

Health and Wellbeing Board

11 January 2023

Director of Public Health Annual Report 2022

Recommendation

That the Health and Wellbeing Board considers and endorses the 2022 Annual Report of the Director of Public Health and the recommendations within it.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 Under section 73B of the National Health Service Act 2006 Directors of Public Health are required 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 (the 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.
- 1.3 The theme of this year's Annual Report (which is attached as an appendix to this report) is health and the rising cost of living. The Annual Report includes an overview of the health and wellbeing of the Warwickshire population and information on progress with the 2020/21 recommendations. The Annual Report includes a series of recommendations which require a concerted joint effort from health and social care partners across the Integrated Care System (ICS) if they are to be achieved.
- 1.4 There is evidence that the rising cost-of-living is already starting to impact on the health and wellbeing of residents across Warwickshire. The rising cost of living is something that is affecting everyone; however, there is a risk that it will exacerbate some of the health inequalities which already exist in Warwickshire as those who are already disadvantaged are more likely to experience difficulties with the increasing costs, which may for example impact on their ability to keep their home warm, eat nutritious meals and travel effectively.
- 1.5 This year's Annual Report is vital to raise awareness of the impact that wider determinants of health such as food, rent or mortgage payments can have on the health and wellbeing of our residents, highlighting where provisions are required to support Warwickshire residents, improve health and wellbeing, and reduce health inequalities.
- 1.6 In order to highlight how the increasing cost of living impacts on the health of residents across Warwickshire, case studies have been used to illustrate the

support that different partners across the Integrated Care System have already been providing to residents. These demonstrate both the barriers that people have faced, as well as the benefits from accessing services. Volunteers and users of food banks and community pantries have also provided written consent for their experiences to be shared via a short film, developed to complement the information within the Annual Report.

- 1.7 The recommendations in the Annual Report aim to mitigate the impact of the rising cost of living on health and improve the overall health and wellbeing of the Warwickshire population.

2. Financial Implications

- 2.1 None.

3. Environmental Implications

- 3.1 None.

4. Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

- 4.1 The Annual Report will be published in a digital format alongside the engagement video on Warwickshire County Council's website following Health and Wellbeing Board's consideration of this report on the 11 January 2023 and Full Council in March 2023. This is to provide a picture of how the cost-of-living is impacting people locally. References for evidence detailed in the Annual Report will also be made available online.
- 4.2 A detailed marketing and communications plan will be prepared to ensure the Annual Report is communicated widely with partners across the Integrated Care System as well as to the residents of Warwickshire. Printed copies of the Annual Report will be made available upon request for those unable to access the report digitally.

Appendices

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