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3.17 Head of Public Health and Wellbeing

3.17.1 General

The Director of Public Health, working through the Head of Public Health and Wellbeing, has delegated authority for those matters which they are required to be responsible for under the National Health Service Act 2006 (as amended by the Health and Social care Act 2012).

3.17.2 Health of the Population

The duty imposed upon the Council to “take such steps as it considers appropriate for improving the health of the people of its area”.

3.17.3 General

Any public health functions of the Secretary of State which he requires local authorities to discharge on his/her behalf.

3.17.4 Dental Health

Dental health functions for which the Council has responsibility

3.17.5 Health of Prisoners

The duty to co-operate with the prison service to secure and maintain the health of prisoners.

3.17.6 Weight Measurement

The Council’s duties set out in Schedule 1 of the National Health Act 2006, which include medical inspection of pupils, the weighing and measuring of pupils of children sexual health services.

3.17.7 Violent Offenders

Arrangements for assessing the risks posed by violent and sexual offenders.

3.17.8 Health Protection

To include the provision of screening and immunisation programmes, sexual health services, infectious disease control and emergency planning.

3.17.9 Health Improvement

To include Children’s public health, adult healthy lifestyles (drug and alcohol misuse, campaigns to prevent cancer and long term conditions, dental public health and local initiatives to reduce deaths as a result of seasonal mortality) and the wider determinants of public health such as housing, planning, and education.

3.17.10 Health Care Public Health

The provision of specialist public health advice to Clinical Commissioning Groups in the following areas which will be the subject of the “core offer”:

- (a) Production of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment,
- (b) Reviewing service provision and providing advice to CCGs to reduce health inequalities,
- (c) Advising Clinical Commissioning Groups on priorities based on appropriate data, and

- (d) Procuring services and advising on the cost effectiveness of interventions.