

KIRKLEES HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD	
MEETING DATE:	25/03/21
TITLE OF PAPER:	Director of Public Health Annual Report 2021
1. Purpose of paper	<p>This paper highlights to the Board the Kirklees Director of Public Health (DPH) Annual Report 2021, entitled ‘Health and inequalities across the life course’.</p> <p>Directors of Public Health have a statutory requirement to write an annual report on the health of their population. The focus of the report is chosen by the DPH and its aim is to inform local people about the health of their community as well as inform decision makers on health gaps and priorities that need to be addressed.</p> <p>The paper outlines the purpose and content of the DPH report which the Board can use to support intelligence-led commissioning to reduce local inequalities.</p>
2. Background	<p>The topic of this year’s DPH report aligns with the Council’s wider focus on tackling inequalities and will support the initial intelligence requirements of the new Inequalities Commission, as well as providing the core content for the latest Kirklees Joint Strategic Assessment Overview.</p> <p>The report provides the population context for health within each of seven life stages and highlights inequalities found in Kirklees, including those specifically related to/exacerbated by COVID-19. Through case study examples, the report also shows how a Population Health Management approach can be used to reduce inequalities and improve health-related outcomes.</p> <p>The seven life stages (and indicative age ranges) covered are: New beginnings (conception to age 2); Early challenges (ages 3-10); Character development (ages 11-17); Seizing opportunities (ages 18-34); Settling down (ages 35-59); Changing pace (ages 60-79); Taking stock (age 80 to end of life).</p> <p>The report is presented in several formats, including an interactive online version, a walkthrough video and seven posters (one for each life stage), which can be downloaded for use individually or as a complete set. Each life stage section is divided into four sub-sections: Population; Inequalities; COVID-19; Population Health Management</p>
3. Proposal	<p>The Board is asked to endorse the findings and recommendations in the DPH Annual Report to support partnership working for tackling health inequalities across Kirklees.</p>
4. Financial Implications	<p>None</p>
5. Sign off	<p>Rachel Spencer-Henshall, Strategic Director – Corporate Strategy, Commissioning and Public Health</p>
6. Next Steps	

FORMAT FOR PAPERS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

The report will be published on the Council's web site and will be promoted by the Council's Comms Team via the usual channels. Infographics and online resources will be available for Board members to utilise in their own areas of work.

7. Recommendations

It is intended that Board members will make use of the DPH report to inform decision-making and commissioning in order to help reduce health-related inequalities. A set of posters and infographics will be made available, along with an interactive online version of the report, to enable the report to be shared as widely as possible.

8. Contact Officer

Rachel Spencer-Henshall, Strategic Director – Corporate Strategy, Commissioning and Public Health, rachel.spencer-henshall@kirklees.gov.uk

Owen Richardson, Intelligence Lead for Public Health

Owen.richardson@kirklees.gov.uk; 01484 221000