

Item No.	Classification: Open	Date: 4 July 2022	Meeting Name: Health and Wellbeing Board
Report title:		Annual Public Health Report	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All Southwark wards and population groups	
From:		Sangeeta Leahy - Director of Public Health, Southwark Council	

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. That the Health and Wellbeing Board note the findings of the Annual Public Health Report, and commit to the recommendations.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. Each year, Directors of Public Health in local authorities across England fulfil a statutory requirement to write an annual report on the health of their population. The Annual Public Health Report (APHR) is a vehicle for informing partners and residents about the health of Southwark's communities, as well as providing evidence on key health and wellbeing needs that should be prioritised in the forthcoming year.
3. The Director of Public Health was not able to publish an APHR during the pandemic due to additional pressures relating to COVID-19.
4. The APHR is shared with partners across the council and external partners, including the voluntary and community sector, and residents through publication on the council website.
5. Each year, the APHR is published with a statistical appendix which provides information on health and wellbeing measures, including trends over time and inequalities across the borough. From this year, the statistical appendix has been replaced by the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) annual report which was presented to Health and Wellbeing Board on 7 March 2022 and can be found in the papers from this meeting (previously referred to as State of the Borough report).

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

6. The Director of Public Health has chosen the value of partnership working to support residents during COVID-19 as the theme of this year's report, as a way of acknowledging and celebrating the efforts across the system which have helped, and continue to help, to keep residents safe and

supported during the pandemic.

7. The APHR begins with an introduction from Councillor Akoto, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, who highlights the value of these partnerships and the need to build on these moving forward.
8. The report is split into the following sections:
 - a) Health and wellbeing overview – this section provides a high-level overview of health and wellbeing across the life course in Southwark, and introduces the concept of health inequalities.
 - b) Impacts of COVID-19 – throughout the pandemic it has been clear that the direct impact of COVID-19 infection on risk of severe disease and death, and the wider health, social and economic impacts of the pandemic have been unequal. National evidence and local intelligence both show that ethnic minorities, and those living in areas of social and economic disadvantage have experienced more negative impacts.
 - c) Our response – prevent, identify control – this section identifies areas where partnership working helped Southwark Council to deliver the Outbreak Prevention and Control Plan (OPCP). The OPCP set out Southwark Council’s ambition and approach to providing local leadership and support for the pandemic response, and outlined the borough’s operational approaches to the challenge of COVID-19.
 - d) Value of partnerships – this section provides examples of where new and existing partnerships across the council, NHS and voluntary and community sector helped i) food insecurity, ii) education and learning, and iii) older people.
 - e) Recommendations – the Director of Public Health has given five recommendations for how the value of partnership working can continue to support wider health and wellbeing issues.

Community, equalities (including socio-economic) and health impacts

Community impact statement

9. The APHR has identified areas of partnership working including community-based organisations. The report concludes with a recommendation to increase engagement with communities, including in community venues, and a recommendation to increase the role voluntary and community sector organisations play in health and wellbeing.

Equalities (including socio-economic) impact statement

10. The APHR has provided a summary of health inequalities in Southwark and identified population groups who are at greater risk of COVID-19 severe disease and mortality.

Health impact statement

11. The APHR identifies areas of work to improve health and wellbeing across Southwark during COVID-19 and opportunities where this can be built on in the future.

Climate change implications

12. There are no climate change implications as a direct impact of this report. Many of the partnerships shared within the report consider the environmental impact of the work delivered.

Resource implications

13. There are no resource implications as a direct outcome of the APHR. Adoption of the recommendations by partners may affect future resourcing, but these recommendations likely align with their existing aims to broaden community involvement in health and wellbeing, and partnership working.

Legal implications

14. There are no legal implications.

Financial implications

15. There are no financial implications.

Consultation

16. There was no formal consultation. The APHR was developed through conversations with several partners to understand how partnership working benefitted their area of work during the pandemic.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Director of Law and Governance

17. None sought.

Strategic Director of Finance and Governance

18. None sought.

Other officers

19. None sought.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Annual Public Health Report 2022	Public Health Division, Environment & Leisure.	Chris Williamson 02075251774

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Southwark's Annual Public Health Report2022

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Sangeeta Leahy - Director of Public Health	
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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
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Strategic Director of Finance and Governance	No	No
Cabinet Member	Yes	Yes
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