

The Covid-19 Pandemic in Stockport

2021-22 Director of Public Health Annual Report

Report To (Meeting):	ONE Stockport Health and Care Board		
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Date:	22 November 2023	Agenda Item No:	11
Previously Considered by:	Council Leadership Team		

Purpose of the report:

The report is structured into themes that match its four core purposes; to **record** the Stockport Story, to **celebrate** that we came together in our response and the success we achieved, to **describe** the ongoing impacts, both the good and the bad, and to **learn** from our experience, what worked and what didn't; and make recommendations for the future.

Key points (Executive Summary):

Director of Public Health (DPH) annual reports are published in line with the statutory duty of the DPH to write an independent report on the health of the local population, and the corresponding duty of the council to publish it (sections 73B (5) and (6) of the National Health Service Act 2006, as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012).

This 2021-22 report has been compiled by the public health team acting independently and represents our assessment, and the assessment of the people we have spoken to, of the experience and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our population. It is an honest and open reflection of that experience and impact. It is not intended to represent the views of the corporate body of Stockport Council, or our elected councillors.

This report covers the period from 2021 to 2022 and includes data collected up to the end of 2022 (but not more recently). While an unusual step, we decided to publish a single report covering both these years for two main reasons. Firstly, we were still in the midst of the pandemic at the time when the first years' report would ordinarily have been written, and felt it would be wrong to take away from our response the capacity needed to write an annual report. But secondly, we wanted to write a report that could capture the full impact and lived experience of the pandemic – from start to end – a story that couldn't be told at the start of 2021.

This report tells our borough's story – the Stockport experience of the COVID-19 pandemic. It isn't Stockport Council's formal submission to the national COVID-19 enquiry, but instead gives the underlying narrative of the pandemic period. The report is structured into themes that match its four core purposes; to **record** the Stockport Story, to **celebrate** that we came together in our response and the success we achieved, to **describe** the ongoing impacts, both the good and the bad, and to **learn** from our experience, what worked and what didn't; and make recommendations for the future.

This report will be presented to our Health and Wellbeing Board. Subsequently, it will be published on our website and printed, to be made available in our archives and libraries. We will ask the Health and Wellbeing Board and Health Protection Board to seek assurance on relevant recommendations in the report as part of their ongoing work. Many of the recommendations within this report are already in the process of being implemented, and the Borough Plan, the ONE Health and Care Plan, the Council Plan, and our Portfolio Performance and Resource Agreements (PPRA) each respond to some of these.

Recommendation:

The Board are asked to:

- Note the contents of the report and the recommendations, and consider how they can continue to address these through their work

Decision		Discuss/Direction		Information/Assurance	X
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Aims (please indicate x)

Which integrated care aim(s) is / are supported by this report:	People are happier and healthier and inequalities are reduced	X
	There are safe, high-quality services which make best use of the Stockport pound	X
	Everyone takes responsibility for their health with the right support	X
	We support local social and economic development together	X

Conflicts of Interests

Potential Conflicts of Interest:	None
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Risk and Assurance:

List all strategic and high level risks relevant to this paper	
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Consultation and Engagement:

Local People / Patient Engagement:	
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Workforce Engagement:	
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Potential Implications:

Financial Impact: Please note - All reports with a financial implication require detail of the level of funding, funding stream and comments from Finance.	Non-Recurrent Expenditure	£		
	Recurrent Expenditure (please state annual cost)	£		
	Funding stream		Yes	No
	Included in the s75 Pooled Budget			
	GM ICB (Stockport) delegated budget			
	Other, please specify:			

Finance Comments:	
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Performance Impact:						
Workforce Impact:						
Quality and Safety Impact:						
Compliance and/or Legal Impact:						
Equality and Diversity: Has an equality impact assessment been completed?	General Statement:					
	If Not Applicable please explain why	Yes		No		N/A
Environmental Impact: Has an environmental impact assessment been completed?	General Statement:					
	If Not Applicable please explain why	Yes		No		N/A