



HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:
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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2014

Purpose of Report

1. The Director of Public Health's (DPH) Annual Report is a statutory independent report on the health of the population of Leicestershire.

Policy Framework and Previous Decisions

2. Last year's report focussed on the health and wellbeing of working age adults and this report includes an update on progress against the recommendations made in that report.

Background

3. This years report focuses on the broader determinants of health and the role that the whole of local government has in helping people to be healthy through, for example, good housing, a good education, a fulfilling job, and good personal relationships.
4. The report takes a structured approach to the determinants of health, as shaped by the recent King's Fund report "Improving the Public's Health. A resource for Local Authorities".
5. 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 that Public Health operates within the council, which can be defined as the following three roles:-
 - a. as a lead (commissioning via the public health grant)
 - b. as a partner (developing joint initiatives) and;
 - c. as an advocate (championing public health issues).
6. 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 and looking to adopt the World Health Organisations "Health in All Policies"

approach to embed health as a central consideration for all policies developed by Leicestershire County Council.

7. It is believed that implementation of the recommendations of this report will have a significant positive impact on the health of our population.

Consultations

8. The report is the independent report of the Director of Public Health.

Resource Implications

9. Full implementation of the recommendations of the report will need to be addressed through the commissioning cycle.

Equalities and Human Rights Implications

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

Background Papers

Director of Public Health Annual Reports from 2011 to 2013
All accessible from http://www.lsr-online.org/reports/director_of_public_health_annual_reports

Partnership Working Implications

11. The recommendations within this report focus on actions across local government that will improve the populations health. The recommendations focus not just on the actions that Public Health will need to take as a lead agency, but on the actions that they can support as a partner as well as the actions that they can influence as an advocate. The basis of the report is improving population health in partnership with other key agencies and addressing the wider determinants of health is only possible through partnership working.

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