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Global and Public Health SCS

## **BACKGROUND READING ON PUBLIC HEALTH**

1. You have indicated that you would welcome some background reading for the summer recess.
2. Working with my Directors and Public Health England (PHE), I have identified a few documents to provide useful information. No decisions are requested; these either set out the roles and responsibilities in the system, or are to inform your thinking on prevention, which you have set out as an early priority.
3. Please find attached:
  - Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response: this note sets out the role of Ministers, DHSC and others in an emergency response, including COBR; the three risks for which DHSC is responsible in the Government's National Risk Assessment; and our rapid international response capability;
  - Public Health System in England: this pack sets out roles and responsibilities of DHSC, NHS England and Public Health England that were put in place in the 2013 legal reforms, and includes financial flows;
  - Health Profile for England: this is published by Public Health England and uses data from a range of sources including the Public Health Outcomes Framework and the Global Burden of Disease and to summarise the health profile in England. Breakdowns at local level are also available, as well as longer and comparative information online;
  - Work and Health reforms: this is the background evidence pack for our joint work with DWP on improving the health of working age adults to reduce pressure on the NHS and welfare system.
4. There is of course a large amount of other information and data available on keeping people healthy, and on specific risk factors such as tobacco or obesity. We will work with your office on the agendas for the prevention priority meetings from September.

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