

BRIEFING PAPER FOR HEALTH SELECT COMMISSION

1.	Date of meeting:	14 th June 2018
2.	Title:	Director of Public Health Annual Report 2017
3.	Directorate:	Public Health Directorate, RMBC

4. Introduction

4.1 Every Director of Public Health (DPH) must produce an independent Annual Report on the local population's health. The 2015 and 2016 annual reports were two in a series of annual reports that planned to work through the life course, focusing on key health issues at different stages of our lives. This year's focus is on living and working well. The intention is to use this year's annual report to outline what is working well in Rotherham, what Rotherham is doing as a whole and what is planned for the future, it also is an opportunity to shine the light on the rich asset that the working age population has within Rotherham.

4.2 The report highlights some of the successes in Rotherham, but also gives a frank assessment of some of the challenges we face as a community. According to the Faculty of Public Health guidance DPH reports should:

- Contribute to improving the health and well-being of the Rotherham population.
- Reduce health inequalities.
- Promote action for better health, through measuring progress towards health targets.
- Assist with the planning and monitoring of local programmes and services that impact on health over time.

The annual report is the DPH's professional statement about the health of local communities, based on sound epidemiological evidence, and interpreted objectively. The report should be publicly accessible. The DPH report is not a strategy document, but can make recommendations for system change.

5. Key Issues

5.1 Living well is important for individuals and the population as a whole to ensure a good quality of life throughout the life course. Living a healthy life can increase life expectancy and making the right life choices can reduce the likelihood of premature death and suffering certain long term conditions.

5.2 Working adults support the welfare state through income generation and paying taxes as well as contributing to civic society. It is therefore important

to promote and protect both the physical and mental health of this sector of the population.

5.3 There are 161,200 residents in Rotherham of working age (16-64). 22.7% of them are not in work and not looking for work.

5.4 A man in Rotherham can expect to live to 77.9 having spent 18.1 years in poor health. A woman in Rotherham can expect to live to 81.6 having spent 25.9 years in poor health.

6. Key actions and relevant timelines

6.1 The annual report highlights Key Messages within each chapter and sub-chapter. These should be digested by all relevant organisations and sectors and considered when planning strategy and service delivery.

6.2 The DPH and colleagues from Public Health will share the report and recommendations individually with each organisation and ask them to consider what actions they will commit to over the next 12 months that address the recommendations. This will form the basis of an action plan to be monitored and reported on next year.

7. Recommendations to HSC

7.1 That the Health Select Commission receives and notes the report.

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