

Health & Wellbeing Board

3rd March 2021

Director of Public Health Annual Report 2020

Recommendations

1. To note and support the DRAFT Director of Public Health Annual Report 2020
2. To agree to endorse the recommendations stated in the report.

1. Background

1.1 Directors of Public Health have a statutory requirement to write an annual report on the health and wellbeing of their population, and the local authority is required to publish it.

1.2 The Director of Public Health Annual Report is a 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.

2. Purpose

2.1 The theme of this year's report is the impact of Covid-19 on health inequalities in Warwickshire. It will also include an overview of the health and wellbeing of the Warwickshire population and information on progress with the 2019 recommendations.

2.2 The report will make a series of recommendations which require a concerted joint effort across the health and care system if they are to be achieved.

3. Key Headlines

3.1 Update on health and wellbeing of the Warwickshire population

- Warwickshire continues to face a number of public health challenges. The impact of Covid-19 on these indicators is not yet reflected, given the time lag associated with these predominantly annual measures. The impact of Covid-19 however, is further explored in the wider report and the measures below will continue to be monitored closely. A dashboard will be created to signpost to the latest data which will be updated as new data is published.

- 63.7% of adults classified as overweight or obese (2018/19) (England 62.3%)
- Hospital admission for unintentional and deliberate injuries in children aged 0-14 - 124.9 per 10,000 (England 96.1 per 10,000)
- Statutory homelessness rate – 1.2 per 1,000 eligible homeless people not in priority need compared to 0.8 per 1,000 for England
- Cancer screening coverage (2019)
 - breast cancer 76.3% (England 74.5%)
 - bowel cancer 61.9% (England 60.1%)
 - cervical (ages 25 to 49) 72.8% (England 69.8%)
 - cervical (ages 50 to 64) 76.6% (England 76.2%)
- Admission episodes for alcohol-specific conditions - under 18 – 50.9 per 100,000 (2016/17-2018/19) (England 31.6)
- Estimated dementia diagnosis rate – 59.1% (England – 67.4%) (2020)
- Depression: recorded prevalence (18+) 12.1% (England 11.6%)

3.2 Impact of Covid-19 on health inequalities

- Covid-19 has impacted on everyone's health and wellbeing. It has highlighted the health inequalities which exist nationally and locally. For example, nationally the most deprived areas are more than twice as likely to have higher rates of mortality from Covid-19 compared to the least deprived areas. People who are in lower paid occupations are also twice as likely to die compared to those in higher occupations and people from BAME communities are at more risk of having more severe symptoms of Covid-19.
- The aim of this report is to highlight the impact of Covid-19 on health inequalities in Warwickshire. Case studies have been used to illustrate the impact locally from both Covid-19 survivors and wider impact of lockdown on our residents. These case studies show the benefits from accessing services and support to improve their health and wellbeing. It has also demonstrated the need for services to understand the lives of the people they are working with and be able to engage in holistic conversations to understand the underlying or hidden problems that people face, making sure they are able to get access to the support they need.
- The recommendations in the report will aim to improve the health and wellbeing of Warwickshire population and reduce the health inequalities which exist.

3.3 Progress on 2019 recommendations

The 2019 annual report entitled, 'Working for Wellbeing in Warwickshire' focused on the impact of work on health and wellbeing. Some great progress has been made despite some delays due to staff working on the current Covid-19 pandemic. It is expected that further progress will be made throughout 2021/22 as partners continue to work together to recover from the pandemic.

- All Health and Wellbeing Board Organisations have signed up to "Thrive at Work". 50 businesses across the county are working towards bronze status.
- Warwickshire County Council have launched the Warwickshire Skills Hub website which is due to develop further and offer a digital platform for businesses to engage in the wellbeing support
- New Wellbeing Manager role has been created to support business with "Thrive at Work" and their wider wellbeing agenda.

4. Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

4.1 Dissemination

A draft report will be taken to Corporate Board on 25th February.
A detailed marketing and communications plan will be prepared to ensure the report is communicated widely with partners across the health and care system and Warwickshire residents.

4.2 Audit

The report will be subjected to an audit process and will be subject to peer review by external public health colleagues. Progress against the recommendations will also be monitored and reported. We welcome any feedback on the content of the report. Comments can be addressed to the editorial team.

5. Financial Implications

None

6. Environmental Implication

None

Supporting Papers

None

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