

**REPORT TO:** Health and Wellbeing Board

**DATE:** 4 October 2017

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Director of Public Health

**PORTFOLIO:** Health and Wellbeing

**SUBJECT:** 2016 – 2017 Public Health Annual Report –  
Women and Girls' Health

**WARD(S)** Borough-wide

## 1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide the Health and Wellbeing Board with some background information on the Public Health Annual Report. (PHAR) - Women and Girls' Health.

## 2.0 RECOMMENDATION: 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 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 2016-17 the Public Health Annual Report focuses on the health of women and girls in Halton. This topic has been chosen as female health is not improving at the same rate as male health. It is also to highlight key topics pertinent to female health and issues local women and girls believe to be the most significant areas for their health.

3.6 The report uses a life-course approach through the following sections:

- Start Well – Maternity
- Start Well – Girls
- Live Well
- Age Well

3.7 Each chapter covers the following areas:

- Summary of topic and why it is important
- What work has been or will be done

3.8 Summary of Chapter Content: -

<b>Section</b>	<b>Chapter</b>
<b>Start Well – Maternity</b>	Smoking in Pregnancy
	Mums’ Mental Health
	Family Nurse Partnership
	Breast Feeding
<b>Start Well – Girls</b>	HPV (Human papilloma virus) Vaccination
	Mental Health
	Physical Activity
<b>Live Well</b>	Sexual Health
	Mental Health
	Cancer Screening
	Alcohol
	Wider Issues
<b>Age Well</b>	Warm Homes
	Social Isolation and Loneliness

3.10 The final version is available in hard copy and online at [www.halton.gov.uk/PHAR](http://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 key priority in Halton. The PHAR will highlight key topics for maternal health and children.

##### **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 scams, 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