


Non-Executive Report of the: Health and Wellbeing Board 20 th March 2023	
Report of: Somen Banerjee, Director of Public Health	Classification: Unrestricted
Report Title: Annual Public Health Report 2022	

Originating Officer(s)	Somen Banerjee, Director of Public Health
Wards affected	All wards

Executive Summary

This report sets out a high-level review of the state of health in the borough using routinely available data and sets out key health messages for residents.

The report has three core purposes:

Firstly, to raise awareness of the state of health in the borough across partners in the borough, within communities and with residents.

Secondly, to use this analysis to validate existing priorities of policy makers across the partnership and highlight potential gaps

Thirdly, to identify where further analysis is needed to understand important trends more deeply.

This report is written at a point when the 2021 Census findings are only just being released. The focus here is on reviewing high level existing data to help shape how we use the more detailed census data to understand health and health inequalities in the borough when this is available.

The report will be designed and shared across the partnership (versions will be tailored for different audiences including communities and residents).

Based on the findings of the analysis important areas of focus (ie where Tower Hamlets is an outlier) or further analysis are as follows

1. Maternal health
2. Early years health outcomes
3. Healthy weight in children
4. Mental health in children
5. Improving up take of childhood immunisation
6. Impact of air quality on lung health in children
7. Demand for sexual health services (safe sex messages and prevention)
8. Substance misuse – getting people into treatment and treatment completion
9. Mental health – physical health of people with severe mental illness
10. Early identification of long-term conditions and getting back to basics of regular review (addressing impact of Covid on health and care system)
11. Improving uptake of cancer screening
12. Health impacts of cost-of-living crisis
13. Understanding inequalities using 2021 Census and other linked data
 - a. Change in population between 2011 and 2021
 - b. Improvement trends in early death by ethnicity and deprivation
 - c. Gender inequalities (particularly healthy life expectancy in women)
 - d. Early deaths in people with severe mental illness

Recommendations:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

Reflect on the findings and discuss the implications of the findings for priorities of the health and care systems and wider partnerships.

Health and Wellbeing Strategy:

The Health and Wellbeing Strategy is grounded upon 6 principles that matter most to residents of Tower Hamlets.

1. Resources to support health and wellbeing should go to those who most need it
2. Feeling connected and included is a foundation of wellbeing and the importance of this should be built into services and programme
3. Being treated equally, respectfully and without discrimination should be the norm when using services
4. Health and wellbeing information and advice should be clear, simple, and produced with those who will benefit from them
5. People should feel that they have equal power in shaping and designing services and programme that impact on their health and wellbeing
6. We should all be working together to make the best use of the assets we already have that support people's health and wellbeing.

Detail how this report relates to one or more of these principles:

This report is particularly relevant to principles 1 and 4. It is a review of quantitative data and not qualitative and provides a high-level steer on how resources should be targeted to those who most need it. It also contains core health messages which can be used as a starting point to coproduce communications with residents.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

1.1. To ensure that the Health and Wellbeing Board are aware of headline health and wellbeing trends in the borough to inform its focus in 23/24

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

2.1. The Board would not be aware of the wealth of health intelligence routinely available to inform its work.

3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT

3.1. The report is attached alongside a slide deck summarising the data

3.2. The report uses routinely available data to provide high level view of health in the borough. The report will be used to inform the priorities of the Health and Wellbeing board and further in-depth analysis. The report also sets out key messages for residents.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

4.1. The report highlights high level health inequalities in the borough. However, due to limitations of available routine data for equality characteristics, further local analysis of data is needed to understand these in more depth and this report sets where this analysis will be focussed.

5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

5.1. See legal comments

6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

6.1. There are no financial implications arising from this report, which sets out the key health and wellbeing data for the borough. The report also presents the health inequalities that are prevalent in the borough.

6.2. Any costs arising from meeting the priorities highlighted in this report, in line with the requirement to meet the Public Health Outcomes Framework (as set by the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities), are funded via the Public Health Grant. The Tower Hamlets Public Health Grant allocation for 2022/23 is £37.4m.

7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES

7.1. A local authority's Director of Public Health is required by virtue of section 73B of the National Health Service Act 2006 to prepare an annual report on the health of the people in the area of the local authority, and the local authority is required to publish the report.

7.2. The matters set out in this report comply with the above legislation.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- Annual Public Health Report 2022
- Accompanying Powerpoint slides

Appendices

- INSERT LINK

Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)

List of "Background Papers" used in the preparation of this report

List any background documents not already in the public domain including officer contact information.

- These must be sent to Democratic Services with the report
- State NONE if none.

Officer contact details for documents: