

10 November 2016		ITEM: 10
Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee		
Annual Report of The Director of Public Health 2016		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: Non-key	
Report of: Ian Wake, Director of Public Health		
Accountable Head of Service: Emma Sanford, Strategic Lead – Health and Social Care Public Health		
Accountable Director: Ian Wake, Director of Public Health		
This report is Public		

Executive Summary

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 places a statutory duty on the Director of Public Health to prepare an independent report on the health of the people in the area of their local authority each year. This year the focus of the Thurrock Annual Public Health Report is on the sustainability of Thurrock's Health, Wellbeing and Social Care system with particular focus on Long Term Condition Management.

The report makes a series of recommendations in terms of improving the quality of Primary Care in Thurrock, improving the quality of long term condition management, and strengthening the local health and social care workforce

1. Recommendation

1.1 That the contents and recommendations of the report be noted by members.

2. Introduction and Background

2.1 Annual Public Health Reports have played an important part in public health practice ever since the early days of Medical Officers of Health. They remain an important vehicle for informing local people about the health of their community as well as providing the necessary information for decision makers in local authorities and local health services on key priorities that need to be addressed to improve the health and wellbeing of the population.

2.2 70% of health and social care spend is on people with long term conditions¹. This, along with a population living longer but not necessarily healthier lives creates some fundamental issues for the current system. As such,

understanding the factors that impact on development of long term conditions and the most effective mechanisms for embedding effective prevention activity is absolutely essential in maintaining public health, reducing the growth in demand through emergency hospital admissions and Adult Social Care packages and ensuring that our local Health and Social Care remains financially and operationally sustainable.

3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options

The 2016 Thurrock Annual Public Health Report: Key Conclusions

3.1 These are set out in detail in the report itself

4. Reasons for Recommendation

4.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 requires Directors of Public Health to prepare an annual report on the health of the local population.

5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

5.1 The contents of this report have been developed with input from a number of different stakeholders (listed in document appendix). No further consultation has taken place.

6. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact

6.1 The report highlights the key actions that should be taken in terms of shifting demand within the health and social care system, and encouraging prevention. This is in line with the work of the Customer and Demand Management Board, and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-21 which aims to “add years to life and life to years”. It will also support corporate priority four: “improve health and wellbeing”.

6.2 If the report conclusions and recommendations are acted upon, it will impact positively on local patients as their care will be improved.

7. Implications

7.1 Financial

Implications verified by: **Kay Goodacre**

Finance Manager, Corporate Finance

The report details a series of financial opportunities for the local health and social care system arising from improving and embedding the prevention agenda in primary, community and social care and as a result reducing demand on secondary health care and adult social care services. Decisions arising from recommendations by the Director of Public Health that may have a future financial impact for the council would be subject to the full

consideration of the cabinet before implementation, and in the case of the NHS, by the relevant Boards of NHS Thurrock CCG and provider foundation trusts.

7.2 Legal

Implications verified by: **Chris Pickering**
Principal Solicitor, Employment & Litigation

There are no legal implications as the report is being compiled in accordance with our statutory duty under the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

7.3 Diversity and Equality

Implications verified by: **Becky Price**
Community Development and Equalities Team
Adults, Housing and Health Directorate

The initiatives outlined in this report will tackle the challenges of unequal access to good quality care and variation in activity by highlighting what is likely to work in preventing future health and social care demand.

7.4 Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder)

8. Background papers used in preparing the report (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

Background papers are referenced in the annual public health report.

9. Appendices to the report

Appendix 1 - Annual Public Health Report 2016

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REFERENCES

¹ Department of Health, *Improving quality of life for people with long-term conditions*. London: DH. 2013.