

Public Health Annual Report 2023-24

Report of the Director of Public Health and Communities

Please note that the following are subject to consideration and determination by the Cabinet (and confirmation under the provisions of the Council's Constitution) before taking effect.

1) Recommendation

That the Cabinet be asked to note the following recommendations:

1. Establish a workstream focused on developing predictive analytics to inform service planning across Public Health, Adult Social Care, Health and wider local authority services.
2. Develop a dementia strategy to ensure there is an agreed and clear strategy for Devon.
3. Increase targeted action on promoting people staying active physically, mentally and socially.
4. Explore the adoption of Devon as a World Health Organization Age friendly community.
5. Deliver on the Smoke-free generation ambitions and scale up our offer to support more smokers to quit.
6. Work with key partners to increase action on the early identification and intervention of key health conditions, including high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, dementia, people at risk of falls.
7. Support the national epidemiological survey on oral health in people aged 65yrs+ in care homes.
8. Maintaining high attendance at national screening and uptake of national immunisation programmes.
9. Equality impact assessments should be undertaken on all policy decisions to ensure that proposed actions are proportionately targeted at the most deprived communities to tackle health inequalities.

2) Background / Introduction

- 2.1 The Director of Public Health has a statutory duty to write an annual report, and the local authority has a statutory duty to publish it (section 73B [5] & [6] of the 2006 NHS Act, inserted by section 31 of the 2012 Health and Social Care Act). This enables the Director of Public Health to make an independent judgement about the state of the health of the local population and ensures that the report will be published and in the public domain. The annual report by the Director of Public

Health is therefore different from all other reports received from an officer in that it is not a Cabinet Member report.

- 2.2 My Public Health Annual Report this year focuses on healthy ageing. It describes the changing demographic profile of Devon over the next twenty years highlighting the benefits this can bring, but also predicts the future levels of illness and disability associated with an ageing population.
- 2.3 The report not only provides a greater understanding of the future challenges we could face, but also provides an overview of what the evidence tells us we can do to enable people to maximise the number of years spent in good health, remaining active and living independently for as long as possible.

3) Main Body / Proposal

- 3.1 The report highlights that over the next 20 years it is predicted that the number of older adults (65 years +) living in Devon will increase by 76,000 people by 2043 the proportion of the population of those aged 75 and over will increase from 13.7% in 2024 to 18.4% in 2043. As well an increase in older people there is predicted to be a reduction in the number of births. The impact of this is a change in the ratio of working-age adults to older people in Devon, reducing from 2.21 working-age adults to 1 older person to 1.71 to 1.
- 3.2 The report includes projections for the number of people living with long-term conditions, disease and disability within Devon with the following rises by 2040:

Limiting long-term illness	- 38%
• Diabetes (type 1 & type 2)	- 35%
• Obesity	- 35%
• Cardiovascular disease	- 37%
• Falls (hospital admissions)	- 49%
• Dementia	- 52%
• Depression	- 35%
- 3.3 The report utilises the most up to date evidence to make recommendations on the actions and interventions which should be undertaken to promote healthy ageing and compress the number of years people spend in poor health.
- 3.4 The report also includes an update on the recommendations from the 2022-23 annual report.

4) Options / Alternatives

- 4.1 No options or alternatives considered for this report.

5) Consultations / Representations / Technical Data

5.1 No consultations required for this report.

6) Strategic Plan

6.1 The annual report takes into consideration all six priorities within the strategic plan. Delivery on the recommendations will directly contribute to many the strategic objectives within the plan.

- Respond to the climate emergency
- Be ambitious for children and young people
- Support sustainable economic recovery
- Tackle poverty and inequality (address poverty, health and other inequalities)
- Improve health and wellbeing, including any public health impacts
- Help communities be safe, connected and resilient

7) Financial Considerations

7.1 Financial considerations are contained within the full report.

8) Legal Considerations

8.1 There are no specific legal considerations.

9) Environmental Impact Considerations (Including Climate Change, Sustainability and Socio-economic)

9.1 The environmental and wider health impacts upon the public are contained within the report.

10) Equality Considerations

10.1 The report details the equality considerations making specific reference for the need to target services and programmes to those in greatest need to address health inequalities.

11) Risk Management Considerations

11.1 The report details this policy/proposal has been assessed and all necessary safeguards or action have been taken/included to safeguard the Council's position.

12) Summary / Conclusions / Reasons for Recommendations

12.1 Cabinet is asked to receive the 2023-24 annual report of the Director of Public Health and to note its recommendations.

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