

Wiltshire Council

Health and Wellbeing Board

9 November 2017

Subject: Director of Public Health's Annual Report 2016-17

Executive Summary

The Director of Public Health has a statutory responsibility to produce an annual report for Public Health. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 states: "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. The local authority must publish the report. "

The attached report: 'Living longer healthier lives' by Wiltshire's Director of Public Health meets the statutory requirement for 2016-17.

The report will be published on the Council website.

Proposals

It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board notes the publication of the Annual Report.

Reason for Proposal

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 introduced a duty for all upper-tier and unitary local authorities to take appropriate steps to improve the health of the people who live in their areas. This includes providing facilities for the prevention or treatment of illness (such as smoking cessation clinics) and providing information and advice.

Regulations require local authorities to take particular steps in exercise of their public health functions. These include providing services such as the National Child Measurement Programme, children's public health services, NHS Health Checks, and sexual health services; together with a duty to provide information, and advice; and to participate in arrangements to protect the health of the population (including infectious disease, environmental hazards and extreme weather events).

The DPH's annual report covers a range of topics associated with the health of the population of Wiltshire, the challenges and responses.

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