

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

The Health Improvement Board has held 2 meetings since the last report to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

1. Health Improvement Board meeting, April 2015

At its meeting in April 2015 the Board received detailed reports on performance on three areas of work – immunisation of children, successful completion of treatment for drugs misuse and the prevention of homelessness / uptake of housing related support across the county. The Board members were able to use this detailed insight to agree priorities for the year ahead, building on the progress achieved in the last year but also highlighting areas where more attention is still needed.

An update on Oral Health Promotion explained which services are available in the County and outlined plans for the year ahead. Detailed information on oral health needs was not available due to the way information is collected, but in general it was concluded that where there are communities with poor outcomes on other health issues, they may be likely to have poor oral health too.

A report on a successful year of Public Health work at the Oxford University Hospitals Trust was presented and was well received. The Here for Health drop-in clinic was shown to be a great success in attracting staff, patients and family members for practical advice and support in adopting healthier lifestyles. The Vice Chairman agreed to write to the Chief Executive of OUHT to stress the importance of recruiting a Public Health Consultant to lead this important work in the Trust.

Councillor Mark Booty was thanked for his Chairmanship of the Health Improvement Board and everyone wished him well as he stood down from his Councillor duties at the election. Aziza Shaffique and Paul McGough were thanked for their great work as Public Involvement Network representatives.

2. Health Improvement Board meeting, July 2015

The July meeting of the Health Improvement Board took place at Oxford Town Hall.

The agenda included a paper on the partnership work which supports young people who are in need of housing related support. This was an informative presentation and it was agreed that the work to commission housing related support for young people should come under the governance of the Health Improvement Board. An outcome measure has been proposed for inclusion in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy to monitor this work. It was agreed that more consultation should take place before this outcome measure is agreed and this work will be carried out as soon as possible so that the outcomes can be included in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

The annual report of the Public Health Protection Forum was presented and it highlighted the current situation with regard to outbreaks of infectious disease, immunisation and screening uptake and trends in the prevalence of sexually transmitted infections. It was agreed that the issue of Air Quality would be discussed at a future meeting of the Board.

This meeting saw several changes to membership and was the first meeting for the new Healthwatch Ambassadors who will share the role. Councillor Ed Turner has is now the Chairman of this Board, with Councillor Anna Badcock as Vice Chairman. There are also new representatives from Cherwell, West Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils. The membership of the Board is now:

<b>Chairman</b> – City Councillor Ed Turner	Oxford City Council
<b>Vice Chairman</b> - Councillor Anna Badcock	South Oxfordshire District Council
<b>Board Members:</b>	
Ian Davies	Cherwell & South Northants District Council
Cllr John Donaldson	Cherwell District Council
Laura Epton and Emma Henrion	Healthwatch Ambassador (job share)
Cllr Hilary Hibbert-Biles	OCC – Cabinet Member for Public Health & Voluntary Sector
Dr Jonathan McWilliam	Director of Public Health
Cllr James F. Mills	West Oxfordshire District Council
Dr Paul Park	Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group
Cllr Monica Lovatt	Vale of White Horse District Council
Jackie Wilderspin	Public Health Specialist
Val Johnson	In attendance as officer supporting District Councils

Jackie Wilderspin, July 2015