



Doncaster Council

Doncaster
Health and Wellbeing Board

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Subject: Director of Public Health Annual Report 2019

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Purpose of bringing this report to the Board	
Decision	
Recommendation to Full Council	
Endorsement	
Information	x

Implications		Applicable Yes/No
DHW Strategy Areas of Focus	Substance Misuse (Drugs and Alcohol)	X
	Mental Health	x
	Dementia	X
	Obesity	x
	Children and Families	x
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		x
Finance		
Legal		
Equalities		X
Other Implications (please list)		

How will this contribute to improving health and wellbeing in Doncaster?
<p>The Director of Public Health (DPH) has a statutory duty to write a report on the health of the local population and the authority has a duty to publish it (section 73B (5) & (6) of the 2006 Act, inserted by section 31 of the 2012 Act). The content and structure of the report is something to be decided locally.</p> <p>The 2019 Doncaster Director of Public Health Annual Report is the fifth authored by Dr Rupert Suckling.</p> <p>In an increasingly digital world, this year the delivery of the main report is as an online document which will be accessible at</p> <p>https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/health-wellbeing/about-public-health</p>

This report includes an assessment of whether or not health is improving in Doncaster. The report shows that there is a slowdown in health improvement. It also shows how averages mask inequalities between different groups of people in Doncaster. The report demonstrates how the public health grant is committed locally, how those commissioned services perform and how the public health grant and the action of the public health team and partners combine to address the most pressing local health issues.

The comparison of the performance of public health commissioned services is included for the first time. The ranking of tobacco control is based on the high rates of smoking in the in the adult population (19.6%) and smoking during pregnancy (15.9%). This national indicator does not include any data in the effectiveness of local specialist smoking cessation services. This annual report does include a call to action on tobacco control. Tobacco is still the leading cause of preventable ill health and premature deaths in the Borough. Despite high quality specialised smoking cessation services in Doncaster, as many people are starting to smoke each year as quit resulting in no overall reduction in smoking numbers.

The Best start in life indicator is made up of 2 process measures, the percentage of new birth visits within 14 days and the percentage of children receiving an 'Ages and Stages' assessment between 2 and 2 1/2 years old. It also includes an assessment of school readiness that is improving and an assessment of breast-feeding at 6-8 weeks, which is 30%.

Whilst alcohol and drug treatment indicators are good in this report, there will be changes as to how these indicators are calculated in future years. It is likely that performance will deteriorate, as both indicators will include an assessment of unmet need.

Finally, the report provides a summary of progress on the recommendations from my previous reports and I make three new recommendations for 2020.

- Doncaster partners should continue to embed a population health approach focussed on four related activities addressing:
 - The wider determinants of health
 - Our health behaviours
 - The places and communities we live in and with
 - Integrating health and care services into an integrated health and care system
- Doncaster Council should consider an LGA prevention peer review
- Doncaster Council public health function should continue to take a sector led improvement approach to quality improvement

Recommendations

The Board is asked to:-

NOTE the report and consider how the recommendations can be taken forward in future strategy and delivery plans.