

**An update of the work of the Health Improvement Board
Report to the Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board
March 2015**

The Health Improvement Board has held 1 meeting since the last report to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

1. Health Improvement Board meeting, 2 February, 2015

At its meeting in February 2015 the Board received detailed reports on performance for 3 areas of work that are not meeting the outcomes set. These are

- Uptake of Bowel Screening by people aged 60-74
- Uptake of NHS Health Checks by people aged 40-74
- Smoking quitters.

A further report on performance in meeting immunisation targets has been requested from NHS England for the next meeting as a reduction in the number of children receiving MMR immunisation was reported and is causing concern.

The draft Alcohol and Drugs Strategy was presented to the Board. There was interest in the role of a range of agencies in delivering the strategy and also shared concern about the potential danger in the use of New Psychoactive Substances (so-called "Legal Highs"). The Board was given information about work already underway to address this topic in Oxfordshire.

The work of the Affordable Warmth Network was reported to the Board and interim figures reported on the activity that is being undertaken to help people improve energy efficiency of their homes.

A review of public health campaigns that have been run in the last year was discussed and a forward plan for major campaigns in 2015-16 was circulated.

2. Public Involvement Network Representatives

The Health Improvement Board members expressed their great thanks to Aziza Shaffique and Paul McGough for their commitment and achievement as Public Involvement Network representatives on the board for the last 18 months. They have both brought valuable insight and worked hard to obtain the views of the public on a variety of topics. New arrangements are being made for Healthwatch Ambassadors to be recruited to the Health Improvement Board.

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