

Chair's Announcements

Wiltshire's Director of Public Health Annual Report 2023/24

The Director of Public Health, Kate Blackburn, is required to produce an annual report each year to highlight the health of the population, raise awareness of local health issues and make recommendations for change.

This year's report is framed around the four Public Health Across Boundaries (PHABs) themes of mental health and wellbeing, workplace wellbeing, children and young people's health and smokefree Wiltshire.

A key development in 2023 to 2024 has been targeting the approach to three priority population groups, which are highlighted throughout the report, where the team is working to help reduce inequalities. These groups are:

- Gypsy, Roma, Traveller, and Boater (GRTB) Communities
- Routine and manual workers (where English isn't their first language)
- The 20% most deprived communities (particularly rural areas).

Some of the key activities that Wiltshire Council's Public Health team has focused on in the past year includes the health coaches, a boaters' survey and webinars to promote wellbeing in the workplace.

Link to the full report: [Wiltshire Director of Public Health Annual Report 2023 - 2024](#)

SEND & CQC Inspections Update

The Local Area Partnership was visited by Ofsted and Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspectors in October for the anticipated Area SEND Inspection. Their feedback letter is expected to be published early in December. Darryl Freeman, Corporate Director for Children and Education, wanted to thank families and carers, children and young people, and colleagues across the partnership who contributed to the inspection activity.

CQC spent three days on site at the end of September as part of their adult assurance process and also met with a number of partners, statutory, providers and from the voluntary and community centre. They also spoke to a number of people who use services including unpaid carers to hear their views and we are very grateful for their input. We expect their final report to be published in the next few months although we do not have a firm date at this point.

Joint Chief Executive Announced for New Hospital Collaboration

Read more about this development here:

<https://bswtogether.org.uk/blog/triangle/joint-chief-executive-announced-for-new-hospital-collaboration/>