

TITLE OF REPORT Substance misuse in the City of London and London Borough of Hackney: The 2019/2020 Director of Public Health Annual Report	
HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD - 28th January 2021	CLASSIFICATION: Open
WARD(S) AFFECTED All Wards	
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1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

- a) The Director of Public Health annual report (DPHAR) for 2019/20 has now been published.
- b) The Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) is requested to consider and respond to the recommendations within the report.
- c) The 2020/21 report will focus on the health impacts of the economic recession and how these can be mitigated.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) The Health and Wellbeing board is requested to note and comment on i) the recommendations within the DPHAR and ii) stakeholders to be involved in producing the response to the recommendations to be published as a follow up report.

3. BACKGROUND

- a) The annual report from the Director of Public Health provides an opportunity to assess the local population's health and, as appropriate, make recommendations to address identified need.¹
- b) The report for 2019/20 was delayed due to the need to respond to the COVID pandemic but has now been finalised.
- c) The report details what is known about substance use, including alcohol, and the health harms cause by misuse using information provided by Public Health England based upon uptake of services, primary care and hospital data².
- d) The impact of COVID is not yet fully known but where it is possible to quantify the effect or early indications this is described.
- e) The recommendations to address the needs identified have been developed from the National Institute for Health and Clinical Care Excellence (NICE) guidelines on addressing alcohol³ and substance misuse⁴.
- f) Key stakeholders and service providers will be engaged to respond to the report and recommendations during January and February 2021.
- g) Stakeholders will be requested to detail where they are already addressing the issues raised, sharing best practice and how they would be able to further strengthen their service provision to better address the recommendations. These will then form part 2 of the DPH report to be published in early 2021 collating their responses.
- h) In the summer of 2021 a service user engagement exercise is proposed to report back on the DPH report, responses and provide a user perspective on the process and outcomes.
- i) The proposed theme for the DPH report for 2021/ 22 is how to mitigate the health and wellbeing impacts of a recession and a scoping document will be presented detailing the proposed process in due course.

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https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/860515/direct-ors-of-public-health-in-local-government-roles-responsibilities-and-context.pdf

² <https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/local-alcohol-profiles>

³ <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/lifestyle-and-wellbeing/alcohol>

⁴ <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/health-protection/drug-misuse>

BACKGROUND PAPERS

In accordance with The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) England Regulations 2012 publication of Background Papers used in the preparation of reports is required

As above.

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