

HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
11 JULY 2019
FLU IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME
REPORT OF HEAD OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To review the performance of the seasonal flu immunisation programme 2018/19 and the effectiveness of work to improve uptake rates.

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to:

- a) scrutinise the local approach to seasonal flu vaccinations in Nottingham and work to increase uptake in target groups; and
- b) identify any recommendations for improvement to inform the seasonal flu immunisation programme 2018/19.

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 Over the last few years the Committee has focused on reviewing performance of the seasonal flu immunisation programme because it not only impacts on the individual but also contributes to reducing winter pressures on health and social care services.
- 3.4 Shade Agboola, Consultant Director of Public Health at Nottingham City Council, and Sarah Mayfield, Screening & Immunisation Manager at Public Health England, will be attending the meeting to present information and answer the Committee's questions.

4 List of attached information

- 4.1 Information from NHS England and Local Authority Public Health reviewing the seasonal flu immunisation programme 2018/19.

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 Agendas, reports and minutes to previous Health Scrutiny Committee meetings:

20 October 2016	https://committee.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Clid=614&MId=6234&Ver=4
20 July 2017	https://committee.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Clid=614&MId=6342&Ver=4
19 July 2018:	https://committee.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Clid=614&MId=7242&Ver=4

7 Wards affected

- 7.1 All.

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