

Public Health Annual Report 2024: 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

- The Committee is invited to consider the implications of the report, particularly in connection with its planned scrutiny review on the topic of health inequalities.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Anyone wishing to inspect the above background papers or requiring further information should contact Jilla Burgess-Allen by email on Jilla.burgess-allen@stockport.gov.uk