

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH COUNTY DURHAM
AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH DARLINGTON 2011/12**

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of the report is to present the 2011/12 annual report of the Director of Public Health for County Durham and the Director of Public Health for Darlington to members of the Health and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee.
2. It is the final joint report as from April 2013 the integrated team will split and move into different parts of a new public health system.

Summary

3. The theme of the 2011/12 annual report looks backwards to the time when public health was previously a local authority responsibility; and looks forwards identifying further work we must do to continue to improve the health and wellbeing of people in Darlington.
4. The move to the council is not entirely new for public health as until 1974 some public health services were in local authorities. Darlington was a County Borough and the surrounding area was covered by Darlington Rural District Council. For each of the themes in the 2011/12 report we have looked back for reference to the last report of the County Medical Officer of Health in 1973.
5. Each chapter reviews a key area of public health work such as a lifestyle issue or, the diseases which cause people to die prematurely. An important aspect of future public health work will be addressing the six key policy objectives in Professor Sir Michael Marmot's report, "Fair Society, Healthy Lives". In each of the report's sections work that has been delivered is cross referenced against the Marmot objectives.

A section on "Future Challenges" at the end of each chapter summarises recommendations for future work.

Recommendations

6. It is recommended that:-

- (a) Members receive the annual report of the Director of Public health for County Durham and the Director of Public Health for Darlington
- (b) Members note this is the final joint report of above Directors

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Background Papers

Marmot. M. 2010, "Fair Society, Healthy Lives Strategic review of health inequalities in England"

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S17 Crime and Disorder	This report has no implications for Crime & Disorder.
Health and Well Being	This report has implications to the address Health and Well Being of residents of Darlington, through scrutinising the services provided by the NHS Trusts.
Carbon Emissions	This report has no implications for Carbon Emissions.
Diversity	There are no issues relating to Diversity which this report needs to address.
Wards Affected	The impact of the report on any individual Ward is considered to be minimal.
Groups Affected	The impact of the report on any Group is considered to be minimal.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not represent a change to the budget and policy framework.
Key Decision	This is not a key decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision.
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The report contributes to the delivery of the objectives of the Community Strategy in a number of ways through the involvement of local elected Members contributing to addressing health inequalities.
Efficiency	There are no issues relating to Efficiency which this report needs to address.