

## **SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** Health Scrutiny Panel

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**WARD(S):** All

### **PART I** **FOR COMMENT & CONSIDERATION**

#### **HEALTH ISSUES BY WARD: UPDATING THE WARD HEALTH PROFILES THROUGH A NEW DATA OBSERVATORY & WEBSITE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SLOUGH**

##### **1. Purpose of Report**

Provide an overview of the updating of Slough's Ward Health Profiles through the development of a new Public Health Data Observatory and Public Health website for Slough.

##### **2. Recommendations**

The Panel is recommended to:

1. Review the paper and presentation outlining how ward health profiles are being developed through a new Data Public Health Observatory and Slough Public Health website and progress to date.
2. Request a further update in 3 months in order to demonstrate the Public Health Data Observatory in practice, present the up-to-date Ward Health and new ward analyses from the Health Beliefs Research project.

##### **3. The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy, the JSNA and the Five Year Plan**

###### **3a. Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy Priorities**

This work addresses all of the Wellbeing Strategic priorities by making it easier to review the data at a Slough and ward-based level for both decision-makers and the public.

###### **3b. Five Year Plan Outcomes**

The primary outcomes where delivery will be particularly enhanced by the paper are:

- Outcome 1: Slough children will grow up to be happy, healthy and successful
- Outcome 2: Our people will be healthier and manage their own care needs

#### 4. **Other Implications**

(a) **Financial**

There are no financial implications directly resulting from the recommendations of this report and outlined activities are within the current budget and resources.

(b) **Risk Management** - None

There are no identified risks associated with the proposed actions.

(c) **Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications**

There are no Human Rights Act implications to the content of this report

(d) **Equalities Impact Assessment**

The content of this report does not require an Equalities Impact Assessment.

#### 5. **Supporting Information**

##### **Background**

- 5.1 Historically, Slough Borough Council Public Health team has commissioned the fifteen Ward Health Profiles every 2 years from the Berkshire Public Health Shared Team (PHST). (The PHST is co-commissioned by the 6 Berkshire Unitary Authorities using the Public Health ring-fenced grant to provide various shared functions including health informatics.) The resultant products have been helpful but represent a 'snap-shot in time' every 2 years. Stakeholders have expressed frustration that the data in the Ward Health Profiles (and Joint Strategic Needs Assessment) appeared 'out of date' and requested more timely and flexible presentation of data.
- 5.2 Over the last year, PHST in conjunction with representatives from each of the Public Health Teams from the 6 boroughs have been working together to understand Public Health data requirements and what technological solutions are available to meet our needs and that of our stakeholders.
- 5.3 The resultant tool, the Public Health Data Observatory, should provide a user-friendly solution for more up-to-date data reports which can be self-tailored to the needs of the enquirer.
- 5.4 Unfortunately, the project is running a few weeks late so we are not yet able to present the new Ward Health Profiles and discuss what this means for each ward however, it is hoped that these should be available by Nov 2019.
- 5.5 The attached presentation in Appendix 1 explains about the Ward Health Profiles, how they fit within the growing 'library' of health data available and the development of both the Slough (and Berkshire) Data Observatory and new Slough Public Health website.
- 5.6 In addition, further analysis from the recent Health Beliefs Research project should soon provide ward-level opinion data that tells us how ward residents view their health.

## 6. **Comments of Other Committees**

6.1 There have been no other presentations of this paper to other Council Committees.

## 7. **Conclusion**

7.1.1 The forthcoming Slough Public Health Data Observatory is an opportunity to provide Public Health data in a user-friendly way which is amenable to creating bespoke reports to inform decision-makers, including Ward Health Profiles. Because of the improving technology, data will be automatically updated as new national (or local) data is released for publication and allowing better assurance for users that they have the latest data available.

7.1.2 It is hoped that Slough Ward Health Profiles, which will be drawing on this new technology, will soon become available (by approximately Nov 2019), allowing the presentation and discussion of the population's health by ward in detail.

7.1.3 The planned Slough Data Observatory (as part of similar work across each of the Berkshire Unitary Authorities) will contribute to a 'library' of resources to inform decision-makers and the public across the Borough, allowing them to make the best decisions about health and wellbeing at an organisational or personal level. The new Public Health website is a key platform for sharing this information more easily.

## 8. **Appendix**

Update on Ward Health Profiles

## 9. **Background Papers**

None