



SHEFFIELD HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD PAPER

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Subject: Director of Public Health Report for Sheffield 2013

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Summary:

Directors of Public Health have a statutory duty to produce an annual report on the health of the local population. This is the first annual report since the transfer of public health from the NHS to the Council in April 2013. In this year's report we provide an overview of what the Public Health Outcomes Framework is telling us about health in Sheffield and where we need to improve on that. We then describe some of the opportunities we now have to address these public health problems. We also make a number of recommendations for taking up these opportunities.

Questions for the Health and Wellbeing Board:

Identify any areas of the report where clarification or further information is required, particularly in relation to alignment with the Health and Wellbeing Strategy or the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

Recommendations:

To note the information contained in the report and in particular the recommendations for improving health and wellbeing in the City. This year's report makes eleven recommendations based on an analysis of the new opportunities that now exist as a result of the transfer of public health leadership to the Council, for addressing public health problems in the City.

Reasons for Recommendations:

It is good practice for Director of Public Health reports to contain recommendations aimed at improving the health of the population.

Background Papers:

Full and summary reports can be accessed from www.sheffield.gov.uk/publichealthreport.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES: DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT FOR SHEFFIELD 2013

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 Directors of Public Health have a statutory duty to produce an annual report on the health of the local population. This is the first annual report since the transfer of public health from the NHS to the Council in April 2013. In this year's report we provide an overview of what the Public Health Outcomes Framework is telling us about health in Sheffield and where we need to improve on that. We then describe some of the new opportunities we now have to address some of these public health problems. We also make a number of recommendations for taking up these opportunities.

2.0 WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR SHEFFIELD PEOPLE?

- 2.1 The health of the people of Sheffield is better than it ever has been. Death rates from the major diseases continue to fall steadily. Life expectancy for men and women has improved again. It is also particularly good to see that the latest analysis of inequality in life expectancy across the City shows a narrowing of the gap for women.
- 2.2 Health inequalities remain a real concern however, particularly when issues such as how long people can expect to live free of disability or ill health which can limit daily life (rather than simply how long people can expect to live in either good or bad health) are taken into account. There are also a number of public health outcomes where further improvement can and should be made, especially in relation to vulnerable and at risk groups of people.

3.0 MAIN BODY OF THE REPORT

- 3.1 The report makes eleven key recommendations for taking up a number of opportunities for improving health and reducing health inequalities in Sheffield. Overall the aim is to capitalise on the opportunity we now have to combine public health resources with the wider reach of the Council and thus achieve a shift in focus towards prevention, a shift that is essential if services are to be sustainable.
- 3.2 The full report may be accessed from www.sheffield.gov.uk/publichealthsheffield A summary version is attached and is also available to download from this website. Paper versions of the summary have already been circulated to Board members although additional copies will be available at the meeting.
- 3.3 The 'Sheffield Health and Well Being' profiles for each of the 28 electoral wards have also been updated. These may be accessed via the DPH report website alongside a range of other health and wellbeing ward and neighbourhood based information.

4.0 QUESTIONS FOR THE BOARD

- 4.1 Identify any areas of the report where clarification or further information is required, particularly in relation to alignment with the Health and Wellbeing Strategy or the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 To note the information contained in the report and in particular the recommendations for improving health and wellbeing in the City.

6.0 REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 It is good practice for Director of Public Health reports to contain recommendations aimed at improving the health of the population.
- 6.2 Recommendations have been made in areas where there is particular scope to improve the health of the people of Sheffield through combining public health expertise with the scale and outreach of the City Council.