



Derby City Council

Health and Wellbeing Board 11 July 2013

Report of the Strategic Director for Adults, Health
and Housing

ITEM 6

Health Protection Board Update

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Derbyshire Health Protection Board met on 24th June 2013. This paper provides the Health and Wellbeing Board with an overview of the key issues discussed.

1.2 Season Influenza

A letter from the Department of Health/Public Health England and NHS England on the Flu Immunisation Programme 2013/14 has been published. The letter included key information about the flu immunisation programme, uptake aspirations, vaccine ordering, programme assurance, pregnant women, health and social care workers and the Seasonal Flu Plan 2013/14. The Public Health England Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Area Team had produced a 2013 Seasonal Flu Vaccination Plan, which gives details of the key strategic and operational stages for implementing the vaccination programme to the prioritised population groups and incorporated the recommendations contained in the Department of Health/Public Health England and NHS England letter.

Issues highlighted at the meeting included the need to be continually vigilant despite the fact that last winter was another quiet flu season for England. However, some other countries experienced more severe flu that could be dangerous and remained highly unpredictable. It was therefore important to avoid complacency and continue to improve vaccine uptake rates. Different immunisation delivery models also needed to be explored in order to target the various priority groups and this involved an important role for occupational health departments.

1.3 Measles

The MMR catch-up programme was currently in progress and there had been a positive response in both City and County to this. The Board highlighted that this vaccination programme also provided an opportunity to cover other aspects of immunisation at point of contact. Measles was a highly infectious disease but MMR was an effective and safe vaccination.

1.4 Cancer and Non-Cancer Screening Programmes

Programme governance was being established through Local Programme Boards and covered:

- Non-cancer screening programmes: diabetic eye screening, aortic aneurism screening and antenatal and newborn screening.

- Cancer screening programmes: cervical screening, breast screening and bowel cancer screening.

Each Local Programme Board was chaired by the Area Team Screening and Immunisation Lead and had wide stakeholder membership including PHE Quality Assurance leads, clinical leads and acute sector programme managers.

The Board highlighted the future need to include in Programme Board reports details of current and planned initiatives to address health inequalities.

1.5 New Immunisation Programmes

The following new programmes were noted.

- Vaccine for rotavirus to be introduced in July 2013 for all babies from two months of age. This is an oral vaccine and will be incorporated into the routine childhood immunisation programme.
- From October 2013 shingles vaccine to be offered to people aged 70 years together with a catch-up programme for 79 year olds. This would be administered at the same time as the seasonal flu vaccine.
- Meningitis C vaccine for adolescents to be made available in 2013/14.
- The seasonal flu vaccine to be extended to all children aged 2-16 years olds during 2014/15.
- Pertussis (whooping cough) in pregnancy to continue for a further year.

The Board highlighted the additional pressure on providers which would be caused by the introduction of the new programmes.

1.6 Local Authority Public Health Role in Community Infection Prevention and Control

Local Authorities through their Director of Public Health now have a remit to provide specialist infection prevention resource and advice.

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.