

Open Report on behalf of Derek Ward, Director of Public Health

Report to:	Executive
Date:	17 December 2019
Subject:	Director of Public Health Annual Report
Decision Reference:	I019056
Key decision?	No

Summary:

The Annual Report on the health of the people of Lincolnshire from the Director of Public Health (DPH) is an independent statutory report to Lincolnshire health and care authorities. This year's report is on the burden of disease in Lincolnshire.

Recommendation(s):

That the Executive receive and note the Annual Report from the Director of Public Health and arrange for its publication.

Alternatives Considered:

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| 1. | None |
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Reasons for Recommendation:

The Director of Public Health is required by statute to prepare an annual report on the health of the people in the Council's area and the Council has a statutory duty to publish it.

1. Background

One of the statutory duties of each local authority director of public health is to produce an independent report on the state of the health of the people they serve on an annual basis. Local authorities have a statutory duty to publish the report. As the reports are aimed at lay audiences, the key feature of the reports must be their accessibility to the wider public. This year's annual report will also include visual presentation in the form of a video, along with a slide deck.

The 2019 Director of Public Health Annual Report, see Appendix A, is focused on the burden of disease in Lincolnshire. The report uses the Global Burden Disease (GBD) methodology. The GBD is a study into how disease affects populations in

terms of both morbidity and mortality. It also provides the ability to look at the major risk factors behind the causes of morbidity and mortality. This can be used to drive change in order to improve the population's health.

The annual report will also be presented to members of the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire in December, followed by the Adult Care and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee in January and the Health and Wellbeing Board in February.

2. Legal Issues:

Equality Act 2010

Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:

- * Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act
- * Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it
- * Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

The relevant protected characteristics are age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation

Having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to:

- * Remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic
- * Take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it
- * Encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low

The steps involved in meeting the needs of disabled persons that are different from the needs of persons who are not disabled include, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities

Having due regard to the need to foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to tackle prejudice, and promote understanding

Compliance with the duties in section 149 may involve treating some persons more favourably than others

The duty cannot be delegated and must be discharged by the decision-maker. To discharge the statutory duty the decision-maker must analyse all the relevant material with the specific statutory obligations in mind. If a risk of adverse impact is

identified consideration must be given to measures to avoid that impact as part of the decision making process

The report actively seeks to explore and highlight health inequalities in health status and make recommendations for how these could be addressed.

Joint Strategic Needs Analysis (JSNA) and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS)

The Council must have regard to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and the Joint Health & Well Being Strategy (JHWS) in coming to a decision

This report is an independent professional view of the state of the health of the people of Lincolnshire by the Director of Public Health. It has therefore, drawn from a wide range of evidence including, but not limited to, the JSNA. Its analyses and conclusions are designed to inform and support the ongoing delivery of the JHWS.

Crime and Disorder

Under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, the Council must exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment), the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in its area and re-offending in its area

Section 17 considerations were made as part of the research and development of this report, through no specific impacts were identified.

3. Conclusion

The statutory Annual Report of the Director of Public Health on the health of the people of Lincolnshire has now been prepared and the Executive is asked to receive and note its contents prior to the document being published.

4. Legal Comments:

Under section 73B(5) of the National Health Service Act 2006, the director of public health for a local authority must prepare an annual report on the health of the people in the area of the local authority and under section 73B(6) of the Act, the local authority must publish the report.

The decision is consistent with the Policy Framework and within the remit of the Executive.

5. Resource Comments:

The Annual Report highlights how Lincolnshire has utilised the Public Health Grant monies received to enhance the outcomes for the population and further understand people's needs and the future direction.

6. Consultation

a) Has Local Member Been Consulted?

n/a

b) Has Executive Councillor Been Consulted?

Yes

c) Scrutiny Comments

This has not been considered by a scrutiny committee.

d) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out?

No

e) Risks and Impact Analysis

n/a

7. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report

Appendix A	The Director of Public Health Annual Report 2019 - The Burden of Disease in Lincolnshire
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8. Background Papers

No Background Papers within the meaning of s100D of the Local Government Act 1972 have been used in the preparation of this Report.

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