



Argyll and Bute Council

Agenda item :

Date of Meeting: 27th April 2023

Title of Report: NHS Highland Director of Public Health Annual Report 2022

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 2022 is presented to the Argyll and Bute Council 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. INTRODUCTION

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

3. DETAIL OF REPORT

As in the online report:

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/45cbb2d9-8f8d-44dd-a040-efe28296701c>

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. 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.

5.2 Staff Governance

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.

5.3 Clinical Governance

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

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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