
Report of Jane Robinson, Corporate Director, Adult and Health Services, Durham County Council; Amanda Healy, Director of Public Health, County Durham, Durham County Council; and Councillor Lucy Hovvels, Portfolio Lead for Adult and Health Services

Electoral division(s) affected:

Countywide.

Purpose of the Report

- 1 The purpose of this report is for members of the Health and Wellbeing Board to receive the 2019 annual report of the Director of Public Health for County Durham (appendix 2).

Executive summary

- 2 Under the Health and Social Care Act 2012, one of the statutory requirements of the Director of Public Health is to produce an annual report about the health of the local population. The local authority has a duty to publish the report. The government has not specified what the annual report might contain and has made it clear that this is a decision for individual Directors of Public Health to determine.
- 3 The DPH annual report for 2019 focuses on the following:
 - (a) Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) / Durham Insight;
 - (b) Update on recommendations from 2018 DPH annual report;
 - (c) The Taylor family (one year on);
 - (d) Mental health at scale;
 - (e) Healthy workforce.

Recommendations

- 4 Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are recommended to:
 - (a) Receive the 2019 annual report of the Director of Public Health, County Durham;

Background

- 5 The 2018 report focused on the new vision for the public's health in County Durham. The report shared the work that has been done to set out a new vision for the health and wellbeing of County Durham.
- 6 The report was based around a fictional family 'The Taylors' and describes the challenges the family face and is focussed on the 'assets' that the family have and how these can protect health and wellbeing.
- 7 The 2018 reports set out seven strategic priorities and specific actions against each priority for the forthcoming year.
 - Good jobs and places to live, learn and play
 - Every child to have the best start in life
 - Mental health at scale
 - High quality drug and alcohol services
 - Healthy workforce
 - Promoting positive behaviours
 - Better quality of life through integrated health and care services
- 8 The 2018 report ended with a set of recommendations.
- 9 The 2019, 2020 and 2021 DPH annual reports will provide updates on the seven strategic priorities detailed in the 2018 DPH annual report and outlined in paragraph 7.
- 10 The DPH annual report for 2019 includes the following:
 - (a) Health and wellbeing across County Durham which is based on evidence in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) / Durham Insight;
 - (b) Building on our assets, for example, 12 miles of coastline, 9 dementia friendly communities and 150 breastfeeding cafes;
 - (c) Update on recommendations from our seven strategic priorities identified in the 2018 DPH annual report;
 - (d) The Taylor family (one year on);
 - (e) A focus on the following strategic priorities and recommendations for their future work:
 - (i) Mental health at scale;
 - (ii) Healthy workforce.

- (f) A set of recommendations based on the two priority areas of focus.
- 11 The 2020 DPH annual report will focus on the following strategic priorities:
- (a) Every child to have the best start in life;
 - (b) Good jobs and places to live, learn and play.
- 12 The 2021 DPH annual report will focus on the following strategic priorities:
- (a) High quality drug and alcohol services;
 - (b) Better quality of life through integrated health and care services;
 - (c) Promoting positive behaviours.
- 13 The annual report will be uploaded onto the council website and copies provided to a range of organisations and individuals including the County Durham Clinical Commissioning Groups, NHS England, Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Sectors, Healthwatch, NHS Foundation Trusts and Public Health England. In addition, copies will be made available to the members library, to individual members (where requested), Cabinet, Overview & Scrutiny Committees and officers.

Main Implications

Legal

- 14 It is a statutory responsibility for the Director of Public Health in a local authority to prepare an annual report on the health of the local population.

Background papers

- DPH annual report 2018

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/media/10077/Director-of-Public-Health-Annual-Report-2018/pdf/PublicHealthAnnualReport2018.pdf?m=636760677930970000>

Other useful documents

- None

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Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

Section 73B (5) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 amended the National Health Service Act 2006 to include the requirement that the Director of Public Health for a local authority must prepare an annual report on the health of the people in their area. Durham County Council must publish the report.

Finance

No impact at present. However, key public health interventions are dependent on the public health ring fenced grant.

Staffing

No impact.

Risk

No impact.

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

No impact.

Accommodation

No impact.

Crime and Disorder

No impact.

Climate Change

No impact.

Human Rights

No impact.

Consultation

This is the independent report of the Director of Public Health and is not subject to consultation.

Procurement

No impact but should inform council commissioning plans in relation to services that impact on the health of the population.

Disability Issues

No impact.