

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

Subject: Avoidable Deaths Approach
Committee: Health and Wellbeing Board
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Key Decision: No
Part: I

Purpose of the report:

The purpose of the report is to outline a new approach to managing audit, scrutiny and review of a range of 'Avoidable Deaths' and seek endorsement of the new approach. To discuss the contents of the new approach with the board and to agree reporting by and scrutiny of the approach by the Health and Wellbeing Board

Corporate Plan

The approach relates to A Caring Council in that it is focussed on reducing health inequality and on prevention. Additionally the method is co-operative in that it will be delivered with partners in the statutory and voluntary sector

Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications: Including finance, human, IT and land

There are no additional financial implications; it is a re-direction of existing staff resources

Other Implications: e.g. Child Poverty, Community Safety, Health and Safety and Risk Management:

The approach will improve understanding of risks of death and contribute to management of those risks

Equality and Diversity

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been undertaken? No

Recommendations and Reasons for recommended action:

The Health and Wellbeing Board endorse the new approach because it will significantly improve understanding of the overlaps between avoidable deaths and thereby improve prevention across the system

Alternative options considered and rejected:

To continue to deliver in separate silos of work – this has been rejected because it does not enable disparate partners to easily share information, audit and review cases collectively and thereby distribute learning across the system of services in the city.

Published work / information:

ONS Statistical Bulletin (2017) **Avoidable mortality in England and Wales: 2015**. Available: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/causesofdeath/bulletins/avoidablemortalityinenglandandwales/2015>

Background papers:

Title	Part I	Part II	Exemption Paragraph Number						
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Avoidable Deaths Discussion Paper	x								
Avoidable Deaths Presentation	x								

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Originating SMT Member													
Has the Cabinet Member(s) agreed the contents of the report? Yes													

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