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SUBJECT: Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2021/22

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to provide the Board with an overview of key issues included in the independent Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2021.22.

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The report will be the subject of a presentation by Professor Josephine Pravinkumar. The regular publication of the DPH Annual was stalled due to the pandemic. This report will recommence that schedule picking up from the 2017.18 Report, subsequent reports will be published in March on an annual basis going forward.

2. ROUTE TO THE BOARD

This paper has been prepared by Professor Josephine Pravinkumar Director of Public Health and Policy

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3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

The last DPH Annual Report in 2017.18 produced by my predecessor Gabe Docherty raised a number of key issues and made a number of recommendations. The intention at that time was to formally review progress on these recommendations on a two yearly basis however the pandemic has impacted on this process, and the intention for the future will be to re-instate this review and look for new and innovative ways of demonstrating the impact of the work of the Directorate on the issues affecting the health of the population of Lanarkshire.

Our report this year focusses on a number of key areas post-pandemic, some of which were evident pre-pandemic but have been very clearly exacerbated as a result of the pandemic and other significant factors:

- Identifying the impact of the pandemic on those with Long Term conditions in Lanarkshire and how to provide support and services to address the needs of those patients.
- Cost of Living crisis and the impact this is having on the health & wellbeing of the population.

- Covid-19 and its impact on Health Inequalities across our communities and focussing on those areas of the community which have been disproportionately impacted
- Health Improvement and the significant impact the work of that service strives to have on through a number of areas including Mental Health; Smoking Cessation and Maternal and Infant Screening
- Focussing on Cancer inequalities across North and South Lanarkshire and what we can learn from the data to put systems and processes in place to try to mitigate the impact of those inequalities
- The impact of the pandemic in relation to dentistry is well documented, significant work is ongoing to address the Four Harms (Direct harm to people's health; Wider impact on Health and Social Care Services; The restrictions in place due to the pandemic which restricted our broader way of living and society; The impact on the economy and the damaging effect on poverty and inequalities) and how services will require to respond and mitigate these impacts.

4. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

This paper links to the following:

Corporate objectives	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ADP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Government directive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Statutory requirement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AHF/local policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Urgent operational issue	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>		

5. CONTRIBUTION TO QUALITY

This paper aligns to the following elements of safety and quality improvement:

Three Quality Ambitions:

Safe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Effective	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Person Centred	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Six Quality Outcomes:

Everyone has the best start in life and is able to live longer healthier lives; (Effective)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
People are able to live well at home or in the community; (Person Centred)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Everyone has a positive experience of healthcare; (Person Centred)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff feel supported and engaged; (Effective)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Healthcare is safe for every person, every time; (Safe)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Best use is made of available resources. (Effective)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

6. MEASURES FOR IMPROVEMENT

The challenge for NHS Lanarkshire, both Health and Social Care partnerships, both Community Planning Partnerships and for the Directorate of Public Health is to contribute to the delivery of programmes aimed at prevention and to demonstrate the effectiveness of interventions. There is the need for the creation of rigorous business cases for investment in prevention programmes that clearly outlines potential benefits and demonstrates how impact will be assessed. Through the scrutiny of the Population Health, Committee and Primary Care Committee provides the mechanism for the Board to govern this challenge.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This paper is not seeking resources but highlights the need for further investment in the prevention and inequalities agenda.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

9. FIT WITH BEST VALUE CRITERIA

This paper aligns to the following best value criteria:

Vision and leadership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Effective partnerships	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Governance and accountability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use of resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Performance management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Equality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

10. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Not applicable.

11. CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

This is an independent report produced by the Director of Public Health and Policy.

12. ACTIONS FOR THE BOARD

The Board is asked to note this report and agree that this be added to the topics discussed at a Non-Executive Briefing session over the coming months.

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13. FURTHER INFORMATION

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