

**Children's Services Scrutiny Committee – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019**

**Report of the Strategic Director People**

**Dudley Child Health Profiles**

**Purpose**

1. To share the findings of the Public Health England child health profiles for Dudley.

**Recommendations**

2. It is recommended that the Committee;
  - Note the content of the 2019 child health profile
  - Suggests any areas they wish to scrutinise on child health profiles.

**Background**

3. The child health profiles provide an overview of child health and wellbeing, in each local area in England using a range of charts and text. They pull together existing information in one place and contain data on a range of indicators for local populations. They enable local areas to benchmark performance on indicators with the national average and other councils and identify where they are an example for either good or poor performance.
4. The profiles can be used to:
  - Understand the needs of local communities
  - Inform plans to improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people
  - Identify the priority action needed to reduce health inequalities
5. Health Profiles are intended as conversation starters to highlight local issues and priorities for members, and for discussion at Health and Wellbeing Boards.
6. The online tool is updated on a quarterly basis. During each quarterly update period the availability of new data is checked for each indicator, if new data is available then the indicator will be updated. The 2019 profile report is attached and includes the most recent data for each indicator (between 2015 and 2018 depending on the indicator)

7. Dudley performs significantly better than other councils for:

- Asthma
- Immunisations
- Family homelessness

Significantly worse than other councils for:

- Infant Mortality
- Breastfeeding
- School readiness
- Healthy Weight
- Hospital admissions for mental health conditions

8. Data from the profiles has been used by the Health and Wellbeing Board to set the following priorities:

- Promoting healthy weight
- Reducing the impact of poverty

The Children and Young People's Alliance has used the data to identify the following outcomes as priorities:

- Promote healthy pregnancy during the first 1000 days
- Promote healthy weight
- Increase readiness for school and improved learning outcomes throughout school
- Reduce child poverty and its impact on children and young people's health and wellbeing
- Improve emotional health and wellbeing, including resilience
- Ensure the inclusion of vulnerable children and young people, including those with special educational needs and disabilities and safeguarding needs, and ensure that safeguarding practices are robust and comply with legislation and statutory guidance.

### **Finance**

9. There are no direct financial implications associated with the profiles in this report

### **Law**

10. The profiles are produced by Public Health England and are official statistics and are produced based on the three pillars of the Code of Practice for Statistics: Trustworthiness, Quality and Value.

### **Equality Impact**

11. The indicators can be used to identify priorities for work to reduce inequalities in the health and wellbeing of children and young people

## **Human Resources/Transformation**

12. There are no direct Human Resource implications arising from the contents of this report.

## **Commercial Implications**

13. There are no direct commercial implications arising from the contents of this report

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