

Health Protection Board Update

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Derbyshire Health Protection Board met on 27 January 2014. This paper provides the Health and Wellbeing Board with an overview of the key issues discussed.
- 1.2 **Shingles Vaccine**
The Board noted that practices were now able to order small quantities of the vaccine which would affect uptake although there had been good uptake of the programme to date and good awareness from the public.
- 1.3 **Seasonal Influenza Vaccination to all Two and Three Year Olds/All secondary Age Students up to Age 17**
NHS England and Public Health England wish to implement an accelerated rollout of this immunisation programme to all children aged 2 to 18 years of age by September 2014. The considerable challenge associated with the delivery of the accelerated rollout across the Area Team in such a short timescale was highlighted at the meeting. In Derby City and Derbyshire County there are no immunisations given by school nurses apart from HPV vaccines in Derby City. There were ongoing reviews of the school nursing service by the public health directorates in both local authorities in their role as commissioners of school nursing. The Board noted that an option to run immunisation pilots in two schools was being explored. The Area Team had requested clarification of the evidence base about flu immunisation to this age group, the financial implications and model(s) of delivery. The Board agreed that a letter should be sent from the Chair of the Health Protection Board to support this request for clarification of these items.
- 1.4 **Uptake of Seasonal Influenza Vaccination by Health Care Workers**
The Board noted the low uptake by Healthcare Workers from the Derbyshire Healthcare Foundation Trust and concerns about this would be conveyed to Hardwick CCG as commissioners of mental health services.
- 1.5 **Addressing Immunisation Uptake Inequalities in Derby City: Lister House Surgery Case Study**
The Board was informed of a study to improve the uptake of immunisations within an inner city GP practice in Derby. A similar study would be undertaken in neighbouring practices.
- 1.6 **Hardwick CCG: Learning Disabilities and Cancer Screening Health Needs Assessment**
The Board noted the conclusions and recommendations arising from the findings of a

full cycle of a Health Needs Assessment and Health Equity Audit looking at the health needs of learning disability patients in Hardwick CCG. A report would be prepared with recommendations and advice.

1.7 **Prison Equity Audit**

The Board noted that a report had been produced about the current poor access to the National Screening Programmes by the prison population. It had been highlighted that the delivery of screening services to the prisoners presented particular challenges due to the regular invitations and surveillance required for individuals who are frequently moved and required supervision outside the prison setting. The Board agreed that it would be useful to have the endorsement of both Health and Wellbeing Boards for the recommendations arising from the report. A short paper would be developed for the Health Protection Board to feed into the Health and Wellbeing Boards.

1.8 **Joint Proposal on Infection Control City/County Public Health**

The Board was informed about the new health protection duties of local authorities including the arrangements for the planning of responses to health protection incidents and communicable disease outbreaks and their critical role in the provision of information and advice to relevant organisations to enable them to discharge their protection functions to the public effectively. The Director of Public Health must take appropriate steps to facilitate the preparation of plans to protect the local population. The Board noted that the majority of health protection functions were facilitated on a county-wide basis across Derbyshire and the proposal to have a joint Health Protection Team to consist of a Senior Health Protection Manager and a Health Protection Officer/Specialist Infection Control Nurse to provide this. Job descriptions for these roles had been developed and were currently going through the pay banding process.

1.9 **Annual Update Reports to the Health and Wellbeing Boards**

The Health and Wellbeing Board to receive formal health protection reports from Public Health England and the Area Team annually.

RECOMMENDATION

2.1 To receive and note the key items from the Derbyshire Health Protection Board.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3.1 This report is for information only to update the Board.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	n/a
Financial officer	n/a
Human Resources officer	n/a
Service Director(s)	Derek Ward, Director of Public Health

Other(s)	
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

1.1 None

Legal

2.1 None

Personnel

3.1 None

Equalities Impact

4.1 None

Health and Safety

5.1 None

Environmental Sustainability

6.1 None

Asset Management

7.1 None

Risk Management

8.1 None

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

9.1 The Health Protection Board is a sub group of the Health and Wellbeing Board. The Health and Wellbeing Board asked to receive summary reports from the health protection meetings at the next available board following a Health Protection meeting.