

**NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde**

**NHS Board Meeting**

**Director of Public Health**

**19 April 2016**

**Paper No: 16/15**

**Back to Basics Update Report**

Report of the Interim Director of Public Health

**Recommendation:-**

The NHS Board is asked to note progress to date

**Purpose of Paper:-**

The paper provides an update on the progress made since the launch of the Biennial Report on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015.

**Key Issues to be considered:-**

Wide breadth of information and data available to inform strategic planning and local action

**Any Patient Safety /Patient Experience Issues:-** None

**Any Financial Implications from this Paper:-** None

**Any Staffing Implications from this Paper:-** None

**Any Equality Implications from this Paper:-** None

**Any Health Inequalities Implications from this Paper:-** None

**Has a Risk Assessment been carried out for this issue? If yes, please detail the outcome:-** Not applicable

**Highlight the Corporate Plan priorities to which your paper relates:-**

Early intervention and preventing ill-health; tackling inequalities.

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## BACK TO BASICS – DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH’S BIENNIAL REPORT 2015-2017

1. Back to Basics, the Director of Public Health’s Biennial report on the population health in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde 2015-2017 was launched formally on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015 in the Community Kitchen of Yoker Resource Centre. We were joined at the launch by players from Glasgow Warriors. A series of meetings have taken place with strategic groups within the devolved health and social care partnerships and another three meetings are scheduled to take place until June 2016.

The launch and meeting discussions gave the opportunity to meet a range of health, social care and wider community planning partners and community activists. The discussions also provided an insight into the health needs and challenges faced by them and to assess the extent to which they are reflected in this report.

The encounters brought real life stories to the epidemiological approach of the report and reinforced the importance of asset-based approaches and community engagement in mitigating the effects of poor social circumstances and disadvantage made worse by the “props” widely available to dampen the reality of life.

The news release is available at:

<http://www.nhsggc.org.uk/about-us/media-centre/news/2015/11/director-of-public-healths-biennial-report-launched/>

The report is available on the NHSGGC website at:

<http://www.nhsggc.org.uk/your-health/public-health/the-director-of-public-health-report/dph-report-2015-2017/>

2. The discussions reinforced the understanding that asset-based approaches are not an alternative to good public services but challenge public services to work more collaboratively to transform their relationship with communities and those with poor health. Crucially, asset-based approaches are not about overlooking structural and material issues or asking vulnerable people to think positively despite their circumstances. Addressing poverty, deprivation and inequality must continue to be the focus of concerted effort as key social determinants of health and wellbeing.

Common factors of assets-based approaches include: starting with the assets and resources in a community; seeing people as the answer; supporting people to develop their potential; identifying opportunities and strengths; investing in people as active participants; focusing on communities, neighborhoods and the common good; seeing people as having something valuable to contribute and helping people take control of their lives.

3. Under the Public Bodies (Scotland) Act, NHS Health Boards and Local Authorities are jointly responsible for nationally agreed outcomes in health and social care. The aim of this report was to inform the strategic plans for the Health and Social Care Partnerships by developing health indicators that reflect physical, mental and social determinants of health and facilitate the task of needs assessment. The local context

is crucial when identifying priorities for local action and the comparisons available in the report highlight areas for action that are amenable to influence by reducing variation in performance.

4. The Board paper number 16/15, Adult Weight Management Services, presents progress made against recommendations of action for health behaviors.