

ANNUAL PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT

To: **Health Committee**

Meeting Date: **29TH May 2014**

From: **Director of Public Health**

Electoral division(s): **All**

Forward Plan ref: **Key decision: No**

Purpose: **To present the Annual Public Health Report to the Health Committee**

Recommendation: **The Committee is asked to consider the information and potential priorities identified in the Report**

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The transfer of public health responsibilities from the NHS to local authorities in April 2013 includes a requirement for directors of public health to prepare an independent annual report on the health of local people. The Annual Public Health Report (APHR) attached at Appendix 1 fulfils this requirement. This year the content of the APHR is based on the findings of the national Public Health Outcomes Framework, which provides detailed information on health in Cambridgeshire compared with other areas nationally, including the lifestyle and environmental factors which influence health.

2. MAIN ISSUES

- 2.1 The APHR covers the overarching outcome indicators in the Public Health Outcomes Framework (PHOF) which are:

- Increased healthy life expectancy
- Reduced differences in life expectancy and healthy life expectancy between communities

as well as the four main domains of the PHOF:

- Improving the wider determinants of health
- Health improvement
- Health protection
- Healthcare public health and preventing premature mortality.

- 2.2 Having reviewed the data for Cambridgeshire and compared local figures with other areas nationally, some potential priorities for local action, where we might be able to improve outcomes locally by learning from good practice elsewhere were identified:

- Targeted work to understand and address high rates of smoking in parts of the county
- A focus across organisations on inequalities in the early years
- Work with communities in Fenland on health and lifestyles
- Build a preventive approach to mental health in the county
- Review reasons for lower coverage of individual vaccination and screening programme and take action to address this

The majority of these opportunities would need to be addressed in partnership across different organisations, rather than through one organisation working alone.

3. ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 Developing the local economy for the benefit of all

The PHOF includes some indicators which are relevant to the local economy such as 'children in poverty', '16-18 year olds not in employment, education or training', 'employment rate gap for those with a long term health condition', 'employment rate gap for those with a learning disability', 'employment gap for those in contact with secondary mental health services', 'employees sickness

absence' and 'working days lost due to sickness absence'. Benchmarking of these indicators for Cambridgeshire is included in the APHR.

3.2 Helping people live healthy and independent lives

The APHR describes a range of information relevant to helping people live healthy and independent lives.

3.3 Supporting and protecting vulnerable people

The APHR describes a range of information relevant to helping support and protect vulnerable people.

4. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Resource Implications

There are no immediate resource implications from the APHR, although addressing the identified opportunities for action would require redirection of some resources.

4.2 Statutory, Risk and Legal Implications

Preparation of an independent Annual Public Health Report is a statutory duty of the director of public health.

4.3 Equality and Diversity Implications

The APHR considers health inequalities in Cambridgeshire.

4.4 Engagement and Consultation Implications

There are no immediate engagement and consultation implications.

4.5 Localism and Local Member Involvement

The APHR demonstrates that some public health issues and outcomes vary across different parts of the county, so may require local rather than county-wide action.

4.6 Public Health Implications

Covered in the main body of the report.

Source Documents	Location
Public Health Outcomes Framework	www.phoutcomes.info