

REPORT OF THE CABINET

A ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH 2014

Introduction

1. This report concerns the publication of the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2014. The report is a statement on the health of the population of Leicestershire and Rutland and is a key resource for shaping commissioning decisions to improve the health of the population.

Background

2. The Director of Public Health is appointed jointly by Leicestershire County Council, Rutland Council and the NHS (since 2009) and leads on the monitoring and improvement of people's health in the two areas. The role of the Director of Public Health is to improve the health and wellbeing of the people of Leicestershire and Rutland. This is done by reporting publicly and independently on trends and gaps in the health and wellbeing of the population and by making recommendations for improvement to a wide range of organisations.
3. One of the duties of the Director of Public Health is to be an independent advocate for the health of their population. Annual Reports are the main way by which Directors of Public Health make their conclusions known to the public.
4. The responsibility for producing an independent report is a statutory requirement upon the County Council.
5. The latest report of the Director of Public Health on the health of the population of Leicestershire and Rutland is appended to this report.
6. This year's report focuses on the broader determinants of health and the role the whole of local government has in helping people to live healthy lives through good housing, a good education, a fulfilling job, and good personal relationships.
7. Last year's report focussed on the health of working age adults and this report includes an update on progress against the recommendations made in that report.
8. Within the report, the action that Public Health is taking with respect to the wider determinants of health is reviewed alongside key initiatives that other departments in the County Council are implementing. This sets the framework for the way in which Public Health operates within the Council, which can be defined as the following three roles:-

- as a lead (commissioning via the public health grant)
 - as a partner (developing joint initiatives) and;
 - as an advocate (championing public health issues).
9. The aim of this report is to raise awareness of the role that other departments of the County Council and partners have in improving the health of the population.
10. Implementation of the recommendations of this report will have a significant positive impact on the health of Leicestershire's population.

Equal Opportunities Implications

11. Implementation of the report's recommendations would also have a positive impact on health inequalities.

Consideration by Scrutiny, Health and Wellbeing Board and Cabinet.

12. The Health and Wellbeing Board gave its support to the Annual Report at its meeting on 16 September 2014.
12. The matter was considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 11 December, 2014 when the report was noted and the recommendations contained therein were supported.
13. The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee welcomed the report at its meeting on 12 November 2014.

(Motion to be moved:

That the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2014 be noted with support.)

11 December, 2014

N. J. Rushton
Leader of the Council

Background Papers

Report of the Director of Public Health to the meetings of the Health and Wellbeing Board on 16 September 2014, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 12 November 2014 and Cabinet on 11 December 2014 presenting the Annual Report.

<http://politics.leics.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1038&MId=3984&Ver=4>
<http://politics.leics.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1045&MId=3924&Ver=4>
<http://politics.leics.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=135&MId=4331&Ver=4>