



HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 27 NOVEMBER 2013

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2013

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Health Overview and Scrutiny of the publication of the Director of Public Health's Annual Report 2013. The Annual Report is a statement on the health of the population of Leicestershire and is a key resource for shaping commissioning decisions to improve the health status of the population. A copy of the Annual Report is appended to this report.

Policy Framework and Previous Decisions

2. The Health and Wellbeing Board considered and gave its support to the Annual Report at its meeting on 5 September 2013.
3. The Cabinet considered the Annual Report at its meeting on 20 November 2013. Any comments made by the Cabinet will be reported to this meeting.
4. The responsibility for producing an independent report is a statutory requirement of the local authority.

Background

5. The Director of Public Health's (DPH) Annual Report is an independent report on the health of the population of Leicestershire. It is a statutory responsibility of the council to publish it.
6. This year's report focuses on the health of adults, as the third and final report in a series that has worked through the life course, focusing on key health issues at different stages of our lives. It has been developed in collaboration with Leicestershire County Council and Public Health England.
7. Last year's report focussed on the health and wellbeing of older 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 the health of adults, gives a picture of the current situation in Leicestershire, and makes a number of recommendations for action. The report considers the following areas:
 - Health inequalities;
 - Tobacco control;
 - Healthy weight;
 - Substance misuse;

- Sexual health;
- NHS Health Checks;
- Health at work;
- Mental health; and
- Health protection.

9. Implementation of the recommendations of this report will have a significant positive impact on the health of Leicestershire's population.

Resource Implications

10. None arising from this report. Full implementation of the recommendations of the report will require changes in resource use by a number of organisations that will need to be quantified before implementation.

Timetable for Decisions

11. The Annual Report will be considered by the County Council on 4 December 2013.

Recommendations

12. The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the Director of Public Health's Annual Report 2013 and support its recommendations

Reason for Recommendation

13. The purpose of a 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 in and by making recommendations for improvement to a wide range of organisations.

14. One of the roles of the Director of Public Health is to be an independent advocate for the health of their population. The Annual Reports are the main way by which Directors of Public Health make their conclusions known to the public.

Background papers

Director of Public Health Annual Report 2011

Director of Public Health Annual Report 2012

Both accessible from http://www.lsr-online.org/reports/director_of_public_health_annual_reports

Circulation under the Local Issues Alert Procedure

15. None.

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Relevant Impact Assessments

Equality and Human Rights Implications

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

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