



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

Report to:	Executive
Date:	05 December 2023
Subject:	Director of Public Health Annual Report 2023 – Adding Life to Years
Decision Reference:	I030145
Key decision?	No

Summary:

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 and the report should be as accessible as possible to the wider public.

As part of the strategic partnership with the Centre for Ageing Better and building on the insight gained from the Lincolnshire Ageing Better Annual Conference this year the Director of Public Health's report has a focus on Ageing Better in Lincolnshire.

Recommendation(s):

That the Executive notes the contents of the Annual DPH Report and approve its publication to Lincolnshire County Council's website.

Alternatives Considered:

As the Report is that of the Director of Public Health and the Council is under a duty to publish the Report no alternative has been identified

Reasons for Recommendation:

Directors of Public Health have a statutory duty to produce an annual report on the state of health of the people they serve. Local authorities have a statutory duty to publish the report.

1. Background

This year's report focuses on the importance of addressing the needs of Lincolnshire's ageing population which is exhibited by evaluating the current situation for older residents within Lincolnshire, as well as considering how we address some of the key determinants that could positively impact on the health and social issues that affect our ageing population.

By using the World Health Organisation (WHO) Age Friendly Communities Framework as a guide, the report focuses on some of the key determinants of healthy ageing and what can be done to support and improve the well-being of our older residents; particularly those living in rural and coastal areas. The DPH report describes the World Health Organisation (WHO) framework through the eight Age-Friendly domains within each chapter.

An analysis of local data and published evidence focuses on inequality and what this means for the residents of Lincolnshire through each of the following domains:

- Transportation
- Housing
- Social participation
- Respect and social inclusion
- Civic participation
- Communication and information
- Community support and health services
- Outdoor spaces and buildings

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.

No specific impacts have been identified. However, having a focus on the health of Lincolnshire's older population will facilitate the identification of measures aimed at improving the health and wellbeing and quality of life of older people some of whom may have disabilities, thereby having a positive impact on people with those protected characteristics

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.

The Annual DPH report exhibits relevant links to the JSNA and directly reflects the World Health Organisation Age-Friendly Communities Framework, this also focuses on some of the key determinants of healthy ageing. JSNA helped to provide evidence and data throughout the report.

The themes that emerge from the DPH report support the JHWS strategy recommendations for the continuing need for strategic and proactive support and preventative measures, to ensure the projected growth in Lincolnshire's older population can remain as healthy and active for as long as possible.

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, though no specific impacts were identified.

3. Conclusion

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

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 of the population and further understand people's needs and future direction. Public Health and Community Wellbeing continues to deliver within its financial allocation.

6. Consultation

a) Has Local Member Been Consulted?

n/a

b) Has Executive Councillor Been Consulted?

Yes. Councillor Mrs W Bowkett., Executive Councillor for Adult Care and Public Health

c) Scrutiny Comments

This report has not been considered by a scrutiny committee

d) Risks and Impact Analysis

As addressed in the DPH Report

7. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report:	
Appendix A	The Director of Public Health's Annual Report 2023 – Adding Life to Years

8. Background Papers

The background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 set out in the References section of Appendix A were used in the preparation of this report.

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