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NHS LANARKSHIRE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2023

1. Introduction

This paper presents the NHSL Director of Public Health Annual Report for 2023.

2. Overview

This report focuses on the theme of Anchor organisations and the progress that has been made over the January - December 2023 period on developing these themes. Anchor organisations are typically large local employers that can have a strong and positive influence on the health and wellbeing of their local communities. Organisations who can do this can make a difference to health and well-being outcomes and reduce inequalities by their work across the five pillars:

- Being an exemplar anchor
- Employability
- Procurement
- Environment and assets
- Service design and delivery

NHS Lanarkshire has developed a 3-year strategic anchor plan which outlines actions it will take to support community wealth building and a more inequalities focused approach to service delivery.

Opportunities to work with other anchors on common goals to support community wealth building are evolving through working in partnership. The priorities for action are laid out in the report with examples of work NHSL and partners are taking forward under our anchor ambitions.

This year I have taken the opportunity to reflect on key Public Health priorities which featured in the previous annual report 2021/22 and have viewed this reflection through the *What we said* and *What happened* lens. Some of the things that we have made progress on:

- The cost of living plan actions have been incorporated into the NHS Lanarkshire anchor plan in order to ensure a streamlined approach.

- All oral health improvement programmes and the National Dental Inspection Programme have been remobilised. NHS dental activity has continued to increase.
- Progress in the area of long-term conditions in 2023 in NHS Lanarkshire has included completion of a Test of Change (pilot) with regards to support for patients attending the respiratory laboratory to quit smoking, which has now been successfully incorporated into usual practice.

Health of the Population (Census 2022)

The estimated population of Lanarkshire from Census 2022 figures is 668,200, a 2.6% increase from 2011 Census.

North Lanarkshire estimated population 341,000 (1% increase from 2011 Census)

South Lanarkshire estimated population 327,000 (4.3% increase from 2011 Census)

The latest projections available to us are based on estimates for 2018 and show the population of Lanarkshire as a whole is expected to rise about 0.5% between 2021 and 2032 and fall slightly between 2023 and 2042, making the expected overall change from 2021 to 2042 an increase of 0.2%.

The projected age structure of Lanarkshire's population between 2021 and 2042, demonstrated in figure 1.1.1, indicates an increase of the over 75 years age group will equate to 64% of the overall population.

The lower life expectancy and higher premature deaths in Lanarkshire compared to Scotland, and inequalities in these figures across Lanarkshire, necessitates whole systems working as a key priority, applying multidisciplinary, interagency, and collaborative approaches to prevention, early intervention and ongoing care.

The report also gives a brief update on our health protection work, dental public health and screening services.

3. Conclusion

The Board is asked to note the report which will be launched after the NHSL Board meeting on 27 March. The report will be shared with partners and specific groups across the wider organisation and HSCPs for noting and discussion.

This will include the Public Health Priorities Vision session on 18 April 2024, and the Population Health Committee, before being discussed in greater detail by the Board as part of a development session.

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