

**Public Health Annual Report 2023: Health Inequalities in Stockport**

**Report of the Director of Public Health**

**1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The publication of an independent annual report on the health of the local population is a statutory duty of the director of public health. The content and structure can be determined locally, and this year the topic of 'Health Inequalities' was chosen because of the wide and entrenched inequalities that persist within the Borough.

The report draws attention to stark health inequalities in Stockport and outlines how social determinants of health play a role in driving and therefore addressing these inequalities. It presents the principle of addressing health inequalities by improving everyone's health, but doing so according to people's different levels of need: proportionately more support and resources are needed for those already disadvantaged or at higher risk / need. The report shares encouraging case studies from ongoing work in Stockport, and recommends wide-ranging actions for Stockport partners.

**2. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to:
- discuss how the report can be used to best effect to support our work to reduce health inequalities across the system

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Anyone wishing to inspect the above background papers or requiring further information should contact Jilla Burgess-Allen, Director of Public Health [jilla.burgess-allen@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:jilla.burgess-allen@stockport.gov.uk)