

DPH ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22 - COVID-19 IN STOCKPORTCover sheet for report of the Director of Public Health**1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 This is the statutory Director of Public Health Annual Report for 2021-22, and tells the story of the COVID-19 pandemic in Stockport. 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.
- 1.2 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).
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 This report will be published on our website and printed, to be made available in our archives and libraries. We 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.

2. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 Health and wellbeing board are also asked to seek assurance at a suitable date that the recommendations of this report are implemented, as part of their ongoing work

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Please see main report (enclosed)

Anyone wishing to inspect the above background papers or requiring further information should contact Ben Fryer on telephone number Tel: 07929 847904 or alternatively email ben.fryer@stockport.gov.uk