

Nottingham City Health and Wellbeing Board

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Report Title:	Update from the Health Protection Board
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Executive Summary: This report is provided to the Board to provide an update on the statutory responsibilities to assure adequate protection of the health of the local population.	
Does this report contain any information that is exempt from publication? No	
Recommendation(s): The Board is asked to: Note the report	

The Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy	
Aims and Priorities	How the recommendation(s) contribute to meeting the Aims and Priorities:
Aim 1: To increase healthy life expectancy in Nottingham through addressing the wider determinants of health and enabling people to make healthy decisions	Providing assurance on adequate services to protect the health of population contributes to increasing healthy life expectancy.
Aim 2: To reduce health inequalities by having a proportionately greater focus where change is most needed	
Priority 1: Smoking and Tobacco Control	
Priority 2: Eating and Moving for Good Health	
Priority 3: Severe Multiple Disadvantage	

Priority 4: Financial Wellbeing	
How mental health and wellbeing is being championed in line with the Board's aspiration to give equal value to mental and physical health:	
List of background papers relied upon in writing this report:	Terms of Reference and Minutes of the Board
Published documents referred to in this report:	N/A

Background

The statutory assurance role at local level for health protection sits with local government through the Director of Public Health and exercised through the Health Protection Board, reporting to the HWBB. For Nottingham and Nottinghamshire there is a joint Health Protection Board, chaired in annual rotation by a Director of Public Health. The Terms of Reference are attached for reference.

The purpose of the Health Protection Board is to:

1. Provide suitable assurance regarding outcomes and arrangements for the protection of the health of the population to Nottingham City Health and Wellbeing Board and Nottinghamshire County Health and Wellbeing Board.
2. Provide system challenge.
3. Facilitate information sharing and collaborative working between stakeholders.
4. Ensure health protection opportunities for early intervention are maximised.
5. Make recommendations for action where opportunities for improvement are identified.

Update from meeting held on 14th November 2022

Screening and Immunisation:

Screening programmes are back to BAU activity with some maintained COVID19 measures.

- Screening for Aortic Aneurysm has no performance concerns and the programme finished the 3rd highest nationally, with 87.4% uptake for 2021/22.
- Breast screening providers have moved back to timed appointments as there had been slippage in uptake, the timed appointments were having a positive impact on uptake. NHSE had provided additional staff for the programme.
- No current performance issues with the Diabetic programme.
- Cervical cancer screening programme has some delays with target times for processing returns and a monthly governance meeting had been established

to address. Uptake continues to be lower than national targets and some targeted work being undertaken.

- Work on developing demographic level data to inform targeted uptake across programmes.
- Reports on immunisation and ante-natal screening were noted.

Flu Vaccination

A written report was provided that indicated that overall flu vaccine uptake is lower than in previous years, and lower in Nottingham City than in Nottinghamshire. The Board asked for improved data provision, based on at-risk group uptake. Assurances were sought on operational governance of the vaccination programme.

Timely consent for primary schools, and teenage boosters is an ongoing issue. the programme provider is addressing this and identifying schools with a lower than 50% uptake in order to recontact parents/carers to gain their consent.

UKHSA Health Protection Team update

- Diphtheria: Unprecedented increase in diphtheria cases nationally compared to previous years. Two areas; firstly, already starting to see an increase amongst the population, not solely attributed to imported cases (10 cases for 2021 compared to 40 in 2022 to date). Most cases seen had been cutaneous diphtheria, with recent outbreaks linked to migrants entering the UK the incident had been moved from 'standard' to 'enhanced'. As such, there are national and local plans being developed to ensure health protection measures as migrants are dispersed from intake centres.
- Monkey pox: Rates are decreasing. Vaccination programme underway.
- Avian influenza: No local concerns, although outbreaks are happening across the UK.
- Polio: Sewage sampling is taken place in Nottingham, with no results presented to date
- Tuberculosis (TB): One case in a residential facility and residents are being screened.

Update of COVID-19 response and recovery

It was noted there were no known additional pressures, and no new variants of concern, or additional ask for health protection response.

Antimicrobial resistance report

A verbal update was provided giving assurance on ongoing governance and progress. National targets are continuing to be met for antimicrobial prescribing in primary care; secondary care prescribing was slightly over. Benchmarking across the system showed increases due to increased mixing, travel, complexity of cases seen

an increase in multi-resistant infections. 'World antibiotic week' will take place from 18 November with a local antibiotic amnesty in November.

Environmental Protection Land

Focus of activity on identifying and remediating contaminated land, identified through the planning process as an application to change the use of land. Officers reported an increase in applications and there are challenges in capacity to manage. Officer reported that currently there were no concerns/significant issues that the Board needed to be aware of.

Community Infection Prevention and Control Review

A review has been completed across City and County that considered good practice, aging population, the views of stakeholders and completed data analysis. Findings would be shared with the Board to influence future commissioning.

Feedback from LHRP and LRF

LHRP: Standards for the Annual Emergency Preparedness statement have been, set higher, with a greater degree of rigour. This has identified that organisations need to refresh protocols and provide additional evidence.

LRF: Due to meet shortly; nothing to report to board.

Next meeting:

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for February 2023