

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18

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Summary

This report presents the Director of Public Health's Annual Report for 2017-18. The theme of the report is health protection - Protecting the Health of Medway's Population: now and for the future. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the report, findings and recommendations.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

- 1.1 Health protection work contributes to local priorities including: Medway Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities: 1) enabling our older population to live independently and well and 2) preventing early death and increasing years of healthy life. Health protection also contributes to Medway Council Plan priority: healthy and active communities.

2. Background

- 2.1 Directors of Public Health (DsPH) have a statutory requirement to produce public health reports. These reports are the DsPH professional statement about the health of the local community and usually focus on a specific health topic or theme.
- 2.2 The report is intended to provide advice and recommendations on population health to both professionals and the public. It can be used to identify key issues and priorities, report on progress and engage the community and other stakeholders on specific issues. Report recommendations can be directed towards the Council itself or towards partners and stakeholders.

3. Advice and analysis

- 3.1 The theme for the 2017-18 Public Health report is health protection. The report focuses on issues that have had a significant impact on the population

and where action needs to be taken to address future challenges to the public's health. It is titled: "Protecting the Health of Medway's Population: now and for the future".

- 3.2 Previous Director of Public Health Reports in Medway have focused on topics including: the health of school aged children, health of the older population and the health of Medway's youngest children.
- 3.3 The 2017-18 health protection report addresses nine key areas of health protection. These are: 1. Infectious diseases and food-borne illness, 2. Seasonal influenza, 3. Screening, 4. Emergency preparedness, 5. Sexual health and blood-borne viruses, 6. Health care associated infections, 7. Air quality, 8. Tuberculosis, 9. Vaccinations.
- 3.4 For each health protection area, the report examines four key questions:
 - 1) What is the current situation in Medway?
 - 2) What are partners doing to protect the health of Medway's population?
 - 3) What can people in Medway do to protect their health?
 - 4) What are the areas to focus on in the future?
- 3.5 The report also includes case studies illustrating good practice in Medway around health protection. Based on the findings relating to the four questions above, the report then makes recommendations for each topic.
- 3.6 An executive summary of the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2017-18 is set out at Appendix 1 to the report and the full report is set out at Appendix 2 to the report. Please note that the full report is currently being designed and branded ahead of publication, however the content will remain the same.
- 3.7 The Director of Public Health Annual Report 2017-18 will also be presented to the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Cabinet.

4. Risk management

- 4.1 Risks relating to health protection are managed by a range of different partners, based upon the roles and responsibilities of different organisations and the nature of the risk. A key document relating to health protection risks is the Kent (and Medway) community risk register. Partners in the Kent Resilience Forum (including Medway Council) develop and maintain this register. The register assesses potential hazards in the local area and informs partners' emergency planning.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 A wide range of partners involved in health protection have contributed to the report, both from Directorates across the Council and external partners including NHS England, Public Health England and Medway Clinical Commissioning Group.

5.2 The report and recommendations will be shared with relevant Council committees, partners and the public, including being made publically available on the Council's website.

6. Financial implications

6.1 There are no financial implications for Medway Council arising directly from this report.

7. Legal implications

7.1 Medway Council and partners have a number of statutory roles around health protection, as outlined in the report (Appendix 2). For example, the Council has statutory duties around emergency preparedness.

8. Recommendation

8.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note this report, findings and recommendations.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 - Executive Summary: "Protecting the Health of Medway's Population: now and for the future" – Director of Public Health's Annual Public Health Report 2017-18

Appendix 2 - Full Report: "Protecting the Health of Medway's Population: now and for the future" – Director of Public Health's Annual Public Health Report 2017-18

Background papers

None