

Agenda Item 6

 Lincolnshire COUNTY COUNCIL <i>Working for a better future</i>		THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR LINCOLNSHIRE	
Boston Borough Council	East Lindsey District Council	City of Lincoln Council	Lincolnshire County Council
North Kesteven District Council	South Holland District Council	South Kesteven District Council	West Lindsey District Council

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

Report to	Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire
Date:	20 January 2021
Subject:	Director of Public Health Annual Report 2020

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to present the Director of Public Health's Annual Report. This year's report is on Covid-19 and the impact of the disease on health and wellbeing in Lincolnshire.

Actions Required:

That the Committee receives the Annual Report from the Director of Public Health and notes its content.

1. Background

Directors of Public Health in England have a statutory duty to produce an independent report on the state of 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 must be their accessibility to the wider public.

The 2020 Director of Public Health Annual Report, attached as Appendix A, is focused on Covid-19 and its impact, so far, on Lincolnshire. The pandemic has highlighted many of the inequalities that exist in our communities. The longer-term impacts of the disease are likely to be with us for some time. Specifically, increasing number of people experiencing depression, anxiety, loneliness and mental health issues coupled with ongoing economic uncertainty which will impact on people’s lives in terms of employment, loss of income and future opportunities for younger adults; and the increasing fatigue of having to live with the disease especially for the most vulnerable.

The Annual Report has been published on the council’s website.

2. Consultation

The report is just for noting.

3. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

This report is an independent professional view of the state of health of the people in Lincolnshire by the Director of Public Health. It has therefore drawn from a wide range of evidence, including but not limited to, the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). The analysis and conclusions are designed to inform and support the ongoing delivery of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS).

4. Conclusion

The Director of Public Health has a statutory duty to produce an annual report on the health of the people in Lincolnshire. The Health Scrutiny Committee is therefore asked to note the contents.

5. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Director of Public Health Annual Report 2020

6. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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