

Public Health Disaggregation Update

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Progress

- Disaggregation from Dorset Council has gone well
- The new BCP Public Health team arrived on 1st April 2025
- Includes a small number of significant vacancies
- Public Health & Communities Directorate established
- Senior Leadership Team established
- Team away day sessions planned to review local priorities and develop service plan for 25/26
- Joint Transitional Management Team with Dorset Public Health:
 - Immediate risks identified and being managed
 - Joint Sharing Agreement in place for services and contracts that continue to be shared

Immediate Issues

- Public Health Grant budget (demand & cost pressures)
- Team vacancies, structure & recruitment
- Public Health Priorities and Service Plan for 25/26
- Public Health Communications Plan for 25/26
- Public Health Grant Assurance Visit – 30th June 2025
- Health & Wellbeing Strategy into action
- Place-based Partnership development
- Contracts & procurement
- Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (October 25)

Public Health Assurance Visit 30th June 2025

- Visit by Regional Director of Public Health
- Meeting with leader, cabinet member for public health, Chief Executive, Section 151 Officer and Director of Public Health (DPH)
- Separate meeting with ICB executives, DPH and LA representative on ICB Board
- Focus on use of the Public Health Ring-Fenced Grant (PHRFG), governance and accountability
- Module 1: Deep dive into PHRFG returns for 23/24, 24/25, budget plan for 25/26 and 5-year PH budget forecast, including evidence of impact
- Module 2: Deep dive into public health advice to the NHS and local governance & accountability arrangements, including evidence of impact
- Module 3: Deep dive into miscellaneous category spend, including outcome measures and evidence of impact
- Evidence to be submitted 2 weeks ahead of the assurance visit (16th June)
- Pan-Dorset Task & Finish Group established to pull the required information together
- Feedback expected in September 2025