



Doncaster Council

Report

Date: 21st January 2021

To the Chair and Members of the Council
Director of Public Health Annual Report 2020

| Relevant Cabinet Member(s) | Wards Affected | Key Decision |
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| Cllr Nigel Ball | All | No |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The 2020 Doncaster Director of Public Health Annual Report is the sixth authored by Dr Rupert Suckling.

In an increasingly digital world, this year the delivery of the main report will be as an online document. However, the text of the report is attached for ease of access.

This report describes the course of the global COVID-19 pandemic in Doncaster, includes a rapid assessment of whether health is improving locally. The report also demonstrates how the public health grant is used locally and how those commissioned services perform. Finally the report points to the role and content of a new borough strategy to support the recovery and renewal of Doncaster over the next decade.

The immediate lessons learnt from the COVID -19 pandemic include

- Doncaster people, families, communities, businesses, groups and institutions have all pulled together amazingly, responding to need quickly and effectively.
- The importance of 'Key workers' was reinforced during the first national lockdown.
- Not everyone was impacted equally. Existing inequalities, poverty and social exclusion were highlighted and the following impacts were felt differently locally
 - Impacts directly from COVID

- Impacts of overwhelmed health services
 - Impacts of changes to health services
 - Impacts of lockdown and other measures
 - Impacts on particular communities and groups
- National decision makers are too remote and lack the local knowledge needed for many decisions including the relaxing of the first national lockdown, the re-opening of schools and return of elite sporting events.
 - Pandemic preparation should not be neglected. This includes better understanding of how local people live their lives, investment in health protection, establishing clear, agile, system leadership and supporting better data to aid management as well as increasing transparency.
 - Health and the economy are intrinsically linked and the best way to address the pandemic is good for both health and the economy.

The report concludes with five recommendations for Team Doncaster and partners:

- Recognise, celebrate and support the role of 'Key workers' in the way Doncaster operates
- Develop and adopt a new Borough strategy to spearhead recovery and renewal
- Continue to develop asset based, community centred approaches to health and wellbeing working with and for communities
- Revitalise approaches to health inequalities, poverty and social exclusion
- Learn the lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic and continue to prepare for future public health emergencies in light of the creation of the National Institute for Health Protection (NIHP) following the review of Public Health England

EXEMPT REPORT

2. No

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. Council is asked to NOTE and PUBLISH the report.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

4. The publication of this report demonstrates the council's commitment to its leadership duties with regard to health improvement, health protection and health and social care quality.

BACKGROUND

5. 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.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

6. No other options considered.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

7. The recommendation fulfils the council's duty to publish the Director of Public Health annual report.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

8.

| | Outcomes | Implications |
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| | <p>Doncaster Working: Our vision is for more people to be able to pursue their ambitions through work that gives them and Doncaster a brighter and prosperous future;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Better access to good fulfilling work• Doncaster businesses are supported to flourish• Inward Investment | Good health and wellbeing is a contributor to increased productivity. Equally good quality work contributes to good health and wellbeing. |
| | <p>Doncaster Living: Our vision is for Doncaster's people to live in a borough that is vibrant and full of opportunity, where people enjoy spending time;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The town centres are the beating heart of Doncaster• More people can live in a good quality, affordable home• Healthy and Vibrant Communities through Physical Activity and Sport• Everyone takes responsibility for keeping Doncaster Clean• Building on our cultural, artistic and sporting heritage | All these wider determinants of health improve health and wellbeing. Combining universal and targeted investment could reduce health inequalities. |
| | <p>Doncaster Learning: Our vision is for learning that prepares all children, young people and adults for a life that is fulfilling;</p> | Good health and wellbeing is a contributor to improved learning outcomes. Equally good learning outcomes contribute to good health and |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every child has life-changing learning experiences within and beyond school • Many more great teachers work in Doncaster Schools that are good or better • Learning in Doncaster prepares young people for the world of work | wellbeing. |
| | <p>Doncaster Caring: Our vision is for a borough that cares together for its most vulnerable residents;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children have the best start in life • Vulnerable families and individuals have support from someone they trust • Older people can live well and independently in their own homes | Universal and targeted prevention approaches can improve health and reduce burdens on health and care services. |
| | <p>Connected Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A modern, efficient and flexible workforce • Modern, accessible customer interactions • Operating within our resources and delivering value for money • A co-ordinated, whole person, whole life focus on the needs and aspirations of residents • Building community resilience and self-reliance by connecting community assets and strengths • Working with our partners and residents to provide effective leadership and governance | A more connected council could support better health and wellbeing in Doncaster people and improved health and wellbeing in the workforce could increase the effectiveness of the council. |

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

9. There are no specific risks associated with this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials SRF Date...05/01/2021]

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials HR Date 06/01/21]

11. There are no specific financial implications arising from this report.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials EL Date 08/01/2021]

12. There are no specific human resource implications with this report.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials PW Date 07/01/21]

13. There are no specific technology implications with this report.

HEALTH IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials RS..Date 29/12/2020]

14. There are no additional health implications in this report.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials RS Date 29/12/2020]

15. This report continues to identify reducing health inequalities and addressing fairness as one of five building blocks for health and wellbeing. Health varies across the Borough and is associated with deprivation, with those living in the most affluent parts of the Borough perceiving, experiencing and having better health than those living in the less affluent parts of the Borough.

CONSULTATION

16. No formal consultation has taken place to contribute to this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

17. Director of Public Health Annual Report 2020.

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