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Our responsibility for improving the public's health

Blackpool council is responsible for promoting and protecting the health and wellbeing of the people of Blackpool.

Each year the director of public health publishes an [annual report](#) giving their independent view of the health of the people of the town.

Legal responsibilities

We have a range of public health functions including five specific legal responsibilities:

1. Helping to protect people from communicable diseases and environmental threats
2. Organising and paying for [sexual health services](#)
3. Providing specialist public health advice to local GP commissioners
4. Organising and paying for height and weight checks for primary school children ([National Child Measurement Programme](#))
5. Organising and paying for [health checks](#) for the people of the town
6. Organising and paying for 5 checks for infants and young children

Other functions

Other important functions include:

- Organising and paying for [alcohol and drug misuse services](#)
- Helping people to [stop smoking](#)
- Promoting [healthy weight](#) and advising on healthy nutrition
- Promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles
- Co-ordinating projects to improve [mental health](#)
- Organise and pay for public health services for children aged 5-19 including school nursing
- Promoting [breast feeding](#) across the town
- Co-ordinating projects to reduce accidental injuries including falls

We carry out a range of work to support commissioning of health and social care services including leading the production of the [Joint Strategic Needs Assessment](#), a statutory analysis providing data and information to describe local health and social needs.

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