

REPORT TO: Health and Wellbeing Board

DATE: 6th July 2016

REPORTING OFFICER: Director of Public Health

PORTFOLIO: Health

SUBJECT: Public Health Annual Report: Assessing Needs and Taking Action

WARD(S) Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide some background information for the presentation on the Public Health Annual Report. (PHAR).

2.0 RECOMMENDED: That the Board note the contents of the report and supports the recommendations.

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

3.4 The report uses a life-course approach around the following chapters:

- Starting Well
- Living Well

- Ageing Well

3.5 Each chapter covers the following areas:

- Summary of piece of work
- Why and how it was done
- How the work has been or will be used

3.6 The pieces of work highlighted in the report are:

- Children's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)
- GP JSNA
- JSNA on Long Term Conditions
- Older People's JSNA

3.7 The Public Health Annual Report 2015-16 will be available in July 2016 in hard copy and online at www.halton.gov.uk/PHAR.

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 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 There is no risk associated with the publication of the Public Health Annual Report.

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

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