

REPORT TO: Health and Wellbeing Board
DATE: 6th July 2022
REPORTING OFFICER: Director of Public Health
PORTFOLIO: Health
SUBJECT: Public Health Annual Report
WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Health and Wellbeing Board with an update on the development of the Halton Public Health Annual Report (PHAR).

2.0 RECOMMENDED: That the Board note the theme and development of the Public Health Annual Report.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Since 1988 Directors of Public Health (DPH) have been tasked with preparing annual reports - an independent assessment of the health of local populations. The annual report is the DPH's professional statement about the health of local communities, based on sound epidemiological evidence, and interpreted objectively.

3.2 The annual report is an important vehicle by which a DPH can identify key issues, flag problems, report progress and, thereby, serve their local populations. It will also be a key resource to inform local inter-agency action. The annual report remains a key means by which the DPH is accountable to the population they serve.

3.3 The Faculty of Public Health guidelines on DPH Annual Reports list the report aims as the following.

- Contribute to improving the health and well-being of local populations.
- Reduce health inequalities.
- Promote action for better health through measuring progress towards health targets.
- Assist with the planning and monitoring of local programmes and services that impact on health over time.

3.3 The PHAR is the Director of Public Health’s independent, expert assessment of the health of the local population. Whilst the views and contributions of local partners have been taken into account, the assessment and recommendations made in the report are those held by the DPH and do not necessarily reflect the position of the employing and partner organisations.

3.4 Each year a theme is chosen for the PHAR. Therefore it does not encompass every issue of relevance but rather focuses on a particular issue or set of linked issues. These may cover one of the three work streams of public health practice (health improvement, health protection or healthcare public health), an overarching theme, such as health inequalities, or a particular topic such as mental health or cancer.

3.5 For 2021-2022 the Public Health Annual Report will focus on the social determinants of health, particularly highlighting how individuals, communities, services and organisations can contribute to opportunities for everyone to benefit from good health and protected from harm.

3.6 The report will use the social determinants model as a guide to the key issues including the following sections:

- Social and community networks
- Living and working conditions
- General socioeconomic, cultural and economic conditions

3.7 Each chapter will cover the following areas:

- Summary of topic and why it is important
- What work has been or will be done

3.8 Summary of Chapter Content: -

Section	Chapter
Overview of the social determinants of health	Current health challenges
	Halton life course statistics
	Update on 2020 priorities
Social and community networks	COVID-19 testing across Halton communities
	Reaching temporary and transient residents
	Supporting our right to vote during COVID
	Community vaccine champions
	Supporting people to self-isolate
Living and working conditions	Case study – working with the Port to vaccinate sailors
	Case study – Genlab Industrial Ovens, Widnes
	Education psychologists supporting families

	Adult Learning Service adapting to support learners throughout the pandemic
	Supporting Apprenticeships through COVID
	Giving people financial support through COVID – test and trace payments and adapting purchase to pay to give suppliers some flexibility difficult times
	Lessons learned in Adult Social Care
	Environment health overview
Recommendations – 2020-21- Responding to a global pandemic Recommendations Update – 2021-22 – Whole community approach to health	

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Public Health Annual Report should be used to inform commissioning plans and collaborative action for the NHS, Social Care, Public Health and other key partners as appropriate.

5.0 OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None identified at this time.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL’S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children & Young People in Halton

Improving the Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People is a key priority in Halton. The PHAR will highlight the Children’s JSNA, which is a key piece of work for commissioners.

6.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

The above priority is a key determinant of health. Therefore improving outcomes in this area will have an impact on improving the health of Halton residents

6.3 A Healthy Halton

All issues outlined in this report focus directly on this priority.

6.4 A Safer Halton

Reducing the incidence of crime, improving Community Safety and reducing the fear of crime have an impact on health outcomes particularly on mental health.

There are also close links between partnerships on areas such as alcohol and domestic violence.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

The environment in which we live and the physical infrastructure of our communities has a direct impact on our health and wellbeing.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 Developing the PHAR does not present any obvious risk however, there may be risks associated with the resultant recommendations. These will be assessed as appropriate.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 This is in line with all equality and diversity issues in Halton.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

None

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