

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Annual Report of the Director of Public Health</b>
<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	Health and Wellbeing Board
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> March 2016

**Purpose of Report:** To present the Director of Public Health's annual report to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

**Recommended Action:** To note the report.

*When decisions of the Health and Wellbeing Board impact on the finances or general operation of the Council, recommendations of the Board must be referred up to the Executive for final determination and decision.*

<b>Will the recommendation require the matter to be referred to the Council's Executive for final determination?</b>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Is this item relevant to equality?</b>	Please tick relevant boxes		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Does the policy affect service users, employees or the wider community and:				
• Is it likely to affect people with particular protected characteristics differently?			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Is it a major policy, significantly affecting how functions are delivered?			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Will the policy have a significant impact on how other organisations operate in terms of equality?			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Does the policy relate to functions that engagement has identified as being important to people with particular protected characteristics?			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Does the policy relate to an area with known inequalities?			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Outcome</b> Where one or more 'Yes' boxes are ticked, the item is relevant to equality. In this instance please give details of how the item impacts upon the equality streams under the executive report section as outlined.				

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# Executive Summary

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The attached paper presents the DPH annual report to the Health and Wellbeing board .

## 2. Context

- 2.1 In general the statutory responsibilities of the DPH are designed to match exactly the corporate public health duties of their local authority. The exception is the annual report on the health of the local population – the DPH has a duty to write a report, whereas the authority’s duty is to publish it (section 31 of the 2012 Act).
- 2.2 The role of the Director of Public Health is to be an independent advocate for the health of the residents in this authority. The annual report is an independent review of the health of the residents intended to inform and support the local organisations in addressing health needs. As previously the local report is not a summary of the needs of the local population since the JSNA is available which gives the key health issues , the report focuses on one area of our population in more detail to highlight key issues and stimulate debate and development.
- 2.3 The aim of the report is to raise issues with a sense of curiosity and to surface evidence that is available to shape our collective approach to service and health improvement.

## 3. DPH annual report 2014/15

- 3.1 Last years annual report raised and described the issue of Mental Health within our population and described in both childhood and adulthood the widespread impact and inequality that this major health issue caused locally.
- 3.2 This publication of the report was coupled with a new sense of priority around mental health services in the national NHS guidance and positively this year (2015/6) has seen significant investments in this major area of health burden and inequality. Moreover it has been a major area of work in the Health and Well being Board arena and joint work between the NHS and local government. Developments that have occurred include street triage services for residents in crisis, improved capacity and access to services and improvement in mental health prevention and promotion services .
- 3.3 Whilst we are just seeing the impact on service experience for our residents this is the start of a long journey to achieve parity of esteem and understandably yet to be translated into improved outcomes for residents . We will review the indices around mental health as part of the JSNA annually and continue to review the trends on outcomes over the coming years.

## 4. 2015/16 Annual report

- 4.1 This years annual report focuses on Childrens health in its broader sense. Each organisation is charged with improving the health of our local residents and to reduce health inequalities. If we look to the evidence then the priority area to

address if we are serious about reducing health inequalities is giving children the best start in life. This report highlights some of the issues that challenge our children and highlights some of the inequalities that work within this group. Services can be too focussed on clinical conditions and not recognise the huge impact that other issues contribute to outcomes. Education and health are intertwined. And many of us know that where you live will have a significant impact on your chances of a healthy life and your use of, or access to support. However too often we simply think that inequalities are only about where you live, whilst this does have a huge impact on life chances there are other factors that are also at work.

## **5. Summary**

- 5.1 The report is presented to stimulate discussion and debate and inform the work of the HWB board.

## **Appendices**

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Appendix A – Draft Annual Report of the Director of Public Health

## **Consultees**

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**Local Stakeholders:** \*

**Officers Consulted:** \*

**Trade Union:** \*