



Health & Wellbeing Board

Report title: Annual Public Health Report 2021-22

Date: 09 March 2022

Key decision: Yes/No.

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: ALL

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Outline and recommendations

This report introduces the topic for the 2021-22 Annual Public Health Report (APHR) by the Director of Public Health.

The Lewisham Public Health team are proposing to develop an APHR on the topic of 'Culture and Health', in line with Lewisham being the London Borough of Culture for 2022.

The board is asked to discuss and agree the topic for the report for 2021-22.

Timeline of engagement and decision-making

March 2022: Lewisham Health and Wellbeing Board (Report topic proposal)

December 2022: Lewisham Health and Wellbeing Board (Final report)

1. Summary

- 1.1. This report introduces the topic for the 2021-22 Annual Public Health Report (APHR) by the Director of Public Health.
- 1.2. The report outlines a proposal to develop an APHR on the topic of Culture and Health for 2021-22, in line with Lewisham being the London Borough of Culture for 2022.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The board is asked to discuss and agree the topic for the report for 2021-22.

3. Policy Context

- 3.1. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 stated that the production of an APHR is a statutory duty of the Director of Public Health, which the local authority is responsible for publishing.

4. Annual Public Health Report 2021-22: 'Culture and Health'

- 4.1. Lewisham is the Mayor's London Borough of Culture 2022 and will be home to a range of cultural activity over the year through a programme that has been created by and with the people of Lewisham. The Lewisham Public Health team would therefore like to propose the topic of 'Culture and Health' for the APHR for 2021-22.
- 4.2. UNSECO defines culture as: "the set of distinctive spiritual, material, intellectual and emotional features of society or a social group ... [which] encompasses, in addition to art and literature, lifestyles, ways of living together, value systems, traditions and beliefs" (UNESCO, 2001)
- 4.3. Using this definition we can see several clear links between aspects of culture and health and wellbeing.
- 4.4. The proposed 2021-22 APHR on 'Culture and Health' will aim to cover:
 - An overview of the role of culture on health and wellbeing.
 - Best practice examples (national and international) of how cultural activities and initiatives can impact positively on health and wellbeing of Lewisham residents.
 - Local examples of how cultural activities and initiatives impact positively on health and wellbeing of Lewisham residents.
 - Case studies of London Borough of Culture activity and health.
 - Recommendations for further local work on culture and health building on recommendations from the last APHR on 'Health in all Policies'.
 - Overview of health and wellbeing indicators for Lewisham.
- 4.5. In line with the Borough of Culture ethos, we will aim to take a community-centred approach to develop the report.
- 4.6. The completed report will be presented to the Lewisham Health and Wellbeing Board in December 2022.

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5. Financial implications

5.1. There are no specific financial implications arising from this report.

6. Legal implications

6.1. The requirement to produce an APHR is set out in the Policy Context section.

7. Equalities implications

7.1. This report has no specific implications for equalities.

8. Climate change and environmental implications

8.1. There are no direct climate change or environmental implications from this report.

9. Crime and disorder implications

9.1. There are no direct crime and disorder implications from this report.

10. Health and wellbeing implications

10.1. The report outlines the topic for the 2021-22 APHR to explore the role of culture in health and wellbeing, particularly for Lewisham residents.

11. Report author and contact

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