

Director of Public Health Annual Report 2022/23

To: Adults and Health Committee
Meeting Date: 15 December 2022
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Electoral division(s): All
Key decision: No
Forward Plan ref: N/A

Outcome: To successfully reduce inequalities in health outcomes through the systematically planned and delivered use of universal approaches supplemented with systematically identified individuals in need receiving evidence based interventions.

Recommendation: The Adults and Health Committee are recommended to:

note the independent report 2022/23 from the Director of Public Health for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

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1. Background

- 1.1 Directors of Public Health have a statutory requirement to write an annual independent report on the health of their population. The report is to raise awareness and understanding of local health issues, highlight areas of **specific concern** and make recommendations for change.
- 1.2 The Director of Public Health Annual Report 2022/23: To be Fair: Evidence-led approaches to addressing health inequalities in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is presented in Appendix A as an information report to the Adults and Health committee.

2. Main Issues

- 2.1 Health inequalities are unfair and avoidable differences in health between people or communities. The exposure and exacerbation of health inequalities through the Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in focused attention on health inequalities and renewed interest in addressing them. Yet our awareness of health inequalities and our desire to address them is not new.
- 2.2 The Director of Public Health Report 2022/23 (appendix A) draft report explores some of the reasons for this and outlines some approaches, based on evidence and experience, that may materially improve outcomes for those who are experiencing inequalities and therefore reduce inequalities.
- 2.3 The report explains the issues around targeting by geography which can miss most individuals that would benefit from public health interventions. The annual report continues to provide a case for universal approaches explaining how targeted approaches focus on relatively small number of people and these will not work at reducing overall risk in the population. The limitations of universal approaches are also addressed in the report.
- 2.4 The Annual Report provides a number of recommendations to reducing inequalities; with a focus on intelligence-led and evidence-based universal approaches, systematically planning and delivering universal interventions to enable access to all and support to those that need it.

3. Alignment with corporate priorities

Report authors should evaluate the proposal(s) in light of their alignment with the following five Corporate Priorities [Strategic Framework 2022-2023](#).

3.1 Environment and Sustainability

There are no significant implications for this priority.

3.2 Health and Care

The whole report Appendix A sets out the implications for this priority

3.3 Places and Communities

There are no significant implications for this priority.

3.4 Children and Young People

There are no significant implications for this priority.

3.5 Transport

There are no significant implications for this priority.

4. Source documents guidance

4.1 Source documents

All source documents are referenced in The Director of Public Health Annual Report 2022/23 "To be Fair: Evidence-led approaches to addressing health inequalities in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough"

4.2 Location

The final web-based version is in production and will be available on the council website shortly.