



**Argyll and Bute Council**

**Agenda item :**

**Date of Meeting:** 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Title of Report:** NHS Highland Director of Public Health Annual Report 2023

**Presented by:** Dr Tim Allison, Director of Public Health & Policy

**Argyll and Bute Council is asked to:**

- **Note the Director of Public Health Annual Report**
- **Support the recommendations laid out in the report**

## **1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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.

The report for 2023 is presented to the Argyll and Bute Council. The theme for the report is medication and public health; the key discussion point is about doing the right thing. Public Health challenges cannot be solved simply by prescribing medication. There are areas of public health where medication plays a huge role in improving health but conversely it is important to be aware and to act where medication causes harm such as impacts on the environment.

## **2. INTRODUCTION**

The Annual Report of the Director of Public Health for 2023 is presented.

## **3. DETAIL OF REPORT**

As in the online report:

[The Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2023 - Medication and Public Health - Do the Right Thing - Dr Tim Allison \(scot.nhs.uk\)](#)

## **4. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

This report provides information that will contribute in some way to all strategic objectives but particularly to the priority to:

- Promote health and wellbeing across all communities and age groups

## **5. GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS**

### **5.1 Financial Impact**

There are no direct financial implications from the paper. Some issues covered in the report will have indirect costs but others indirect savings.

### **5.2 Staff Governance**

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

### **5.3 Clinical Governance**

Appropriate use of medication is an important aspect of clinical governance.

## **6. EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

The report addresses equality issues.

## **7. RISK ASSESSMENT**

Risks are managed in line with NHS Highlands policy.

## **8. PUBLIC & USER INVOLVEMENT & ENGAGEMENT**

This is an independent report from the Director of Public Health.

## **9. CONCLUSIONS**

Members are asked to note and comment on the report.

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