

## EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL

**EXECUTIVE MEMBER:** Executive Member Adult Social Care and Public Health

**DATE OF MEETING:** 15 January 2025

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to members on areas of activity within my portfolio including performance against strategic priorities.

### 1. COUNCIL PLAN PRIORITIES

Reducing inequalities in health

### 2. HIGHLIGHTS

**Update:**

#### 2.1 Public Health Staff Awards Event

Public Health celebrated staff achievements over the last 12 months at an event held on 11 December. Categories included Innovative Practice Award, Improving Lives Award and Community Empowerment Award amongst others. Some achievements celebrated at the event include:

- Public Health's collaborative work with Resident Services to implement a Free School meal auto-enrolment pilot resulting in approximately 800 extra children receiving a free school meal, saving families on average of £400 per year per child and a further £1m in Pupil Premium to the town's schools;
- Middlesbrough's Holiday Activity and Food Programme being in the top 10 nationwide for reaching eligible children and young people;
- the coordinated partnership approach to respond to a measles outbreak in the town resulting in an increase in MMR uptake, reinforcing immunity and reducing future vulnerabilities;
- Established a Lung Health Clinic for drug users at increased risk of respiratory conditions including substance misuse and stop smoking advice and support and a structured physical activity programme. Over 240 clients accessing over the last 12 months, including a 46 year old who had the lung function of a 76 year old. The new service helped him to bring that 18 years closer to his actual age, and
- the successful transfer of the addiction support clinical prescribing service to an in-house model, ensuring a seamless transition that maintained high-quality care for service users.

#### 2.2 Christmas Day Lunch with Age UK

Emma McInnes is working in partnership with Age UK Teesside to provide a Christmas Day lunch for lonely older people in the town who may otherwise spend Christmas Day alone.

### 2.3 Relocation of Live Well Centre

The Live Well Centre has successfully relocated to the Cleveland Centre. A variety of health and wellbeing services can be accessed from Albert Road including stop smoking support, physical activity services and screening services. The new centre will be open from early January.

### 2.4 North Ormesby Resource Centre

Work has now been completed on the refurbishment of the North Ormesby Resource Centre. As a result, two groups from Cumberland Resource Centre relocated on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 to become part of a multi-disciplinary provision at North Ormesby, providing day care facilities for elderly people and adults with a learning disability. This is an exciting new venture to promote integration opportunities for individuals requiring day care support.

### 2.5 Cumberland Resource Centre

Cumberland Resource Centre will now become a provision for the development of day care services for adults with autism /learning disabilities. This will open up more opportunities and placements for individuals and help generate some increased income for the council. Work will be ongoing to work closely with partners and professionals to create a centre of excellence.

### 2.6 The Orchard

The Orchard alongside TEWV NHS Foundation Trust continues to support increased demand for individuals with more complex health and social care needs. The partnership works well to deliver excellent services. It has recently purchased a digital interactive platform to enhance learning and development for individuals. Financially the service has generated over £800k income through its creative and personalised care package work.

### 2.7 Middlesbrough Handypersons Service

On the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 the Middlesbrough Handyperson Service has been honoured with the prestigious 'Handypersons Team of the Year' award at the National Healthy Housing Awards.

This recognition celebrates their exceptional contributions to the community, including:

- **Supporting Independence:** Providing over 4,300 minor home adaptations and repairs, ensuring residents can live safely and independently.
- **Hospital to Home Transitions:** Facilitating 236 smooth transitions from hospital to home, reducing the risk of falls and readmissions.
- **Assistive Technology:** Installing telecare systems and other devices to enhance safety and peace of mind.
- **Domestic Violence Support:** Implementing security solutions for victims, allowing them to remain safely in their homes.

The team's dedication to innovation, resilience, and inclusivity has significantly improved the well-being of Middlesbrough's residents, aligning with the council's broader objectives of health, safety, and community support.