



Integration Joint Board
Transformation, and Innovation/Futures Committee

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This Report relates to
Item 9 on the Agenda

Director of Public Health Annual Report 22/23

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Discussion and Noting

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List of Background Papers:	None
Appendices:	Appendix 1 - Director of Public Health Annual Report 2022/2023

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of the Director of Public Health Annual report 2022/23 is to set out a broad picture of the main issues facing the health of the population living in Dumfries and Galloway and the steps needed to tackle them. The report takes the opportunity to reflect on learning from the pandemic about what can be done collectively when faced with the greatest of adversity.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **The IJB Transformation, and Innovation/Futures Committee is asked to:**
- **Discuss the content of the report, noting the significant challenges we now face in relation to population health and health inequalities**
 - **Discuss any further action the Committee would like to take in light of this report.**

3. Background and Main Report

- 3.1 The annual report relates mainly to National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes 1 and 5:
- People are able to look after and improve their own health and wellbeing and live in good health for longer, and
 - Health and social care services contribute to reducing health inequalities.
- 3.2 It is usual practice for Directors of Public Health in Scotland to produce an annual report which focuses in on population health of the region they work in. In England this is a statutory requirement but this is not the case in Scotland. There is no mandate on the form and content of the annual report. This is the first Director of Public Health Annual Report for several years in Dumfries and Galloway.
- 3.3 The report provides an overview of the health of the population in Dumfries and Galloway. It demonstrates that our population demographics are changing, life expectancy is falling and the number of years we can expect to live in good health is also reducing at a population level. It outlines that there is significant variation in peoples' life expectancy, and these differences are starkly demonstrated when we look at data by Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation – highlighting the combining effects of lack of resources on peoples' health. The report outlines areas of focus for how we need to work together to address the challenges we face to improve the health and wellbeing of our population, as we find ourselves in an extremely difficult context in relation to the wider determinants of our health.

4. Conclusions

- 4.1 The report ends with areas of focus for the future:
- Establishing Health as a common goal
 - Collaboration Across Sectors and Society
 - Development of Anchor Organisation Capability
 - Transition to a Wellbeing Economy, and
 - Empowering Communities for Better Health and Wellbeing with a Relentless Focus on Good Health and Prevention
- 4.2 In order to achieve these aims, the report concludes that the key to the future is how we all collaborate together to address the challenges and make the most of the

opportunities within the region.

5. Resource Implications

5.1 There are no direct costs associated with this report and its contents.

6. Impact on Integration Joint Board Outcomes, Priorities and Policy

6.1 As noted above, the annual report relates mainly to National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes 1 and 5. In turn, the report also directly relates to the Integration Joint Board's Strategic Commissioning Intention 2, that fewer people experience health and social care inequalities.

7. Legal and Risk Implications

7.1 None expected.

8. Consultation

8.1 This report has been presented to the NHS Board Management Team, The NHS Board Public Health Committee and will be presented to the NHS Board on the 14th of August.

8.2 No consultation has taken place on the consultation of the report as this report is based on currently available data on population health.

9. Equality Impact Assessment

8.3 An Equality impact Assessment is not required as the report does not propose a new or revised policy or practice. It does however advocate for a reduction in health inequalities.

10. Glossary

EQIA	Equalities Impact Assessment
IJB	Integration Joint Board
SPDC	Strategic Planning, Delivery and Commissioning