

Report to: **East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board**

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Title of report: **Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2013-14:
Delivering Healthy Lives, Healthy People: The East Sussex Health and
Wellbeing Strategy 2013-16**

Purpose of report: **To inform the Health and Wellbeing Board of the Annual Report of the
Director of Public Health 2013-14**

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board note the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2013-14.

1. Background

1.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 stipulates that the Director of Public Health is required to produce, and the relevant Local Authority to publish, an annual public health report. Each year there is a different focus for the report.

2. Introduction

2.1 Delivery of the priorities in the East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Strategy will require action at a time when public sector commissioners face difficult choices about what they can achieve within reducing resources and across competing priorities, it is important that they have the best possible evidence base from which to make decisions.

2.2 The 2013/14 Public Health Report has been produced to inform delivery of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy action plan and aims to provide a robust basis for decision making, building on work already undertaken in East Sussex.

2.3 The recommendations in this report will help service commissioners to ensure that they make the best investment of the resources they have available and to weigh the return on that investment against other competing priorities.

3. Content of the Report

3.1 The report presents the results from a series of rapid evidence and literature reviews aligned to the seven priority areas of the Strategy and supporting action plan. For each of the seven priority areas, sub-topics have been identified which are important for delivery. Recommendations from the evidence reviews have been included in the appendices, and the full evidence reviews will be included on the JSNA website (www.eastsussexjsna.org.uk).

3.2 The report provides a checklist against which commissioning plans and strategies can be compared to ensure they are based on current best evidence. It is therefore important that commissioners and multi-agency partnerships responsible for delivering the action plan supporting the implementation of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy review all the recommendations and prioritise the key recommendations for implementation. It is suggested that recommendations should be prioritised where they:

- are not part of current practice;
- highlight the need for practice to change;
- require retraining or the development of new skills;

- require implementation by a broad range of agencies or across a range of settings;
- may be viewed as potentially contentious or difficult to implement for other reasons.

3.3 To make recommendations more easily accessible and to aid review of them for prioritisation, a series of booklets have also been produced. Each booklet focuses on just one of the priority areas in the East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Strategy, and reproduces what is contained in the main report for that area including all the recommendations.

Booklet 1: The best possible start for all babies and young children

Booklet 2: Safe, resilient and secure parenting for all children and young people

Booklet 3: Enabling people of all ages to live healthy lives and have healthy lifestyles

Booklet 4: Preventing and reducing falls, accidents and injuries

Booklet 5: Enabling people to manage and maintain their mental health and wellbeing

Booklet 6: Supporting those with special educational needs, disabilities and long term conditions

Booklet 7: High quality and choice of end of life care

4. Conclusion and Reason for Recommendation

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the 2013-14 Annual Report of the Director of Public Health.

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