

## Management Committee

Date: 29 September 2021



---

# Title – Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership Public Health Team Annual Report 2020-2021

## 1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the CPP Management Committee with an update of Public Health activity which aligns to Outcome 5 – People lead active, healthier and more independent lives.

## 2.0 Recommendations

The CPP Management Committee is asked to:

- Note the outputs in the Public Health Annual Report for Argyll and Bute covering the period 2020-21
- Consider cross cutting themes and actions relevant to Argyll and Bute's Community Plan

## 3.0 Background

The Public Health Department publishes an annual report of activity each year. This provides a high level summary of key health and wellbeing programmes. The report is presented in an accessible infographic format.

## 4.0 Detail

The year of 2020/21 will be a year to remember for many reasons, as COVID-19 disrupted systems and services on many levels. It has been a year full of challenges, and often of uncertainty, but also one which has seen communities coming together to be there for each other and make a positive contribution where they can.

This year's annual report gives an insight into the work of the Argyll and Bute Public Health Team, including the following highlights:

- Argyll & Bute – the challenges and context;
- COVID-19 in Argyll and Bute – it's prevalence, it's impact and our response (including Caring for People helpline); vaccinations; symptomatic and asymptomatic testing; working in partnership.
- Ongoing work of the Argyll and Bute Public Health team.
- The Living Well Strategy: £70k awarded through eight Living Well Grants to Third Sector organisations;

- Living Well Networks (eight across Argyll & Bute) – £4K allocated as Youth Grant Awards;
- Community Link Working;
- Cool2Talk;
- Smoking Cessation;
- Sexual Health;
- Screening Inequalities;
- Suicide Prevention;
- Social Mitigation;
- Equalities;
- Comms & Engagement;
- Argyll & Bute Alcohol & Drugs (ADP).

We hope you enjoy the read, including the many interactive links embedded throughout the report. Feel free to contact us with any queries you may have at: [nhsh.abhealthimprovement@nhs.scot](mailto:nhsh.abhealthimprovement@nhs.scot)

The full report can be viewed here: [News | Healthy Argyll and Bute](#)

## **5.0 Conclusions**

The pandemic has had significant impacts on the people of Argyll and Bute. These impacts have directly affected health, for example Covid, long Covid and mental health problems, but there are also indirect impacts on wellbeing such as employment and the economy. Some of these indirect impacts continue to emerge, for example, availability of affordable housing.

As we move forward with recovery, a planned approach to mitigate these impacts is necessary, both locally and nationally. A range of activity is already underway in which the Public Health Team participates, these include the Building Back Better programme in Argyll and Bute and NHS Highland's Social Mitigation Strategy. It is essential local communities influence recovery planning.