



Department
of Health

Public Health England

Annual Accountability Review Meeting

2nd September 2014

Attendees

Department of Health

Jane Ellison, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Public Health
Felicity Harvey, Director General Public and International Health Directorate
Kathryn Tyson, Director, International Health & Public Health Delivery

Public Health England

Duncan Selbie, Chief Executive
Richard Gleave, Deputy Chief Executive
Jonathan Marron, Director Of Strategy
Michael Brodie, Finance Director

Achievements and Challenges

Key Achievements

- PHE's first year of operations had been successful. PHE had taken on its responsibilities, handled the challenges of establishing a new organisation and had also taken forward a challenging work programme. It had delivered on its priorities for 2013/14.

Performance against key commitments

- PHE's overall performance against the key commitments had been very positive. However, there remained some significant challenges. Key points discussed were:
 - the importance of addressing local as well as national concerns;
 - using data locally and nationally to drive action;
 - working across the system to tackle key issues;
 - providing information to the public;
 - addressing falling cancer screening rates;
 - tackling childhood obesity rates;
 - monitoring drug recovery rates.

Establishing the Public Health System

- Improvement in the public's health would involve many agencies working well together. PHE had a key role in ensuring that existing relationships were nurtured and improved further.

Establishing a Sustainable PHE

- The Minister congratulated PHE on its successful establishment and on meeting all of its financial targets for 2013/14.
- Key points discussed were:
 - PHE's strategic review;
 - The operation of the PHE Board and its audit committee;
 - Developing PHE's national and local relationships across the system;
 - PHE's response to Ebola.

Strategy

- PHE was developing a health and wellbeing priorities document. PHE would be speaking to the evidence, including modelling trends and identifying how these might be improved based on experience and research. Achieving the strategic aims would need the whole system to work together.

Opportunities for Change

- There were many opportunities in the new system for delivering change. In particular the discussion considered a greater focus on tackling risk factors as well as treating illness, health inequalities and digital engagement.

Closing remarks

- The Minister thanked PHE for its contribution over the last year.

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