

# HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD 13 November 2014

**ITEM 15** 

Report of the Director of Public Health

#### **Health Protection Board**

#### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The Derbyshire Health Protection Board met on 13 October 2014. This paper provides the Health and Wellbeing Board with an overview of the key issues discussed and recommendations to support specific areas of work.
- 1.2 There was a wide ranging discussion regarding Ebola preparedness. Current areas of work include:
  - A table-top exercise to review the outbreak management plan led by the Local Resilience Forum which took place on 3 November 2014. Lessons learnt were taken on board and actioned by partners
  - Training by Public Health England for local public health practitioners
  - Weekly briefings by Public Health England including specifically for political members which are shared widely
  - Further information of current actions being undertaken by PHE is available at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/ebola-virus-disease-clinical-management-and-guidance">https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/ebola-virus-disease-clinical-management-and-guidance</a>
- 1.3 The Board received an update of the Derby City and Derbyshire County Immunisation programmes
  - The recently published Public Health England March 2014 Child Health Profile indicated that immunisation uptake for looked after children Derby City was 87.0%. This was significantly better than the England of 83.2 %.
  - The uptake of the shingles vaccination in the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire areas combined was the highest uptake in England for people aged 70 years compared to the rest of England.
  - Uptake of the seasonal flu vaccination has been low for patients with a clinical need, pregnant women and health and social care workers. Future actions may include making GP practices responsible for the reporting of health and social care worker vaccination and the incorporation of vaccination of pregnant women into the maternity services contract as commissioned by the Clinical Commissioning Groups.
  - A significant piece of work is being undertaken to understand vaccination uptake in emerging migrant communities within Derby City. Identified actions are being addressed by Public Health England and the Communities Health Team.

- In winter 2014-15 seasonal flu vaccination will be extended to all four year old children, in addition to two and three year olds.
- 1.4 The Board were informed of a major restructure of NHS England in which 12 area teams would be created from the existing 27 (which includes the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Area Team). At present there is a lack of detail regarding the new structures and their resource implications. It was highlighted that clarity as to future intentions and plans was urgently required. The Board also requested assurance from Public Health England's Regional Director regarding this restructure.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To note the summary above for information
- 2.2 To support actions to maintain and improve the uptake of seasonal flu vaccination specifically in pregnant women and healthcare workers
- 2.3 To support Public Health England and NHS England to continue to deliver their excellent level of service in the light of the current re-organisation plans and request clarity from these organisations as to future intentions and plans.

#### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3.1 To support the work of the Health Protection Board

#### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

4.1 N/A

#### OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 N/A

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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Financial officer	
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Background papers:	Health Protection Board minutes available on request
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications

### **IMPLICATIONS**

# **Financial and Value for Money**

1.1 N/A

## Legal

2.1 N/A

#### Personnel

3.1 N/A

#### IT

4.1 N/A

# **Equalities Impact**

5.1 N/A

### **Health and Safety**

6.1 N/A

## **Environmental Sustainability**

7.1 N/A

## **Property and Asset Management**

8.1 N/A

### **Risk Management**

9.1 N/A

## Corporate objectives and priorities for change