

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH 2018 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ANNUAL
REPORT****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval for the publication of the independent Director of Public Health's Annual Report for 2018.

Information

2. The attached report is the independent Annual Report of the Director of Public Health (DPH) for the year 2018.
3. The DPH Annual Report is a statutory requirement. 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 73B (5) and (6) of the Health Act 2006 inserted by section 31 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012). The content and structure of the report is something to be decided locally.
4. The Association of Directors of Public Health together with the Faculty of Public Health has published guidance about the production of the independent Annual Report. This identifies the Annual Report as an important vehicle by which DsPH can identify key issues, flag up problems, report progress and thereby serve their local populations. It is also a key resource to inform stakeholders of priorities and recommend actions to improve and protect the health of the communities they serve.
5. The 2018 Nottinghamshire DPH Annual Report focuses on the topical subject of violence prevention, within the context of Public Health. This topic was selected after consultation with key local stakeholders such as Nottinghamshire Police and the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner. Their views helped to shape the content of the report, which should be read alongside the violence prevention and community safety plans of other organisations in Nottinghamshire. The report takes a broad approach to the definition of violence, referencing violent crime, including knife crime; self-directed violence, such as suicide and self-harm; and violence within interpersonal relationships, such as domestic and sexual violence.
6. Chapter 1 introduces the report with a broad look at the health of the population of Nottinghamshire, and describes how prevention activity can work at an early stage to reduce later ill health and prevent the need for expenditure "downstream". Violence prevention is selected as a topic for in depth consideration of prevention in this year's report, as the far-

reaching impacts of violence and its close association with ill-health and poor wellbeing mean that it is increasingly identified as a problem which requires a public health approach. Chapter 2 describes in detail the nature of violence in Nottinghamshire and its prevalence within the local population. Chapter 3 explains how Public Health approaches can help to prevent or reduce the impact of violence, describing some case-study examples and making recommendations about how to improve data sharing and routine enquiry to help identify survivors of violence.

7. The following four chapters each focus on a particular aspect, as follows:

- a. Chapter 4 - young people and the link between adverse experiences in childhood and violence. The report recommends training for front line staff in how to recognise and appropriately respond to signs of abuse and other types of trauma in children & young people. It also describes activity underway to develop resilience in order to reduce the impact and incidence of violence among young people.
 - b. Chapter 5 - self-directed violence. This chapter describes work underway in Nottinghamshire to prevent suicide deaths and to support good mental health. It makes recommendations for additional activity, such as promoting the Every Mind Matters self-care guide and ensuring that all A&E departments follow best practice guidance in the assessment and treatment of self-harm.
 - c. Chapter 6 - domestic and sexual violence. The chapter recommends actions to improve the response to and reduce the incidence of domestic violence and abuse. It also references the importance of working with perpetrators and people at risk of becoming perpetrators, through pilot activities and programmes working with young people.
 - d. Chapter 7 - alcohol and its association with violence. The chapter describes the work of the Nottinghamshire Local Alcohol Action Areas and makes recommendations to reduce the consumption of alcohol through availability controls - via use of licensing and pricing mechanisms - and through behavioural approaches.
8. Chapter 8 concludes the report, signposts readers to other sources of information, and collates all of the report's recommendations.
9. Annexes contain an update on progress against the recommendations contained in the previous year's Annual Report and a list of the references in the report.
10. The Annual Report is intended to be a public document and to be disseminated widely within the local area. The Faculty of Public Health and the Association of Directors of Public Health guidance states that dissemination through a variety of outlets will ensure the widest possible audience. The Annual Report also presents an opportunity to demonstrate to the wider community how the Council fulfils elements of its statutory responsibilities around Public Health.

Other Options Considered

11. No other options considered.

Reason for Recommendations

12. Publication of the DPH Annual Report is a statutory requirement. The publication also presents an opportunity to inform partners and the public of Public Health activities being undertaken, and to secure support from partners for contributions to this agenda.

Statutory and Policy Implications

13. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

14. Design and print costs and staff time involved in preparing the report form part of the Public Health divisional running costs, which are met from within the Council's allocation of Public Health grant.

Implications in relation to the NHS Constitution

15. In line with the values of the NHS Constitution, the DPH Annual Report highlights work undertaken across organisational boundaries to protect and improve the health and wellbeing of the County's population. The recommendations within the Annual Report are not just for the Council, but for other agencies, including CCGs.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That Members approve the publication of the independent Director of Public Health's Annual Report for 2018.

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Constitutional Comments (EP 23/10/2018)

16. The recommendations fall within the remit of the Policy Committee by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (DG 23/10/18)

17. The financial implications are contained within paragraph 14 of this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- Faculty of Public Health and Association of Directors of Public Health, Guidance on production of DPH Annual Report, October 2016; <http://www.adph.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/DPH-Annual-Report-guidelines.pdf>

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All