

Public Health in Merton

Overview for the Joint Consultative Committee with Ethnic Minorities

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What is Public Health

- Science and art of protecting and improving population health & reducing inequalities through concerted efforts of society:
 - Population perspective – not just service users or eligible clients
 - Prevention & treatment
 - Improving health of the poorest fastest
 - Addressing the social, economical and environmental impacts on health
- PH in LA – main duties:
 - Leadership for health incl HWB AK1
 - commissioning specified range of PH services (incl CYP; drug & alcohol misuse, sexual health; healthy lifestyles)
 - commissioning support for NHS (influence on CCG budget of 200M)
 - health protection oversight (screening, immunisation, infection control, emergency planning)
- PH in LA – main resources:
 - Humble budget and small specialist team
 - However: whole council, partners and community

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AK1

explicit about advise to council function.....?
Amanda Killoran, 05/09/16

Public Health in Merton

- Overall health is improving and compares well with other boroughs BUT
 - E/W inequalities
 - Social, economic and health indicators poorer in E
 - Growing ethnic diversity and younger age structure
 - Big prevention/healthy lifestyle opportunities
 - Smoking, poor diet, lack of exercise, alcohol misuse
 - Ensuring all children have the best start in life
 - Ready for school
 - Emotional wellbeing
 - Family/parental health & wellbeing
 - Challenge of aging population with multiple long-term conditions
 - Mental & physical health problems; dementia; social isolation

Public Health priorities

- East Merton (reduce E/W inequalities, blueprint for service transformation)
 - Locality based preventative service model, social prescribing
 - Wilson health & community campus development
 - Childhood obesity
- Collaborative commissioning for better outcomes
 - Children & Young people; vol sector (within the council)
 - Community mental health and drug & alcohol misuse (LA and CCG)
 - Sexual health (across London LAs)
- Embedding health outcomes across all council business (and partners)
 - Health in All Policies
 - Healthy work place
 - Growth and regeneration
 - Dementia friendly Merton

Questions

- What you always wanted to know...
- How can we work together

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