

**REPORT TO:** Health and Wellbeing Board  
**DATE:** 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014  
**REPORTING OFFICER:** Director of Public Health  
**PORTFOLIO:** Health and Wellbeing  
**SUBJECT:** Public Health Annual Report  
**WARD(S)** Borough-wide

## 1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Health and Wellbeing Board with an update on the development of the Halton Public Health Annual Report (PHAR).

## 2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board note the theme and development of the Public Health Annual Report.

## 3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 Since 1988 Directors of Public Health have been tasked with preparing annual reports - an independent assessment of the health of local populations. The annual report is the DPH's professional statement about the health of local communities, based on sound epidemiological evidence, and interpreted objectively.
- 3.2 The annual report is an important vehicle by which a DPH can identify key issues, flag problems, report progress and, thereby, serve their local populations. It will also be a key resource to inform local inter-agency action. The annual report remains a key means by which the DPH is accountable to the population they serve.
- 3.3 The Faculty of Public Health guidelines on DPH Annual Reports list the report aims as the following.
- Contribute to improving the health and well-being of local populations.
  - Reduce health inequalities.
  - Promote action for better health through measuring progress towards health targets.
  - Assist with the planning and monitoring of local programmes and services that impact on health over time.

- 3.3 The PHAR is the Director of Public Health's independent, expert assessment of the health of the local population. Whilst the views and contributions of local partners have been taken into account, the assessment and recommendations made in the report are those held by the DPH and do not necessarily reflect the position of the employing and partner organisations.
- 3.4 Each year a theme is chosen for the PHAR. Therefore it does not encompass every issue of relevance but rather focuses on a particular issue or set of linked issues. These may cover one of the three work streams of public health practice (health improvement, health protection or healthcare public health), an over-arching theme, such as health inequalities, or a particular topic such as mental health or cancer.
- 3.5 For the 2013-14 the Public Health Annual Report will cover the topic of reducing alcohol related harm in Halton. This topic has been chosen as alcohol harm reduction is a key priority within the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- 3.6 How best we can reduce alcohol related harm in Halton will be outlined using a life-course approach from pre-conception and early years through to older adults. There will also be a "Communities" chapter which will look at the issue from a Safer Halton perspective by focussing on promoting community safety, the night-time economy and licensing and enforcement.
- 3.7 Each chapter has a lead author who has been tasked with producing the relevant section. Chapter content will cover the following areas:
- Key issues
  - Background- overview of alcohol related harm
  - What makes a difference- what works (national evidence base e.g. NICE), examples of good practice provided through local case studies
  - Where are the gaps?
  - Recommendations

### 3.8 Summary of Outline and Example Content

Chapter	Section and Example Content
1.	<p><b>Pre-conception and early years:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of alcohol related harm during pregnancy and the early years</li> <li>• Reducing alcohol related harm during pregnancy – evidence base and local actions related to prevention, early identification and treatment (including local case studies)</li> <li>• Alcohol and the early years - evidence base and local actions related to prevention, early identification and treatment (including local case studies)</li> <li>• Recommendations</li> </ul>
2.	<p><b>School age children and young adults:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of alcohol related harm in school age children and young adults</li> <li>• Reducing alcohol related harm in school age children – evidence base and local actions related to prevention, early identification and treatment (including local case studies)</li> <li>• Reducing alcohol related harm in young adults – evidence base and local actions related to prevention, early identification and treatment (including local case studies)</li> <li>• Recommendations</li> </ul>
3.	<p><b>Working Age Adults:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of alcohol related harm in adults</li> <li>• Reducing alcohol related harm in adults – evidence base and local actions related to prevention, early identification and treatment (including local case studies)</li> <li>• Recommendations</li> </ul>
4.	<p><b>Older Adults:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of alcohol related harm in older adults</li> <li>• Reducing alcohol related harm in adults – evidence base and local actions related to prevention, early identification and treatment (including local case studies)</li> <li>• Recommendations</li> </ul>
5.	<p><b>Communities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of alcohol related harm in local communities (crime and disorder, anti-social behaviour, domestic violence, economic cost)</li> <li>• Reducing alcohol related harm in our local communities – evidence base and local actions related to promoting community safety, promoting a safe night time economy and licensing and enforcement (including local case studies)</li> <li>• Recommendations</li> </ul>
6.	<p><b>Update on recommendations from 2012 PHAR</b></p>

- 3.10 The final draft of the report will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board in July. Following any further amendments the final version will be made available in hard copy and online.

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The Public Health Annual Report should be used to inform commissioning plans and collaborative action for the NHS, Social Care, Public Health and other key partners as appropriate.

#### **5.0 OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 None identified at this time.

#### **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

##### **6.1 Children & Young People in Halton**

Improving the Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People is a key priority in Halton. Alcohol consumption during any stage of childhood can have a harmful effect on a child's development. Children and young people in Halton are also impacted by excessive alcohol consumption among parents and carers which may lead to neglect, violence, isolation and fear. The PHAR will outline how harm related to alcohol can be minimised for children and young people in Halton.

##### **6.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

Employment, Learning and Skills is a key determinant of health and wellbeing and is therefore a key consideration when developing strategies to address health inequalities. Excessive alcohol consumption can have negative impacts upon employment, learning and skills in Halton – the PHAR will outline how harm related to alcohol can be minimised.

##### **6.3 A Healthy Halton**

All issues outlined in this report focus directly on this priority.

##### **6.4 A Safer Halton**

Excessive alcohol consumption is associated with higher levels of crime and disorder, anti-social behaviour and domestic violence. The PHAR will outline how alcohol related harm to our communities can be minimised in order to promote a safer Halton.

## **6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

The environment in which we live and the physical infrastructure of our communities has a direct impact on our health and wellbeing. The PHAR will consider how urban renewal can be implemented in a way that reduces alcohol related harm e.g. through the promotion of a safe night time economy.

## **7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 Developing the PHAR does not present any obvious risk however, there may be risks associated with the resultant recommendations. These will be assessed as appropriate.

## **8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 This is in line with all equality and diversity issues in Halton.

## **9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

There are none within the meaning of the Act.