

Southend Health & Wellbeing Board

Agenda
Item No.

Report of
Simon Leftley, Deputy Chief Executive (People)
to
Health & Wellbeing Board
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The 2016 Annual Report of the Director of Public Health

Part 1 (Public Agenda Item)

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. To present the 2016 Annual Report of the Director of Public Health.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. To consider and note the content of the 2016 Annual Report of the Director of Public Health.
- 2.2. To agree the recommendation to establish a multiagency subgroup of the Southend Health and Wellbeing Board to oversee the development of an action plan to ensure the implementation of the recommendations of the 2016 Annual Report of the Director of Public Health.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 requires the Director of Public Health to prepare an annual report on the health of the local population. This is an independent report which the local authority is required to publish. The report is an opportunity to focus attention on particular issues that impact on the health and wellbeing of the local population, highlight any concerns and make recommendations for further action.

4. The 2016 Annual Report of the Director of Public Health

- 4.1 Health protection is the branch of public health concerned with planning for emergencies, protecting the population from communicable diseases and a range of environmental hazards. Health protection also includes the delivery of the national immunisation and screening programmes.

- 4.2 The transfer of public health into local authorities in April 2013, brought with it new responsibilities for health and health protection. These new health protection duties build on the existing health protection function and statutory powers bestowed on local authorities by various Acts of Parliament, such as the Public Health (Control of Diseases) Act 1984, and associated regulations, and delivered through environmental health, trading standards and regulatory services.
- 4.3 The Director of Public Health, acting on behalf of their local authority, is responsible for ensuring that plans are in place to protect the health of the local population from threats ranging from relatively minor outbreaks and contaminations to full-scale emergencies. The scope and scale of this work is driven by the health risks in the local area.
- 4.4 In undertaking this assurance role, the Director of Public Health is expected to provide relevant information, advice as well as challenge to key partners so that threats to health are properly understood and addressed. Public Health England in particular plays a significant role in supporting local authorities with their new health protection responsibilities. Other key partners include NHS England, Clinical Commissioning Groups as well as provider organisations.
- 4.5 The 2016 Annual Report of the Director of Public Health provides an overview of the following health protection issues:
- Communicable Diseases and Outbreaks
 - Immunisation
 - Seasonal Influenza
 - Tuberculosis
 - Sexual Health and Blood Borne Viruses
 - Healthcare Associated Infections
 - Emergency Preparedness
 - Screening

A number of recommendations are made for each of the topic areas for the Council and relevant partners to consider.

5. Health & Wellbeing Board Priorities / Added Value

- 5.1 The 2016 Annual Report of the Director of Public Health focuses particularly on those areas in Ambition 7: Protecting Health. The report also recommends that a multiagency subgroup of the Southend Health and Wellbeing Board is established to oversee the development of an action plan to ensure the implementation of the report's recommendations.

6. Reasons for Recommendations

- 6.1. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 requires Directors of Public Health to prepare an annual report on the health of the local population.

7. Financial / Resource Implications

- 7.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from the contents of this report.

8. Legal Implications

8.1. There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

9. Equality & Diversity

9.1. The Annual Public Health Report provides evidence that population health needs are assessed and considered.

10. Background Papers

10.1. Background documents are listed in the Annual Public Health Report.

11. Appendices

11.1. The 2016 Annual Report of the Director of Public Health for Southend.

HWB Strategy Priorities

Broad Impact Goals – adding value

- a) Increased Physical Activity (prevention)
- b) Increased Aspiration and Opportunity (addressing inequality)
- c) Increased Personal Responsibility and Participation (sustainability)

Ambition 1. A positive start in life A. Children in care B. Education- Narrow the gap C. Young carers D. Children’s mental wellbeing E. Teen pregnancy F. Troubled families	Ambition 2. Promoting healthy lifestyles A. Tobacco – reducing use B. Healthy weight C. Substance & Alcohol misuse	Ambition 3. Improving mental wellbeing A. Holistic: Mental/physical B. Early intervention C. Suicide prevention/self-harm D. Support parents/postnatal
Ambition 4. A safer population A. Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults B. Domestic abuse C. Tackling Unintentional injuries among under 15s	Ambition 5. Living independently A. Personalised budgets B. Enabling community living C. Appropriate accommodation D. Personal involvement in care E. Reablement F. Supported to live independently for longer	Ambition 6. Active and healthy ageing A. Integrated health & social care services B. Reducing isolation C. Physical & mental wellbeing D. Long Term conditions– support E. Personalisation/ Empowerment
Ambition 7. Protecting health A. Increased screening B. Increased immunisations C. Infection control D. Severe weather plans in place E. Improving food hygiene	Ambition 8. Housing A. Partnership approach to; Tackle homelessness B. Deliver health, care & housing in a more joined up way C. Adequate affordable housing D. Adequate specialist housing E. Strategic understanding of stock and distribution	Ambition 9. Maximising opportunity A. Population vs. Organisational based provision B. Joint commissioning and Integration C. Tackling health inequality (improved access to services) D. Opportunities to thrive; Education, Employment