

## Public Health Nursing Service in Secondary Schools

Welcome to the Public Health Nursing Service for secondary school aged children. During the transition from primary / junior to secondary school, your Public Health Nurse may have changed.

**West Public Health Nursing team: Claire, Ruth, Janet, Louisa**

**Name of Wellbeing Associate Practitioner: Kelly**

**You may contact them on: 0300 123 6661**

We aim to identify health needs from the use of a public health questionnaire for year 7 pupils. During year 7, young people are able to discuss health and social concerns with the Public Health Nurse or Wellbeing Associate Practitioner. Due to Covid-19 this was not completed in year 7 last year. Therefore, we are now completing this for your child in year 8.

It is important that young people are up to date with their immunisations. As part of the routine Childhood Immunisation Programme in Year 8 school children will be offered the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination. In Year 9 all students will also be offered Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio and Meningitis ACWY adolescent booster vaccination (also known as school leavers booster). Information and consent forms will be sent home via school, closer to the time of these vaccinations being offered. Alternatively information can be sought through your GP or at [www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations](http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations).

Solent NHS Trust has introduced **Solent Pulse** which is a confidential service for young people and parents in Southampton to **text** and contact a qualified nurse for information or advice. The text number is: 07491 163 278 the nurse will respond within 1 working day.

There is additional information about children's health and wellbeing available at [www.what0-18.nhs.uk](http://www.what0-18.nhs.uk) and [www.what0-18.nhs.uk/solent](http://www.what0-18.nhs.uk/solent)

All children should be registered with a dentist. Information about dental advice and **how to find a dentist** is available at [http://www.wessexdentalhelpline.nhs.uk/](http://www.wessexdentalhelpline.nhs.uk) if you require an emergency dentist telephone 111.

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We offer young people a free and confidential information and advice "Drop In" service. If parents wish to see the Public Health Nurse on any issue, an appointment can be made.

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### Confidentiality Statement

**We provide a confidential service to all our clients including children and young people under 16. This means that even if a young person is under 16 nothing will be said to anyone outside the health team including parents, care workers or teachers without the young person's knowledge. The only reason we might have to pass information to other people would be if we thought that you or someone else might suffer harm if we did not do so. We would always discuss the reason for this with you. If you have any worries about confidentiality please tell us.**

**Please note anonymised (non personalised) data will be shared with Southampton City Council for public health purposes.**

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