

Hampshire Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee School Nursing July 2014

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The Determinants of Health (1992) Dahlgren and Whitehead



The public's health

Our health is a symptom/result or mirror of how we live our lives, so it's everyone's business

- Public health professionals provide professional evidence based & locally relevant advice & leadership, facilitation, training, social marketing & commission some services
- Particular emphasis on modifiable factors that contribute to different health experience & health outcomes – nutrition, physical activity, education & literacy, employment, smoking, substance misuse & access to effective health & illness services
- Public health approaches consider the needs of all people across the life course & from all backgrounds

School nursing

- School nursing advances the well being, academic success & lifelong achievement of school aged children & young people. They work to facilitate positive student responses to normal development; promote health in the school environment; intervene with actual & potential health problems; provide case management & actively collaborate with others to build student & family capacity for adaptation, self care, self-advocacy & learning.
- Like health visitors, they monitor child development & deliver vaccination programmes & have a role in safeguarding.
- They are qualified nurses who have additional public health qualifications to become Registered School Nurses, regulated by the Nursing and Midwifery Council

Public Health responsibilities in Local Government

- Mandated responsibilities include:
 - National Child Measurement Programme
- Wider responsibilities include:
 - Public health services for children aged 5 to 19 years

Service review

- Provided to 5-16 year olds in state funded schools
- Two providers with different resources & service models
- Staffing levels showed wide variation – no relationship to the health needs of the population
- Hampshire had far fewer qualified public health nurses per child than comparable areas & against national benchmark
- The Universal Healthy Child Programme was provided fairly consistently to 5-11 year olds but not to 11-16 year olds
- Variable provision of the progressive element of the Healthy Child Programme for all ages
- Public Health Leadership in schools poorly developed, reflecting the low numbers of public health trained nurses
- Service delivery was more task-focused than responsive to emerging needs.
- Schools valued the service and realised its potential but wanted it to be more visible and accessible.

DPH Annual Report 2013-2014

- 5-19 year olds – over 17% Hampshire population
- Increasing birth rate – numbers increasing but proportion of total population decreasing slightly as people live longer
- About 9% attend independent schools
- About 12% growing up in poverty (1 in 5 in Havant & Gosport)
- About 19% school pupils recorded as having a special educational need – some association with deprivation
- About 1 in 4 children in need have defined disability (14% nationally)
- Educational attainment
- Children of armed forces personnel

Public Health Issues for Children

- Childhood obesity – doubles in primary school years
- Mental health & wellbeing –
- Dental health
- Substance misuse – alcohol, novel psychoactive substances
- Sexual behaviour
- Ill health in children – long term conditions & their management
- Inherited conditions - eg: familial hypercholesterolaemia

Rationale for re-procurement of school nursing service

- Current contracts time limited
- Clinical service –
- Invitation for innovation while align with 0-5 public health nursing & education & children's services
- Objective performance management of service against clear specifications and quality criteria

Timeline

Advert

- Expressions of interest August 2014
- PQQ September 2014

ITT

- Invitation to tender October to December 2014

Award

- Evaluate by February 2015
- Contract awarded March 2015
- New service start by August 2015



How will the new service look different?

- Focused on children, young people & their families not tasks
- Health review in year 6 with direct access in secondary schools
- Additional support for those few young people in contact with criminal justice system
- Support for teachers -