

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD FEBRUARY 2024

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2023 - 2024

Board Sponsor

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Priorities

This report is relevant to the following Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prevention & inequalities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Homes, Communities & Places |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mental Health & Wellbeing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jobs & Opportunities |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Healthy Living at All Ages | |

Safeguarding

This report does not have a direct impact on safeguarding children or adults.

Item for Decision, or Information & Assurance

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Decision | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information/assurance |
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Recommendation

- 1. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the content of the DPH Annual Report.**

Executive Summary

1. Directors of Public Health have a statutory requirement to write an independent annual report on the health of their population and the Local Authority is required to publish it.
2. This year's Director of Public Health annual report has a new look. *The Healthy Worcestershire* celebrates the power of community for good health and wellbeing, and shares stories of brilliant public health work and outcomes across the County.
3. A limited number of physical copies are available to view but the report is also available online as a digital flipbook [The Healthy Worcestershire: The Director of Public Health's Annual Report 2023 - 2024 \(publuu.com\)](https://publuu.com) alongside a growing suite of community stories on our Worcestershire Insights webpage.

Main content

4. This year's Director of Public Health Annual Report has a new look. *The Healthy Worcestershire* celebrates the power of community for good health and wellbeing, shares stories of brilliant public health work and outcomes across the County.
5. Collated with help from our partners, the report includes infographic health and wellbeing data and community stories across the following topics: healthy children, young people and families; healthy adults and healthy places.
6. The public health insights and stories highlight that community is still at the heart of a healthy Worcestershire and that partnership working is key to improving health and wellbeing of our residents. Alongside a small number of printed copies, the report will be available online and will be shared with partners.
7. In the last six months we have been working with the District Councils and VCSE organisation to collate even more community stories, the community-produced videos, podcasts and stories will continue to be added to our Worcestershire Insights webpage from April 2024.

Impact on health disparities

8. The report highlights the importance of working with communities to address health inequalities and improve health outcomes.

Consideration of impact on mental health and wellbeing

9. The report shares examples of work taking place across the County that support the delivery of the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy Priority of good mental health and wellbeing.

Legal, financial and HR implications

10. There are no legal, financial or HR implications to the DPH annual report.

Contact point and partnership working

11. Specific contact for this report: Lisa McNally
12. The report content was collated with support from partners.