



Health and Wellbeing Board 8th May, 2015

Annual Report from the Director of Public Health

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1. Summary

1.1 The NHS Act 2006 places a duty on the Director of Public Health (DPH) to write an annual report and the content and structure of the report is something is decided by the local Public Health Team.

1.2 Appendix A is the Shropshire Annual Report from the Director of Public Health entitled, Good Health for life in Shropshire: The Annual Report of the Director of Public Health: 2013/14. Key messages include:

On the positive side

- Overall, health in Shropshire is better than the England average
- Life expectancy overall for both men (79.6) and women (83.4) is higher than the England average
- Over the last 10 years, all cause mortality rates have fallen
- Early death rates from cancer, heart disease and stroke have also fallen
- Smoking related deaths, hospital stays for alcohol related harm and rates of sexually transmitted infections are all better than the England average
- The estimated level of adult smoking is lower than the England average
- The level of teenage pregnancy is lower than the England average
- Deprivation is lower than the England average

On the negative side

- There are still about 6,800 children in Shropshire living in poverty
- People from Shropshire's most deprived communities have a lower life expectancy than those from more affluent areas - 6.7 years less for men and 4.3 years less for women in the most deprived areas of Shropshire
- In Primary School Year 6, 19.4% of children are classified as obese (that's 1 in 5 children)
- The level of smoking in pregnancy is worse than the England average
- A quarter of Shropshire adults are classed as obese and two-thirds are overweight

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the attached Appendix - Good Health for life in Shropshire: The Annual Report of the Director of Public Health: 2013/14

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3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

(NB This will include the following: Risk Management, Human Rights, Equalities, Community, Environmental consequences and other Consultation)

The Health and Wellbeing Board works to reduce health inequalities across Shropshire.

4. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications directly associated with this report.

5. Background

n/a

6. Additional Information

n/a

7. Conclusions

n/a

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)
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Appendices Appendix A: Good Health for life in Shropshire: The Annual Report of the Director of Public Health: 2013/14