

Report of the Director of Public Health

Derbyshire Health Protection Board

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The recent changes in the NHS involve a period of transition to ensure the smooth transfer of responsibilities and processes. The Derbyshire Health Protection Board provides a high level forum to oversee the transition period and to reduce associated risks relating to the following Health Protection areas:
 - National Screening Programmes (Cancer and non-cancer)
 - National Immunisation Programmes
 - Communicable disease control
- 1.2 The Board is accountable to and will provide regular reports to the Health and Wellbeing Boards for Derby City and Derbyshire County. It is chaired by the Director of Public Health for Derby City. A second board, covering Emergency Planning, is chaired by the Director of Public Health for Derbyshire County.
- 1.3 The key messages to report following the Derbyshire Health Protection Board meeting held on 18th March 2013 are:
 - Public Health England are working closely with the NHS England Local Area Team (covering Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire) and have established teams to take forward the Screening and Immunisation agendas from 1st April 2013. Roles and responsibilities have been agreed and details of key contacts will be provided shortly.
 - It is expected that all existing assurance arrangements will continue over the first year, ensuring a continuity of service.
 - Local management arrangements for screening and immunisation in Derbyshire will continue to be managed through the programme boards that are already in place.
 - The Board has identified and discussed possible risks associated with the transition process and assurances have been received for most of these. Plans for mitigation have been put in place for a small number of identified risk areas. These will be reviewed again in July.
- 1.4 The next meeting of the Derbyshire Health Protection Board will take place on Tuesday 21st May 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

2.1 To note the key messages from the Derbyshire Health Protection Board.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

3.1 To provide assurance regarding Health Protection plans and processes in place during the NHS transition.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1 None

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 Not applicable

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	N/A
Financial officer	N/A
Human Resources officer	N/A
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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	None

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

1.1 None specific

Legal

2.1 None specific

Personnel

3.1 None specific

Equalities Impact

4.1 None specific

Health and Safety

5.1 Provides assurance that the risks relating to the transition of Health Protection related services and processes are being identified, monitored and mitigated appropriately, to assure the health of the population in relation to screening services, immunisation programmes and communicable disease control.

Environmental Sustainability

6.1 None specific

Asset Management

7.1 None specific

Risk Management

8.1 Risks relating to Health Protection services during the NHS transition are being identified, monitored and mitigated as appropriate.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

9.1 None specific