

**Leicester City Council**  
**Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission June 2013**  
**Public Health Structure and portfolio**

## **1. Introduction**

As the commission is aware the transition of the Public Health function from NHS Leicester City to Leicester City Council was formally completed on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013. The Health and Community Involvement Scrutiny Commission, now the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Commission, has had regular updates on the transition which has included the transfer of relevant staff, commissioned contracts with service providers and a range of responsibilities given to the local authority by the Health and Social Care Act (2012). A briefing on the new public health responsibilities of the council was circulated to all Councillors in March 2013. This report provides the information requested on the structure and portfolios of the Division.

## **2. Responsibilities**

The Health and Social Care Act (2012) lays out specific responsibilities of the Local Authority with regard to public health and the Director of Public Health (DPH).

### *Mandatory responsibilities*

- Commissioning sexual health services (open access contraceptive services, treatment of sexually transmitted infection, HIV prevention and identification but not HIV treatment, Terminations of Pregnancy and GP contraceptive services).
- Health protection (duty on DPH to ensure plans in place to protect health of population) including community infection prevention and control and the local authority role in dealing with health protection incidents, outbreaks and emergencies.
- Public Health advice, analysis and support to NHS commissioners (CCG's)
- Implementing the National Child Measurement Programme
- Commissioning NHS health checks.

Additional responsibilities emerged late in 2012/13 including the responsibility for community infection prevention and control and ensuring clinical governance arrangements for clinical services commissioned by the Local Authority.

### *Other responsibilities*

Other, non-mandatory responsibilities, to be undertaken according to local need as identified through the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy are listed below.

- tobacco control and smoking cessation services
- alcohol and drug misuse services
- Public health services for children and young people aged 5-19 (including Healthy Child Programme 5-19) and from 2015/16 all public health services for children and young people 0-19 years.
- interventions to tackle obesity, such as community lifestyle and weight management services
- locally-led nutrition initiatives
- increasing levels of physical activity in the local population

- public mental health services
- dental public health services
- accidental injury prevention
- population level interventions to reduce and prevent birth defects
- behavioural and lifestyle campaigns to prevent cancer and long-term conditions (e.g. diabetes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
- local initiatives on workplace health
- local initiatives to reduce excess deaths as a result of seasonal mortality
- public health aspects of promotion of community safety, violence prevention and response
- public health aspects of local initiatives to tackle social exclusion
- local initiatives that reduce public health impacts of environmental risks.

The city council has received a ring fenced grant to support its new public health responsibilities. For 2013/14 £19,995,000 and 2014/15, £21,994,000. Further years to be announced.

### **3. Structure**

Within the City Council the work of Public Health is under the direction of the Strategic Director of Adult Social Care and Health. This post includes the Statutory Chief Officer roles of Director of Public Health (DPH) and Director of Adult Social Services (DAS). The Division has a Divisional Director of Public Health. The organisational structure of the division is attached, Appendix A.

In addition to the above posts a further 21 staff have transferred from NHS Leicester City to the City Council - 18 full time equivalents - plus four 'Speciality Registrar' posts not on the Local Authority payroll. Speciality Registrars are medics and non-medics undertaking a five year post qualification training programme to become consultants in public health - which are the community equivalent of NHS hospital consultants.

Consultants in Public Health within the local authority structure work to portfolios which stem from the functions and responsibilities of public health and the priorities of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Key portfolio responsibilities are presented in Appendix B. The Consultant portfolios will be reviewed in July 2013 when it should be possible to assess how the various changes to the wider public health system, including responsibilities shifting to NHS England and Public Health England, are beginning to bed down in practice.

