

**REPORT FOR: HEALTH AND SOCIAL  
CARE SCRUTINY SUB-  
COMMITTEE**

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	14 March 2018
<b>Subject:</b>	Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2018
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Carole Furlong Designate Director of Public Health
<b>Scrutiny Lead Members:</b>	Councillor Michael Borio Chair and Scrutiny Policy lead for Public Health and Wellbeing  Councillor Vina Mithani Vice-Chair and Scrutiny Performance lead for Public Health and Wellbeing
<b>Exempt:</b>	No
<b>Wards affected:</b>	All
<b>Enclosures:</b>	Harrow Ward Health Profiles

## **Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations**

This report presents the Annual Public Health Report for 2018. The theme for the report is local health and a profile has been produced for each ward in the borough, showing aspects of health and wellbeing.

### **Recommendations:**

For Information: Members are asked to note the report and comment on the contents of the report

## **Section 2 – Report**

Each year, the Director of Public Health must publish an independent report on health in the borough. The annual report is the Director of Public Health's professional statement about the health of local communities, based on sound epidemiological evidence, and interpreted objectively. The report should be publicly accessible. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 added in a new s.73A to the National Health Service Act 2006 requiring the appointment of a Director of Public Health. Under subsection s.73B(5), the Director is required to prepare an independent annual report on the health of the people in the area of the local authority and the local authority is required to publish this report.

For the past four years, the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health (Annual Public Health Report or APHR for short) has an important public health topic and described why it is relevant to Harrow and challenged the council and those who live and work in the borough to address it. This year the report has taken a back to basics look at wellbeing across the geography of Harrow with a suite of profiles for each ward in the borough.

The annual report is an important vehicle by which Directors of Public Health can identify key issues, flag up problems, report progress and, thereby, serve their local populations. It will also be a key resource to inform local inter-agency action.

This year, the annual report takes the format of a series of ward health profiles. Each profile paints a picture of health and well being and some of the factors that influence it. The profiles present some demographics, some information about the services within the ward and they use a variety of data to illustrate the themes of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy: Start Well, Live Well, Work Well and Age Well.

### **Financial Implications**

Whilst this report does not have any specific recommendations with financial implications, any changes in public health strategy that occur as a result will need to be identified. Such expenditure is expected to be contained within the ring-fenced public health grant and reflected in future commissioning intentions as appropriate.

## **Performance Issues**

Not Applicable

## **Environmental Impact**

Not applicable

## **Risk Management Implications**

The report in of itself does not present a risk. The restructure of the public health team will result in redundancies and a significantly smaller team which will reduce capacity.

## **Equalities implications**

Was an Equality Impact Assessment carried out? No

The report does not suggest any policy changes that would impact on the local population.

## **Council Priorities**

The Council's vision:

## **Working Together to Make a Difference for Harrow**

The profiles show some the local issues which could make a difference to the vulnerable, communities, local business and families.

## **Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance**

Not required.

**Ward Councillors notified:**

**Not applicable – affects all wards**

## **Section 4 - Contact Details and Background**

### **Papers**

**Contact:** Carole Furlong, Designate Director of Public Health, 020 8420 9508

### **Background Papers:**

None