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Young Persons' and Children's Annual Quality Statements (AQS) 2018-19

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Approval/Scrutiny route: Executive Directors have been engaged in relation to the draft content and layout of both statements. The young persons' AQS and new Children's AQS were tabled at the Business Executive Team meeting as part of the approval process.

Purpose

The Board are asked to adopt the Young Persons' and new Children's AQS 2018-19.

Recommendation:

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The Board is asked to consider:

- **Adopt** the Young Persons' and new Children's AQS 2018-19.

Link to Public Health Wales [Strategic Plan](#)

Public Health Wales has an agreed strategic plan, which has identified seven strategic priorities.

This report contributes to all strategic priorities.

Summary impact analysis

Equality and Health Impact Assessment	An Equality and Health Impact Assessment is not necessary as no decision is required.
Risk and Assurance	N/A
Health and Care Standards	This report supports and/or takes into account the Health and Care Standards for NHS Wales Quality Themes Governance, Leadership and Accountability Person Centred Care Theme 1 - Staying Healthy
Financial implications	N/A
People implications	N/A

1. Purpose / situation

This paper provides an overview of the Young Persons' and new Children's versions of the Annual Quality Statement (AQS) 2018/19, which was a recommendation made by Public Health Wales Young Ambassadors.

These publications will be launched at the 2019 Public Health Wales Annual General Meeting (AGM). The Public Health Wales Young Ambassadors, along with Children who wrote the two publications, will be in attendance at the AGM.

2. Background

All NHS organisations in Wales are required by Welsh Government to produce an Annual Quality Statement to meet the requirement set out in *Together for Health* and Action 10 of the *Quality Delivery Plan*.

Public Health Wales is to date the only NHS Wales organisation to support the production of a Young Persons' AQS. The previous documents have been shared with the following professionals, bodies,

- Welsh Assembly members
- Chief Executives of all Welsh Local Authorities and NHS Wales organisations
- UK Youth Parliament
- Welsh Youth Assembly

The previous Young Persons' AQS publications have been well received by both young people and organisations. This is evidenced by the feedback received from Welsh Government in relation to the 2017/18 Annual Quality Statement which is detailed below:

'Public Health Wales' statement was one of the best, particularly the young persons' version, which no other organisation develops.'

The Public Health Young Ambassadors (PHWYA) acknowledge the work undertaken to involve their peers in the development. However, whilst writing the new version, they expressed a sense of responsibility to engage with younger children on the wider public health agenda, and suggested a children's version which would be engaging, whilst expressing important public health messages.

3. Description/Assessment

The Public Health Young Ambassadors have again developed all aspects of the Young persons' Annual Quality Statement 2018-19. At the most recent residential development session, 48 young people from 11 Local Authorities came together to write the content, design the cover, and layout all pages.

Other key developments included a shift in ownership of the publication with the PHWYA taking a lead in determining the content to reflect more local initiatives which also align to Public Health Wales Strategic Priorities.

The Children's AQS has been developed as a direct result of the leadership demonstrated by the PHWYA. Working with St John Ambulance Cymru/ Wales Badger Set, children ranging from 7-10 years of age, have been supported to create stories and supporting illustrations which convey important health messages.

All versions of Public Health Wales AQS will be shared widely in line with previous years. However, this year the PHWYA have requested that a copy of the Young Persons' AQS be shared with every comprehensive school across Wales, and to explore how the publications might be shared with schools more broadly in Wales.

Recommendation

The Board is asked to:

- **Adopt** the Young Persons' and Children's Annual Quality Statement 2018-19.