

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee	Cabinet
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Title:	Annual Report of the Director of Public Health
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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this paper is to present the latest Director of Public Health's Annual Report to Cabinet, ahead of publication. The Director of Public Health's annual report is one of the ways in which I can highlight specific issues to improve the health and wellbeing of the people of Hampshire.

Recommendations

2. It is recommended that Cabinet:
 - a) notes the 2018-2019 annual report of the Director of Public Health and
 - b) approves publication of the report.

Executive Summary

3. This year's report is a Public Health Approach to preventing Violence; an issue which has had much national focus over the past year. Whilst the numbers of violent incidents in Hampshire are low compared to many other parts of the country, the impact of each incident is devastating for the individuals and communities affected. Serious violence has a range of complex causes and takes many forms - not of all which are visible. It has negative economic and social consequences and is a significant cause of physical, mental and emotional ill health.
4. The report defines violence and the value of taking a public health approach to reducing it; it explores what we know about violence locally and identifies where we can intervene to prevent violence, focusing on those services for which public health has direct responsibility. We know that most violence is preventable, and I want to embed a public health approach to reducing violence across Hampshire.

Contextual information

5. The 2012 Health and Care Act placed a statutory duty on upper tier Local Authorities to improve and protect the health of their residents.
6. The Director of Public Health has a statutory duty to produce an annual report about the health of the local population. The content and structure of the report is decided each year by the Director of Public Health, based on local topics and priorities. The requirement placed on Hampshire County Council as the relevant local authority is to publish the report.
7. The annual report of the Director of Public Health is appended to this report.

Issues

8. Whilst recognising the many forms inter-personal violence can take, the report focuses in on four types of violence. These are all areas where public health commissioned services play a direct or indirect role: alcohol and drug related violence; domestic violence; child and adolescent to parent violence and sexual violence. For each area the report explores what is understood about this type of violence; quantifying the scale of the issue in Hampshire where possible; the evidence of what works; the programmes available to prevent violence in Hampshire, and the challenges faced.
9. The report identifies a range of actions for how we can collectively work across departments, organisations and communities to achieve this. This is alongside working together across the system including through new initiative including the Violence Reduction Funding. The recommendations are:
10. Reduce children and young people's risk factors for violence, by working with schools and other youth settings to raise awareness of the new requirements for both Relationships Education, and Relationships and Sex Education and to implement them from September 2019.
11. Improve children and young people's emotional health by implementing the Hampshire Emotional Wellbeing Strategy for Children and Young People.
12. Ensure that schools are aware of the comprehensive drugs and alcohol offer available to them which includes bulletins, workshops, training for staff and targeted work with young people who are vulnerable and at risk.
13. Shape the availability of alcohol in local areas, by providing public health advice to district/borough Statement of Licensing Policies and supporting the licensing decision process.
14. Raise public awareness of preventative services and the public's role in safeguarding through a range of different channels and media, and by utilising a range of messengers including community champions.

15. Ensure all frontline health and care services work together to identify, support and refer those at risk of violence; those experiencing violence and those who perpetrate violence, by ensuring appropriate staff training and care pathways are in place and by monitoring the impact.
16. Lead and contribute to multi-agency partnerships to reduce serious violence, through a 'whole system' approach to dealing with DVA, with all areas of the system acknowledging, owning and resourcing their responsibilities in addressing the complex issues relating to DVA for all members of the family.
17. Work in partnership to improve the identification of and support for those who are vulnerable and at risk by contributing to multi-agency intelligence systems.

Consultation and Equalities

18. This report considers some of the health issues that are relevant to Hampshire residents. It does not directly impact on people and communities as would a specific proposal or project. It identifies the current situation, including any interventions already in place, which address these health issues, and makes recommendations which will further impact positively on Hampshire's population and future health and social care requirements. All interventions mentioned in this report whether already in existence or proposed would be subject to an Equality Impact Assessment.

Future Direction

19. The recommendations in the 2018-19 report will be realised over the next two-five years through various interventions and programmes many of which are already underway and include a return on investment approach for Hampshire County Council.
20. The report will be published once it has been agreed by Cabinet. It will be a public document and will be available through the Hampshire Public Health web pages.

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	yes
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	yes

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
The Health and Care Act 2012	2012

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

2.1. This report considers the health issues relevant to Hampshire residents. In discussing these, reference is made to the relationship between the determinants of health, consequences of ill health and impact on individuals, families and their communities, which touches upon crime and disorder. The report outlines possible solutions which would address these impacts

3. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

3.1. This report does not create any impact on crime and disorder.

4. Climate Change:

4.1. There are no specific proposals contained within this report which would impact on our carbon footprint/energy consumption although implementation of the recommendations could have a beneficial impact on climate change.