

REPORT TO CABINET

1.	Meeting:	CABINET
2.	Date:	20th June 2012
3.	Title:	Public Health Functions of RMBC
4.	Directorate:	Public Health

5. Summary

The Health and Social Care Act Gives local Authorities new statutory functions of;

- Health Improvement;
- Health Protection;
- Providing Public Health Advice and Support to the Rotherham NHS Clinical Commissioning Group.

These new duties come into force on 1st April 2013.

6. Recommendations

Cabinet notes the attached schedule setting out the range of new and existing responsibilities and is assured that this framework will allow it to meet its statutory functions.

Cabinet supports Rotherham MBC's early adoption of these responsibilities from the Primary Care Trust from 1st October 2012.

That Rotherham Public Health Services are titled as such as Rotherham MBC provided or commissioned services.

7. Proposals and Details

The range of public health responsibilities are mapped out against functions whether this is for disease surveillance, commissioning NHS health services or licensing or enforcement of legislation. A key responsibility of the DPH will be to develop a comprehensive Borough Health Protection Plan.

The Public Health workforce will transfer to Rotherham MBC by a Transfer Order from the Secretary of State in April 2012. The existing workforce will be aligned to ensure RMBC future statutory duties are met.

8. Finance

Functions will be supported through the new Public Health Grant from the Department of Health this will supplement existing RMBC budgets.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Substantial Government regulation are expected to be published in relation to functions outlined in the Act.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

Responsibility for performance against the Public Health Outcome indicators.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Health and social Care Act 2012.

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