

Bid to increase health checks

As part of a new £9m contract with health providers starting next April, Hampshire County Council is aiming to increase the uptake of checks by Hampshire residents, particularly those most at risk of developing cardiovascular disease. Cllr Patricia Stallard, the County Council's Executive Member for Public Health, said: "The County Council is responsible for ensuring Hampshire residents aged 40 to 75 are invited for regular health reviews by their GP surgeries. Currently, just under half of those invited take up the offer of a check. This is something we want to see improve, so through a new contract with GPs and other health providers we are aiming to increase this, particularly among patients considered most at risk of cardiovascular disease."

Exam successes

Students in Hampshire have risen to the challenge of tougher standards for GCSEs and the impact of the new one-to-nine grading - with nine being at the top of the scale. Overall attainment in Hampshire secondary schools in 2017 remained above national attainment: 68% of pupils achieved "The Basics" (a grade 9 to 4 in both English and mathematics) against 64% nationally. 25% of pupils achieved the English Baccalaureate against 24% nationally. Also, 65% of Hampshire's students taking Key Stage 2 assessments in 2017 achieved the expected level in reading, writing and mathematics, compared with 61% nationally. Hampshire outperformed its statistical neighbours in these results.

School Place Preferences

98% of parents were offered a place for their child in one of their three preferred secondary schools for September 2018, with over 92% receiving their first choice of secondary school. Almost 99% of pupils transferring from Infant to Junior school received a place at one of their preferred schools – with 97% obtaining a place at their first choice school (consistent with the previous year).

CO2 emissions

Local Authority operations have fallen to 83,992 tonnes in 2016/17 from 86,684 the previous year (a reduction of 33.30% since 2011/12), keeping the County Council on track to meeting its target of 79,080 tonnes by 2020.

Highways Improvements

The County Council secured £12.9 million funding from Highways England which, together with a £6.6 million investment from the County Council, will enable improvements to Junction 9 of the M27 and Parkway South Roundabout, Whiteley.

Energy Programmes

£2.8 million is being invested in energy programmes, including LED Lighting, Electric Vehicles and Battery Technology, which will deliver at least £450,000 of revenue savings. The first phase of the LED lighting installation has been completed in 2017/18, with the rest of the programme to be completed in the next two years.

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