



Meeting: NHS Highland Board
Meeting date: 31 January 2023
Title: Director of Public Health Annual Report
Responsible Executive/Non-Executive: Tim Allison, Director of Public Health & Policy
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1 Purpose

This is presented to the Board for:

- Awareness and Discussion

This report relates to a:

- Legal requirement

This report will align to the following NHS Scotland quality ambition(s):

Safe, Effective and Person Centred

This report relates to the following Strategic Outcome(s)

Start Well	x	Thrive Well	x	Stay Well	x	Anchor Well	x
Grow Well		Listen Well		Nurture Well		Plan Well	
Care Well		Live Well		Respond Well		Treat Well	
Journey Well	x	Age Well	x	End Well	x	Value Well	x
Perform well		Progress well					

2 Report summary

2.1 Situation

The Annual Report of the Director of Public Health for 2022 is presented.

2.2 Background

Directors of Public Health are required to produce an annual report concerning the state of health of their local population. There is no set format for the report and in recent years the reports have tended to focus on individual themes rather than acting as a repository for population health intelligence.

2.3 Assessment

The report for 2022 is presented to the Board of NHS Highland along with this paper. The theme for the report is prevention of ill health. There is presentation of the local context and evidence base, together with case studies that show the value of prevention within NHS Highland. There are also recommendations for action for both NHS Highland and for partners.

2.4 Proposed level of Assurance

This report proposes the following level of assurance:

Substantial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/>
Limited	<input type="checkbox"/>	None	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comment on the level of assurance

There is substantial assurance that the requirement for the publication of the report is met. Other elements of public health reporting will continue to need further work as will implementation of the recommendations from the report.

3 Impact Analysis

3.1 Quality/ Patient Care

Prevention is an important part of both quality and patient care, and it is recommended that it is included in all pathways.

3.2 Workforce

There are no specific workforce implications from this paper, but a focus on prevention will affect work undertaken and will also improve the health of the workforce.

3.3 Financial

There are no direct financial implications from the paper. A focus on prevention would incur costs, but net savings are possible from NHS budgets for many prevention initiatives. Some could also be cash releasing.

3.4 Risk Assessment/Management

Risks are managed in line with NHS Highland’s policy.

3.5 Data Protection

No personally identifiable information is involved.

3.6 Equality and Diversity, including health inequalities

The report addresses equality issues.

3.7 Other impacts

No other impacts to note.

3.8 Communication, involvement, engagement and consultation

This is an independent report from the Director of Public Health which builds on evidence from many sources.

3.9 Route to the Meeting

This is an independent report from the Director of Public Health. Considerable work has been undertaken within the Public Health Directorate to produce the report.

4 Recommendation

The Board is asked to note the 2022 Director of Public Health Annual Report.

4.1 List of appendices

The following appendices are included with this report:

- The Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2022
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