

REPORT TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

9th June 2022

Director of Public Health Annual Report 2021: What Matters to Me, Now

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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide Health and Wellbeing Board members with information about the Director of Public Health 2021 Annual Report.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Health and Wellbeing Board members are asked to:-

- Note the contents of the 2021 Director of Public Health Annual Report.

3. Delivering the [Health & Wellbeing Strategy](#)

- 3.1 Improving the health and wellbeing of children and young people in Barnsley is crucial for improving the public health of all Barnsley residents and is a key theme of the joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. It is why we decided to focus on children and young people for our 2019 DPH Annual Report. As well as providing an important way of identifying needs, flagging up key issues and reporting progress, the DPH Annual Report provides a valuable process for reflection and prioritisation as well as external engagement and awareness raising. This report presented a key opportunity for the Public Health team to hear from children and young people across the borough about matters that affect their lives, to ultimately help shape their future Healthy Barnsley.
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4. Introduction/ Background

- 4.1 The Director of Public Health is required under section 73B of the National Health Service Act 2006 to produce an annual report on the health of the public of Barnsley and the Council must publish that report.
- 4.2 The Director of Public Health (DPH) is as independent advocate for the health of the population and system leadership for its improvement and protection. The independence is expressed through the DPH Annual Report – an important vehicle for providing advice and recommendations on population health to both professionals and public – providing added value over and above intelligence and information routinely available.
- 4.3 The report, contained within appendix 1, will be used to communicate the work of the public health team within BMBC to the public, BMBC staff and partners. The public health team will work with partners, both internal and external, to coordinate delivery of the recommendations throughout 2022 which will be reported in the next DPH Annual Report.

5. Contributing to Health and Wellbeing Board's key priorities

- 5.1 Improving the health and wellbeing of children and young people is a key priority within Barnsley's joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. We know that the foundations for virtually every aspect of human development including physical, intellectual and emotional development are established in early childhood. Sustaining this across the life-course for children and young people is important to improve health and wellbeing outcomes and reduce inequalities.
- 5.2 The report and subsequent actions will ensure that commissioned services and programmes of work continue to tackle health inequalities.

6 Consultation with stakeholders

- 6.1 Extensive public engagement took place to develop this year's annual report and it was promoted through many routes to ensure a diverse response. The following groups and services who work with children and young people across Barnsley, ranging from 0 to 18 years or 25 years for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) provision, were engaged with:
- Barnsley Youth Council
 - Barnsley Care4Us Council
 - Barnsley Family Centres
 - Healthwatch and Barnardo's Barnsley Young Carers Council
 - Barnsley SEND Youth Forum
 - Barnsley Vision Support Service
 - Barnsley Targeted Youth Support Service
 - YMCA Barnsley ACE Club (Horizon Community College)

- YMCA Barnsley Juniors Youth Club
- YMCA Barnsley TYI Friday Project (SEND provision)
- Barnsley Young People's Substance Misuse Service
- Barnsley Youth Justice Service
- Greenacre School (SEND provision)
- The EXODUS Project

We also distributed 1500 blank postcards asking individuals to draw or write about what mattered to them. The postcards were completed through the following settings:

- Barnsley Museums
- Barnsley Libraries
- Barnsley FUSION – Cultural and Education Partnership
- Barnsley Schools
- Barnsley Family Centres and childcare providers
- Barnsley Children in Care and Care Leavers' Celebration Event

7. Appendices

7.1 Appendix 1: *What Matters to Me Now: The voices of children and young people who live and learn in Barnsley*

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