
Report of Amanda Healy, Director of Public Health, Durham County Council

Purpose of the Report

- 1 The purpose of this report is for the Health and Wellbeing Board to receive the 2018 annual report of the Director of Public Health for County Durham, attached as Appendix 2.

Background

- 2 Under the Health & 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 2018 report focuses on the new vision for the public's health in County Durham. The report shares the work that has been done in the last year to set out a new vision for the health and wellbeing of County Durham. The work is built on some huge achievements over the last five years including a major reduction in smoking levels across County Durham.
- 4 The Public Health Vision emerged from the Sustainable Community Strategy as well as the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), with the aim of improving and protecting the health and wellbeing of the people of County Durham and to reduce health inequalities.
- 5 It is based around a fictional family 'The Taylors' and describes the challenges the family face. It is also very focussed on the 'assets' that the family have and how these can protect health and wellbeing.
- 6 The reports sets out seven strategic priorities and the specific actions against each priority for the forthcoming year.
- 7 The priorities are based on an understanding of the health and wellbeing needs as set out in our local JSNA and are:
 - 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
 - Positive behaviours
 - Better quality of life through integrated health and care services

- 8 The report ends with a short set of recommendations which will be reported on in 2019.
- 9 The annual report will be uploaded onto the council website. It will be presented to relevant organisations including the Joint Governing Bodies of North Durham and Durham Dales Easington and Sedgefield Clinical Commissioning Groups, Healthwatch, Overview and Scrutiny as well as the Health and Wellbeing Board. It will be shared with the Altogether Partnerships. Copies will be made available in the members library and to individual members where requested.

Recommendations

- 10 Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are requested to:
 - (a) Receive the 2018 annual report of the Director of Public Health, County Durham

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance

The publication of the report is funded by the ring fenced public health grant.

Staffing

No impact

Risk

No impact

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

No impact

Accommodation

No impact

Crime and Disorder

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

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 the area of the local authority.