

GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
REPORT TO OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Report Title:	Director of Public Health Annual Report 2022/23
Reporting to:	Adult Social Care and Communities Scrutiny Committee
Date:	Tuesday 24 th January 2023
Author/ Presenting Officer:	Siobhan Farmer, Director of Public Health and Communities
Purpose of the report:	To present to the Committee the Director of Public Health Annual Report for 2022/23 – No Person is an Island: Social Connections in Gloucestershire
Background documents:	A copy of the PDF version of the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2022/23 accompanies this paper.
Summary:	In her first annual report since taking up the position as Director of Public Health for Gloucestershire, Siobhan Farmer has highlighted the importance of social connections for good health and wellbeing. The report reflects on the challenges we all faced to maintain our social connections during the pandemic, and how this led to an increase in social isolation and loneliness. The report also provides an opportunity to showcase some of the excellent examples of activities and groups that are working to bring people together in Gloucestershire and provides recommendations of actions that individuals, communities and organisations can take to ensure Gloucestershire is a place which enables connections.
Outcomes:	The committee to note the report, promote within their organisations and communities, and reflect on how they may act on the recommendations.