

Total Health Council Plan Commitments = 11

Expected outcomes at the end of the Council Plan

**Red** = 2

**Amber** = 3

**Green** = 6

# Positive performance

Health commitments	Current rating	Expected Outcome
Create more smoke free zones in areas regularly accessed by children	Green	Green
End period poverty in Nottingham by ensuring free sanitary products are provided to young women who need them	Green	Green
Improve the dental health of Nottingham's children by campaigning to introduce fluoride into Nottingham's water supply	Green	Green
Protect from cuts: Sexual health screening services across the city	Green	Green



# Exceptions

Health commitments	Current rating	Expected Outcome
(B) Work with 5000 people to help them become physically active and improve their health	Amber	Green
Ensure that everyone over 40 is invited to a free health check	Amber	Amber
Reduce childhood obesity by 10% (PI: % of children who are obese or overweight at Year 6)	Amber	Red
Reduce teenage pregnancy by a further 10% (PI: no. of teenage pregnancies)	Green	Amber





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Reduce the number of women smoking during pregnancy by a further 20% (PI: smoking status at time of delivery)	Amber	Red
Support and promote good mental health by recruiting Community Champions and employers to the Time to Change hub and campaign to make sure that appropriate services are there when our citizens need them	Amber	Amber
Train frontline staff to recognise alcohol dependency and offer advice to citizens	Amber	Green



# Challenges / opportunities going in to 2021/22

- Immediate COVID-19 response is likely to continue to require significant resourcing (staff capacity)
- Public Health Grant allocation has not been formally confirmed for 21/22 but is expected to be 'maintained' meaning service pressures will need to be managed within the current budget
- COVID-19 is (and will continue to have) a significant impact on the health and wellbeing of our communities – we will need to review our priorities in light of this as we move forward
- The refresh of the current Health & Wellbeing Strategy and working through the Integrated Care Partnership offer as an opportunity to do this in a joined-up way
- COVID-19 has shone a light on health inequalities, providing momentum for change that must be built on

