

Table 5 - Delegations to the Director of Public Health

Specific Delegations

1. Under Section 73A(1) of the National Health Service Act 2006 inserted by section 30 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012;
 - (a) To contribute to and influence the work of the NHS Commissioners, ensuring a whole system approach across the public sector and ensuring NHS commissioners receive the public health advice they need;
 - (b) To undertake duties to take steps to improve public health;
 - (c) To undertake such other public health protection or health improvement functions that the Secretary of State delegates to Local Authorities either by arrangement or under regulations- these include services mandated by regulations under Section 6C of the 2006 Act Inserted by section 18 of the 2012 Act;
 - (d) To respond as a responsible authority under the Licensing Act 2003, such as making representations about licensing applications;
 - (e) To promote Healthy Start Vitamins (under the Healthy Start and Welfare Food Regulations 2005) for maternity or child health clinics;
 - (f) To consult and make decisions on Fluoridation Schemes;
 - (g) The commissioning of services in relation to 0-5 children's public health.
2. To take responsibility for the management of the Council's Public Health Services and function, with professional responsibility and accountability for their effectiveness, availability, and value for money.
3. To provide leadership, expertise and advice to Senior Officers and Elected Members on a range of issues from outbreaks of disease and emergency preparedness through to improving local people's health concerns and around access to health services.
4. To provide the public with expert, objective advice on health matters.
5. To promote action across the life course, working together with council colleagues such as the Corporate Director of Adults and Health Services and with NHS colleagues.
6. To work with local Criminal Justice Partners and Police and Crime Commissioners to promote safer communities, including cooperating with the police, the probation service, and the prison service to assess the risk posed by violent or sexual offenders.
7. Under the National Health Service Act 2006 and the Health and Social Care Act 2012, to discharge any functions in relation to the corporate public health duties of the Council including responsibility for writing the annual report on the health of the local population. (The Council has a duty

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to Publish this report under section 73B (5) & (6) of the 2006 Act and Section 31 of the 2012 Act).

8. Under section 6C of the National Health Service Act 2006;
 - (a) To ensure appropriate access to sexual health services;
 - (b) To take responsibility for the National Child Measurement Programme;
 - (c) To take responsibility for the NHS Health Check Assessment;
 - (d) Support to NHS Commissioners.
9. To input into the Local Health Resilience Partnership (LHRP) for County Durham, Darlington, and Tees Valley.
10. To seek assurance of the NHS screening programmes, both cancer and non-cancer, ante-natal and children's screening programmes, ensuring the health of the population is adequately protected and raising issues and concerns appropriately.
11. To seek assurance of the NHS immunisation programmes including children 0-5 years, HPV and seasonal flu and any other that the Secretary of State instructs, including catch up programmes, raising issues and concerns appropriately.
12. Implementing or determining, subject to any rights of review or appeal which may apply, all matters concerning the Statutory Public Health complaints procedure.
13. Setting, varying, and recovering charges in respect of certain steps taken in the exercise of health improvement duties.
14. To advise and contribute to the preparation of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.