



Doncaster Council

Report

Date: 19th January 2023

To: Chair and Members of the Council

Report Title: Director of Public Health Annual Report 2022

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The 2022 Doncaster Director of Public Health Annual Report is the eighth authored by Dr Rupert Suckling.
2. The report begins with a high level assessment of how the overall health status is changing in Doncaster. This year it is clear there are significant reductions in life expectancy, healthy life expectancy and increases in health inequality. These are caused by the direct and indirect impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on top of a worsening picture for the last decade. COVID-19 has not been the only infectious disease we have had to address this year. A national incident was declared in response to Monkeypox in the summer of 2022 and at the end of the year there was an increase in invasive Group A Streptococcal disease. It is not just infectious diseases though, the disruption to people's lives, livelihoods, the services and institutions we rely on from the pandemic have been profound and many are yet to fully recover. The pandemic has unearthed and exacerbated long standing inequalities experienced by older residents, those in key worker roles, those in poverty and those from ethnic minorities. Women have borne the brunt of the pandemic as formal caring, informal caring, childcare and home schooling roles all needed to be fulfilled, at the same time as working shifts or working remotely. This burden continues and is likely to be a contributor to the reduction in women's healthy life expectancy in 2022.

3. Doncaster has also experienced several other crises. Doncaster continues to be on the frontline of the climate emergency with record river levels in the spring and record temperatures in the summer, both leading to health and social impacts. Doncaster has continued to play its part supporting refugees and asylum seekers displaced by conflict, including the war in Ukraine. Yet the biggest crisis may only be unfolding now – and that is the ‘cost of living crisis’, caused by rising inflation because of the Ukraine war and the impact on global energy and food process, ongoing impacts from leaving the EU on top of people’s sheer exhaustion at dealing with one crisis after another.
4. Finally the report provides a set of recommendations for Team Doncaster partners
 - Revitalise approaches to health inequalities, poverty and social exclusion taking into account the new Geneva Charter for Wellbeing, learning from both the ‘cost of living crisis’ and the Doncaster Fairness & Wellbeing Commission.
 - Review and refresh the Health and Wellbeing Strategy to set out action to address health inequalities, improve healthy life expectancy especially for women, reduce preventable mortality and related risk factors across the life course including children and young people’s mental health and increase the confidence in local people to self-manage their health conditions.
 - Review the implementation Doncaster Delivering Together, clarifying accountability and deliverables for the next two years.
 - Secure long term community centred working including asset based, community centred approaches to improve health and wellbeing working with and for communities, in the present and for future generations by developing a Team Doncaster community prevention model.
 - Maximise the impact of the new Health Determinant Research Collaboration.
 - Continue to prepare for emergencies, build resilience and maintain response capabilities and capacity, working with local and national partners.

EXEMPT REPORT

5. No

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

7. 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

8. 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



9. No other options considered.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

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

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL’S KEY OUTCOMES

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Great 8 Priority	Positive Overall	Mix of Positive & Negative	Trade-offs to consider – Negative overall	Neutral or No implications
 Tackling Climate Change	✓			
Comments: The Director of Public Health Annual Report makes reference to climate change and the local implications of flooding, wildfires and health impacts.				
 Developing the skills to thrive in life and in work	✓			

Comments: The Director of Public Health Annual Report makes reference to the numbers of people out of work, the impacts of the pandemic on communication skills in children and the loss of education.

 **Making Doncaster the best place to do business and create good jobs**



Comments: The Director of Public Health Annual Report makes reference to the need for the City to have a thriving economy.

 **Building opportunities for healthier, happier and longer lives for all**



Comments: The Director of Public Health Annual Report makes reference to health status across Doncaster and some of the recommendations address this priority.

 **Creating safer, stronger, greener and cleaner communities where everyone belongs**



Comments: The Director of Public Health Annual Report makes reference to wider determinants of health.

 **Nurturing a child and family-friendly borough**




Comments: The Director of Public Health Annual Report makes reference to the health and wellbeing of children, young people and families.

 **Building Transport and digital connections fit for the future**



Comments: The Director of Public Health Annual Report makes reference to wider determinants of health.

 Promoting the borough and its cultural, sporting, and heritage opportunities	✓			
Comments: The Director of Public Health Annual Report makes reference to wider determinants of health.				
Fair & Inclusive	✓			
Comments: The Director of Public Health Annual Report makes explicit the link between fairness, inclusion and health.				

Legal Implications [Officer Initials: SRF Date: 16.12.22]

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Financial Implications HR 14/12/22

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

Human Resources Implications [Officer Initials: EL | Date: 16/12/2022]

- There are no specific human resource implications with this report

Technology Implications [Officer Initials: PW Date: 15/12/22]

- There are no specific technology implications with this report.

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

- There are no specific risks associated with this report.

CONSULTATION

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Director of Public Health Annual Report 2022.

GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

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