

HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
20 OCTOBER 2016
SEASONAL FLU IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME 2015/16
REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR RESILIENCE

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To review the performance of the Seasonal Flu Immunisation Programme in Nottingham City during 2015-2016.

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to scrutinise the local approach to seasonal flu vaccinations in Nottingham and work to increase uptake in target groups.

3 Background information

- 3.1 NHS England is responsible for commissioning the seasonal flu immunisation programme and providing system leadership. Contracts to provide immunisation services are held with a range of providers including GP practices, school aged providers and pharmacies. The effectiveness of the programme depends on the uptake of the vaccine being high and equitable across the eligible population. In support of this, the NHS England team has a role in supporting providers as well as monitoring uptake and taking action where uptake could be improved, whilst acknowledging that vaccination is also a choice for those eligible to receive it.
- 3.2 The Local Authority Director of Public Health has an assurance function in relation to ensuring immunisation arrangements are fit for purpose and delivering service of high quality. Locally, work takes place through the Health Protection Strategy Group which has an oversight role.
- 3.3 The Committee has focused on reviewing performance of the seasonal flu immunisation programme because it not only helps prevent excess winter deaths but contributes to reducing hospitalisation and winter pressures on the Emergency Department and may, in turn, reduce residential and home care costs.
- 3.4 NHS England Midlands Screening and Immunisation Team and the Nottingham City Council Public Health Team have both contributed to a report reviewing the seasonal flu immunisation programme in Nottingham during 2015-16 including the commissioning arrangements and provision of vaccinations; uptake of flu vaccinations by target group; current challenges in improving uptake to target groups; and activity planned regionally and locally to address this. The report is attached.

- 3.5 The NHS England North Midlands Screening and Immunisation Manager and Nottingham City Council Public Health Consultant will be attending the meeting to discuss the commissioning and provision of the seasonal flu immunisation programme in Nottingham, uptake rates and work to improve uptake.

4 List of attached information

- 4.1 Review of Seasonal Influenza (Flu) Immunisation Programme 2015-2016 produced by NHS England North Midlands Screening and Immunisation Team October 2016

5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

- 5.1 None

6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

- 6.1 As outlined in the appendix

7 Wards affected

- 7.1 All

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