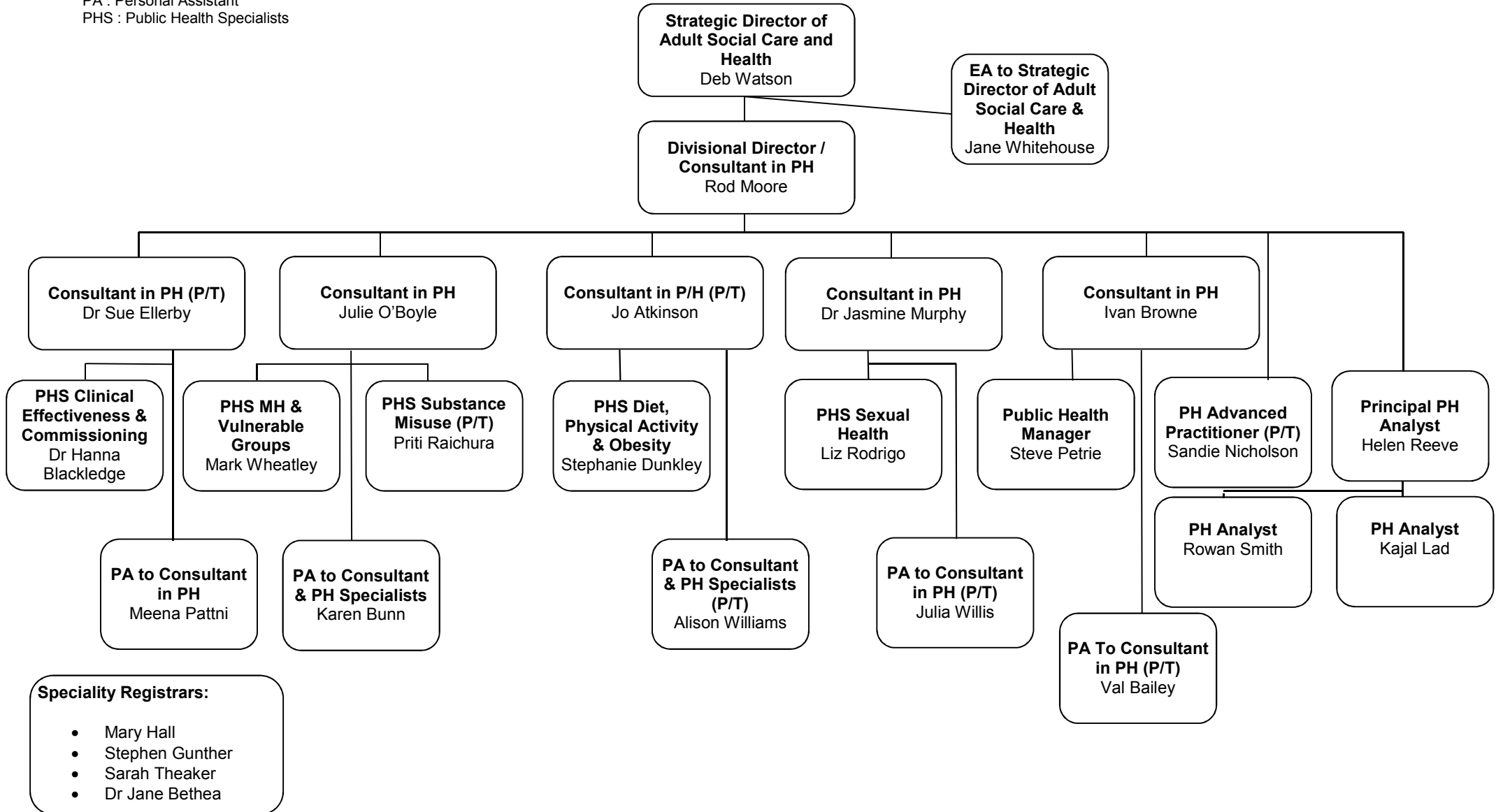
Public health consultants and other staff professionals work with other professional and commissioning groups to improve population health, protect health and improve care services. This means that they undertake a range of activities including assessing and monitoring the health status of the community, identifying health needs, developing programmes to reduce risk and screen for early disease, control communicable disease, fostering policies which promote health, plan and evaluate the provision of interventions, managing and implementing change.

It should be noted also that procurement and contract management in relation to public health services commissioned by the Division will be supported by the Adult Social Care Contracts and Assurance section.

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# Appendix A

Key:  
 PH :Public Health  
 PA : Personal Assistant  
 PHS : Public Health Specialists



## Appendix B

<b>Key features of public health consultants portfolios</b>	
<p>Deb Watson – director of public health deb.watson@leicester.gov.uk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lead officer for health and championing health across the council</li> <li>• Responsible for producing an independent annual report on the health of the local population</li> <li>• Responsible officer for all public health functions</li> </ul>
<p>Rod Moore – consultant in public health and divisional director of public health rod.moore@leicester.gov.uk 0116 252 8540 (x29 8540)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smoking and tobacco control</li> <li>• Information and analysis, including the joint (i.e. multi-agency) strategic needs assessment programme</li> <li>• Health inequalities</li> <li>• Making every contact count programme</li> <li>• Public health transition</li> <li>• Accidental Injury</li> <li>• Management of Division</li> </ul>
<p>Julie O’Boyle – consultant in public health julie.oboyle@leicester.gov.uk 0116 252 8533 (x29 8533)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mental health and wellbeing</li> <li>• Substance misuse</li> <li>• Vulnerable adults</li> <li>• Community safety</li> <li>• End of life care</li> <li>• Workplace health</li> </ul>
<p>Jo Atkinson – consultant in public health jo.atkinson@leicester.gov.uk 0116 252 8543 (x29 8543)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy weight, diet and physical activity</li> <li>• Ante-natal and maternity services</li> <li>• Maternity and children 0-5</li> <li>• Healthy Start</li> <li>• Community development</li> <li>• Early identification of cancer</li> </ul>
<p>Jasmine Murphy – consultant in public health jasmine.murphy@leicester.gov.uk 0116 252 8484 (x29 8484)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children and young people (5-19)</li> <li>• Sexual health</li> <li>• Dental public health services</li> <li>• Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services</li> <li>• Teenage pregnancy strategy</li> </ul>
<p>Ivan Browne – consultant in public health ivan.browne@leicester.gov.uk 0116 252 8544 (x29 8544)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary care/ CCG</li> <li>• Health emergency planning</li> <li>• Health protection</li> <li>• Immunisation programmes</li> </ul>
<p>Sue Ellerby – consultant in public health medicine sue.ellerby@leicester.gov.uk 0116 252 8540 (x29 8540)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cancer strategy</li> <li>• National screening programmes</li> <li>• Specialised commissioning</li> <li>• Clinical networks</li> <li>• National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) guidance implementation</li> </ul>