

# Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date of meeting:	09 October 2019
Title of Report:	<b>Director of Public Health Annual Report</b>
Lead Member:	Councillor Kate Taylor (Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care)
Lead Strategic Director:	Ruth Harrell (Director of Public Health)
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Your Reference:	RH
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

## **Purpose of Report**

The Director of Public Health publishes a report annually. This provides the opportunity to update a wide audience, raise awareness of particular issues and stimulate debate.

In this year's annual report, I have aimed to achieve two things; firstly, to update on year 4 of Thrive Plymouth, where the focus was mental wellbeing. Good mental wellbeing is the foundation for a healthier lifestyle; and similarly, healthier lifestyles can promote positive wellbeing. Part I of the annual report describes just some of the activities and interventions that the partnership of Thrive Plymouth has enabled.

Unfortunately, Part 2 of the report contrasts with the asset-based approach of part I, since it highlights some of the national emerging trends with reducing life expectancy for some sectors of the population, increases in infant mortality and therefore growing inequality. It is important that we are aware of these national trends, and are questioning what more we should be able to do; whether this is lobbying for national factors to change, or doing things differently locally.

## **Recommendations and Reasons**

1. Note the content (including recommendations) of the DPH annual report
2. Commit to considering what each partner organisation could contribute to these recommendations
3. Consider our response, if any, to the national picture

## **Alternative options considered and rejected**

Not applicable.

## **Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan**

The DPH annual report supports the Plymouth Plan aim to become a Healthy City, reporting on our work to reduce inequalities, and the challenge from the national picture.

### Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

None.

### Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

None.

### Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

*\* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.*

None

### Appendices

*\*Add rows as required to box below*

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### Background papers:

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*Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.*

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**Sign off:**

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Ruth Harrell											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes Date agreed: 18/09/2019											
Cabinet Member approval: <i>Kate Taylor approved by email</i> Date approved: 18/09/2019											