

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	15 March 2022
Title:	Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2021-22 - Covid-19: addressing inequalities in mental health and wellbeing across Hampshire.
Report From:	Director of Public Health

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1. The decision:

That Cabinet

1.1. Note the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2021.

1.2. Endorse the recommendations within the Annual Report as listed below:

- a) Work with partners across Hampshire to promote a prevention-focused approach towards improving the public's mental and emotional health through progressing the work of Hampshire's Mental Health Prevention Concordat.
- b) Work alongside community, voluntary sector and district partners to identify how we can support mental health and wellbeing for people from ethnic minority backgrounds and other populations at increased risk of COVID-19 in Hampshire. This includes utilising Community Researchers to engage with their communities to understand key issues around mental and emotional health and wellbeing.
- c) Mobilise community assets to promote mental and physical health and wellbeing via the implementation of a Community Champion programme, whilst also strengthening communities through a sustained Men's Activity Network.
- d) Strengthen the pathways for people with co-occurring mental health and alcohol and drug use conditions, working with the NHS Transforming Mental Health Services programme
- e) Ensuring that mental health services are equally accessible for everyone, including those from ethnic minority groups who are more likely to have been affected by the impact of COVID-19.

- f) Focus on the wider social and economic factors to address inequalities and mental health. For example, understanding the impact of COVID-19 on people's personal finances and mental wellbeing and seeking to address these through targeted resources for residents and training programmes to support front-line staff.
- g) Building capacity and capability across frontline workforces to prevent mental health problems and promote good mental and emotional wellbeing within their everyday practice using the Public Mental Health Leadership and Workforce Development Framework Call to Action.
- h) Continuing to promote public-facing culturally competent mental and emotional wellbeing resources and targeted communications campaigns, especially to address areas of inequalities

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

2.1. To present the annual report of the Director of Public Health to Cabinet.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. None.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

15 March 2022

**Chairman of Cabinet
Councillor Keith Mans**