



Subject: Director of Public Health Annual Report 2022

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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 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</p>

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.

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 prices, ongoing impacts from leaving the EU on top of people's sheer exhaustion at dealing with one crisis after another.

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.

Recommendations

The Board is asked to:-

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