

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee- 14th November 2011

Report of the Director of Public Health

Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2009 – ‘Thirty Years On’: Primary Care, Past and Present in Dudley.

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To summarise the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health for 2009 and to provide an internet hyperlink (paragraph 2.5) so that Members can access online information about GP Practices – the GP Practice Profiles.
- 1.2 *“These reports should be the DPHs independent report to his/her authority and should become public documents to which the authority should respond”*
[Department of Health. Public Health: responsibilities of the NHS and the roles of the others. Advice of the committee set up to undertake a review of HC (88) 64 (Abrams Committee) London HMSO 1993]

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Annual Report of the Director of Public Health is a detailed extensive document of over 400 pages. A hard copy has been made available for the Members’ Library; CD ROM discs are available of the report, and this summary includes an internet hyperlink to online information about the performance of each GP Practice in the borough of Dudley across a wide range of indicators.
- 2.2 The full report is devoted to a look back at how primary care has developed and evolved 30 years after the publication of the Alma Ata declaration on Primary Health Care. The Alma-Ata declaration was a landmark event. It was signed at the International Conference on Primary Health Care in Alma-Ata, in what is now Kazakhstan, in 1978; an event attended by virtually all the member nations of the World Health Organisation (WHO) and UNICEF. The declaration identified Primary Health Care as the key to the attainment of the goal of Health for All; a goal which was championed by WHO.
- 2.3 In the first part of the report I have taken an historical approach – literally ‘telling stories’ to reconnect with our primary care past in Dudley, the better to understand our prospects for the future.
- 2.4 In the second part I present a comprehensive set of GP practice profiles which form part of Dudley’s Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and will be available on line and updated annually. I wish to see Dudley – its Primary Care

practitioners, its local communities and its civic decision makers, together, develop a vision for Primary Care which goes beyond health targets and the rules of competitive markets.

2.5 The online Practice Profiles are available at:

<http://www.nhsdudley.nhs.uk/sites/About-Board-Papers/index.asp?id=2557&doc=show>

These offer a range of contextual geographic and demographic information, and performance information compared to other practices across a range of medical conditions.

3.0 Summary

3.1 As a Director of Public Health jointly appointed by the PCT and Dudley MBC since October 2006, I should like to acknowledge the support I have received from PCT Board members and Dudley MBC members and officers in improving local people's health and tackling health inequalities in the Borough. The full report and its recommendations are designed to continue this work in a broad partnership context and I commend them to you.

4.0 Finance

4.1 No financial matters arising from this report.

5.0 Law


5.1 No legal matters arising from this report

6.0 Equality Impact

6.1 Equality issues are intrinsically addressed as part of the ongoing analytical tasks involved in assessing and addressing health inequalities in the Borough. Specific equality information is listed for each GP Practice in the practice profiles.

6.0 Recommendation

6.1 Members are asked to note the report and are recommended to make use of the online resource, referenced in this document, which offers updated performance information about GP Practices.



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