

Proposed amendments to part 10 of the Council constitution: Delegations to the Director of Public Health

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1. To undertake overall responsibility for all of the local authority's duties to take steps to improve public health and to provide officers and elected members with appropriate advice, based on a patterns of local health need, of what works and potential returns on public health investment.
2. To undertake any of the Secretary of State's public health protection or health improvement functions delegated to local authorities, either by arrangement or under regulations, – including services mandated by regulations made under section 6C of the NHS Act 2006.
3. To plan for, and respond to, emergencies that present a risk to public health, in consultation with the council's emergency planning officer where appropriate.
4. To undertake local authority's role in co-operating with the police, the probation service and the prison service to assess the risks posed by violent or sexual offenders
5. To be responsible for the local authority's public health response as a responsible authority under the Licensing Act 2003, including making representations about licensing applications under sections 5(3), 13(4), 69(4) and 172B(4) of the Licensing Act, as amended by Schedule 5 of the Health and Social Care 2012.
6. To be responsible for providing Healthy Start vitamins at any maternity or child health clinic commissioned by the council, in accordance with the Healthy Start and Welfare Food Regulations 2005 as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012.
7. To produce and update as necessary the Southampton Joint Strategic Needs Assessment in consultation with Southampton City Clinical Commissioning Group.
8. To lead on and co-ordinate the development, production, publication and updating of the Southampton Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy in consultation with Southampton City Clinical Commissioning Group.
9. To develop and implement a system for collecting and analysis data to deliver the Public Health Outcomes Framework.
10. To produce the Director of Public Health's annual report.

11. To provide public health advice to NHS commissioners to help secure:
 - Commissioning strategies that meet the needs of vulnerable groups
 - The development of evidence-based care pathways and service specifications
 - Evidence-based prioritisation policies
 - Health needs audits and health equity audits and health impact assessments
12. To ensure delivery of the National Child Measurement Programme.
13. To secure the delivery of the NHS Health Check assessment.
14. To ensure appropriate access to sexual health services.
15. To ensure appropriate clinical governance arrangements are in place in respect of any clinical services commissioned, including sexual health and drug and alcohol services.
16. To maintain a particular focus on ensuring disadvantaged groups receive the attention they need, with the aim of reducing health inequalities.