

REPORT TO: Health and Wellbeing Board
DATE: 9 March 2016
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 RECOMMENDED: 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 (DPH) 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.

3.4 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.

3.5 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.

3.6 For 2015-16 the Public Health Annual Report will focus on the work of the Public Health Evidence and Intelligence Team. This topic has been chosen to highlight some key pieces of work and how they have been used or will be used by Halton Borough Council and its partner organisations.

3.7 The report will use a life-course approach around the following chapters:

- Starting Well
- Living Well
- Ageing Well

3.8 Each chapter will cover the following areas:

- Summary of piece of work
- Why approached that way
- How the work has been or will be used

3.9 Summary of Chapter Content

Chapter	Section and Example Content
1.	Starting Well <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children’s JSNA
2.	Living Well <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP JSNA • Long Term Conditions
3.	Ageing Well <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older People’s JSNA
4.	Recommendations
5.	Update on recommendations from PHAR 2013-14

3.10 The final version report will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board in July. Prior to this, an electronic copy will be circulated to members for feedback. 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. The PHAR will highlight the Children's JSNA, which is a key piece of work for commissioners.

6.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

The above priority is a key determinant of health. Therefore improving outcomes in this area will have an impact on improving the health of Halton residents

6.3 A Healthy Halton

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

6.4 A Safer Halton

Reducing the incidence of crime, improving Community Safety and reducing the fear of crime have an impact on health outcomes particularly on mental health.

There are also close links between partnerships on areas such as alcohol and domestic violence.

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.

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

None

Report Prepared by: Katherine Woodcock, Public Health
Contact: 0151 511 6851 katherine.woodcock@halton.gov.uk