

Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5)
Cabinet

19 November 2014
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Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member (Health and Adult Services) – Councillor A Gingell

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Director of Public Health

Ward(s) affected:

All

Title:

Director of Public Health Annual Report 2014

Is this a key decision?

No – This is a review of health across the City and does not directly impact on current services provided by the Council, although the conclusions and recommendations of the report will be used to inform how services are delivered in the future.

Executive Summary:

The Director of Public Health Annual Report is a statutory and independent report produced each year. The Director of Public Health Annual Report is an important vehicle for informing local people about the health of their community, as well as providing necessary information for decision makers in local health services and authorities on health gaps and priorities that need to be addressed.

This year, the title of the Director of Public Health Annual Report is 'Primary care at the heart of our health'. The report focuses on the primary care system and its role in addressing health inequalities, with a particular emphasis on general practice.

The report has been developed in consultation with the Primary Care Quality Group, which is directly accountable to Coventry's Health and Wellbeing Board. Members of the Primary Care Quality Group include Coventry and Rugby CCG, NHS England's Arden, Herefordshire and Worcestershire Area Team, Coventry Local Medical Committee and Healthwatch Coventry. The report has also been developed in consultation with a small editorial group which includes GPs from Coventry and Rugby CCG. The report has been presented to the Primary Care Quality Group and Clinical Development Group at Coventry Rugby CCG. Comments from both groups have been incorporated into the report.

Information from the reports will be shared widely with local people, partner agencies and voluntary sector organisations.

Recommendations:

1. Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5) is requested to:
 - (i) Consider comments from the Health and Wellbeing Board
 - (ii) Make any comments or recommendations to Cabinet about the report and its proposals and recommendations.
2. Cabinet is recommended to:
 - (i) Consider comments from the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5)
 - (ii) Support the publication of the report.

List of Appendices included:

Director of Public Health Annual Report – Summary 2014
Director of Public Health Annual Report – Full Report 2014

Background papers:

None

Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

Yes – Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5) – 19th November 2014.

Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

Yes - Health and Wellbeing Board – 10th November 2014.

Will this report go to Council?

No

Report title: Director of Public Health Annual Report

- 1.1 The NHS Act 2006 as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012 set out a legal duty on the Director of Public Health (DPH) to produce a report each year on the health of their population and to publish the report. The content and structure of the report is determined locally and can cover any aspect of local health that is locally relevant or important.
- 1.2 The findings of the DPH Annual Report are used to
 - 1.2.1 Raise awareness and understanding of how healthy the population is and how this is changing, with local partners and the public
 - 1.2.2 Inform the provision of local services and action plans that can affect the health of the population
 - 1.2.3 Inform the development of key priorities for the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, which the Health and Wellbeing Board has a duty to produce.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 2.1 General practice and the wider primary care system in which it operates form the subject of this report, as they have a unique role to play in addressing health inequalities. Coventry's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) for 2012-13 identified prevention, partnership working as cross cutting themes in the initial priorities for the city's Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Reducing variation in general practice and tackling challenges in the wider systems which support and manage primary care as a whole were recognised as important factors in improving health outcomes for Coventry. This was also highlighted in the health and wellbeing peer challenge delivered at Coventry City Council in October 2013 as part of the Local Government Association (LGA's) health and wellbeing system improvement programme. While feedback was positive overall there were some areas for improvement, including addressing variability in primary care quality.
- 2.2 The Director of Public Health Annual Report draws on a range of data sources many of which are not easily available or accessible to partners and the public. The reports are produced in the format of an executive summary, which sets out the key messages and recommendations in an accessible format. A detailed report which sets out the technical data that underpins these key messages has also been produced.
- 2.3 The Director of Public Health has independent statutory responsibilities of which the production of an Annual Report is one. It is considered that this gives the assurance that issues affecting the health of the population can be raised freely and objectively.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

- 3.1 The Director of Public Health Annual Report has been prepared in consultation with patient representatives, GPs, Coventry and Rugby CCG, NHS England's Arden, Herefordshire and Worcestershire Area Team, Coventry Local Medical Committee and Healthwatch Coventry. It includes a number of case studies highlighting areas of innovative practice in the city, along with detailed feedback from patients on a range of issues.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

- 4.1 Once approved, the Annual Report will be published on the Council's internet pages and shared with partners. The Primary Care Quality Group, directly accountable to Coventry's Health and Wellbeing Board, will provide strategic leadership to oversee the further development and implementation of these recommendations, driving forward an action plan in collaboration with wider stakeholders.

5. Comments from the Executive Director, Resources

5.1 Financial implications

There are no direct financial implications for the council arising from the report. The cost of publishing the report will be met from within existing budgets.

5.2 Legal implications

- 5.3 The National Health Service Act 2006 as amended stipulates that the director of public health must prepare an annual report on the health of people in the area of the local authority. The local authority must publish the report.

6. Other implications

6.1 How will this contribute to achievement of the Council's key objectives / corporate priorities (corporate plan/scorecard) / organisational blueprint / Local Area Agreement (or Coventry Sustainable Community Strategy)?

The Annual Report sets out key actions to improve the health of Coventry people. It contributes to the Council's Marmot City plan and to the Council's core aim of citizens living longer, healthier, independent lives and also to the priorities in the Council Plan to protect the city's most vulnerable residents.

6.2 How is risk being managed?

There are no specific risks identified in this report. However, risks associated with the delivery of relevant services are managed through the directorate and corporate risk registers, in conjunction with partners across the city. Regular reviews of each risk are undertaken, and mitigating actions put in place to ensure the overall risks are reduced as much as possible.

6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?

There is no direct impact on the organisation.

6.4 Equalities / EIA

An Equalities Impact Assessment is not appropriate for this report although the report considers health status across a range of different population groups.

6.5 Implications for (or impact on) the environment

N/A

6.6 Implications for partner organisations?

The Annual Reports raise a number of issues for consideration by partner organisations. These will be discussed and overseen by the Health and Well-being Board which includes representation from these organisations, or commissions the services provided by these organisations. Members of the Primary Care Quality Group, directly accountable to Coventry's Health and Wellbeing Board, have provided contributions and comments on the report and will provide strategic leadership to oversee the further development and implementation of the recommendations.

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