

## B. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2012

### Introduction

1. This report concerns the publication of the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2012. 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 by 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 will be a statutory requirement upon the County Council from April 2013.
5. The latest report of the Director of Public Health on the health of the population of Leicestershire and Rutland is set out in a separate document which accompanies the Council Report booklet.
6. This year's report focuses on the health of older people, as the second in a series that will work through the life course and focus on key health issues at different stages of our lives. The report has been developed in collaboration with staff from Leicestershire County Council, Rutland Council, the Clinical Commissioning Groups, University Hospitals of Leicester, Leicestershire Partnership Trust and East Midlands South Health Protection Agency.
7. Last year's report focused on the health of children and young people and this report includes an update on progress against the recommendations made in that report.
8. The report outlines some of the major influences on health in older people, gives a picture of the current situation in Leicestershire and Rutland and makes a number of recommendations for action. The report considers the following areas:

- Frail older people;
    - Primary care, prevention and proactive care
    - Reablement, intermediate care and joint care planning
    - Enhanced home support
    - Crises - the acute care pathway
    - End of life care
  - Older people's mental health;
  - Dignity;
  - Safeguarding older people;
  - Infectious diseases in older people.
9. The Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board gave its support to the Annual Report at its meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2012.

#### **Equal Opportunities Implications**

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

#### **Consideration by Cabinet and Scrutiny**

11. The matter was considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2012 when the report was noted and the recommendations contained therein were supported.
12. The Adults, Communities and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be considering the report at its meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2012 and its views will be reported to the County Council as appropriate.

**(Motion to be moved:-**

**That the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2012 as referred to in Section B of the report of the Cabinet, be noted.)**

**13 November, 2012**

**N J Rushton  
Leader of the Council**

## **Background Papers**

### **Section A**

Report of the Chief Executive to the meeting of the Cabinet on 13 November, 2012 in Leicestershire County Council and Leicestershire Together Annual Performance Report 2011/12.

[http://politics.leics.gov.uk/Published/C00000135/M00003396/AI00032937/\\$DLCCandLTAAnnualPerformanceReport201112.doc.pdf](http://politics.leics.gov.uk/Published/C00000135/M00003396/AI00032937/$DLCCandLTAAnnualPerformanceReport201112.doc.pdf)

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### **Section B**

Director of Public Health Annual Report 2010

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