

Public Service Board 12th June 2007
Item 10 Director of Public Health report

Director of Public Health for Oxfordshire, Annual Report 2005-07

Executive Summary:

This is the first Annual Report by a Director of Public Health for Oxfordshire appointed by both the NHS and Local Government. Its recommendations are made for all organisations in Oxfordshire and for the public. It is an independent report which all Directors of Public Health must produce every year.

The report includes four major challenges for all organisations and partnerships. These are:

1. The impact of an aging population (the demographic “time bomb”)
2. Breaking the cycle of deprivation affecting children and families
3. Preventing obesity – a major cause of chronic disease.
4. Fighting the threat of new or recurrent infectious diseases.

The full report sets out the evidence for highlighting these medium to long term issues across Oxfordshire and sets out a range of recommendations.

The full report can be accessed through the Oxfordshire Partnership website through the following link

<http://portal.oxfordshire.gov.uk/content/public/oxfordshirepartnership/News/rf0191%20DPHAnnualReportfinalBoardversionmar07.pdf>

The aim of presenting this paper is to influence long term strategic thinking and planning and to galvanise action to meet threats to the future health, well-being and prosperity of Oxfordshire.

Recommendations:

The Public Service Board is requested to

- discuss this report and its implications for partnership working across all themes.
- Approve the recommendations contained within the report.

Aim(s)/objective(s) supported by this paper:

Improving the health of the people of Oxfordshire by working in partnership.

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