

MEETING:	HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD
MEETING DATE:	28 JANUARY 2015
TITLE OF REPORT:	Health Protection Committee Report
REPORT BY:	Consultant in Public Health

Classification

Open

Key Decision

This is not a key decision.

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

To update the Board on health protection services in Herefordshire including Emergency Planning Response and Resilience arrangements and Environmental Health & Trading Standards and the NHS screening and immunisation programmes.

Recommendation

THAT: To note the contents of this report

Alternative Options

- 1 Not applicable.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 2 Health and Wellbeing Board has responsibility to have an oversight of key issues pertinent to health protection services in Herefordshire including Emergency Planning Response and Resilience arrangements and Environmental Health & Trading Standards and the NHS screening and immunisation programmes.

Key Considerations

- 3 Health and Social Care Act 2012 places a responsibility on local authorities to seek assurance from all key stakeholders that there are robust interagency plans in place to protect the health of the population. This includes strategic plans for communicable disease control, infection prevention and control, Emergency Planning Resilience and Response (EPRR), environmental health, sexual health and TB services, screening and immunisation services. Herefordshire Council discharges this responsibility through Herefordshire Health Protection Committee (HPC). In addition to providing assurance (and flagging up potential risks) to management teams/board and cabinet of the council, the HPC also provides assurance (and flags up potential risks) to the Health and Wellbeing Board. This report bids to serve this purpose.

4 Childhood Immunisation

Table 1. Childhood immunisation uptake : Herefordshire, Q1 2014/15

Measure	Q1 2014/15 (Annual 2013/14 for HPV)			Here 2013/14 (2012/13 for HPV)
	Here	West Midlands	Eng	
DTaP/IPV/Hib - 1 year of age	94.8	94.7	93.9	95.6
PCV primary - 1 year of age	94.6	94.5	93.7	95.3
DTaP/IPV/Hib - 2 years of age	96.3	96.6	95.9	96.8
PCV booster - 2 years of age	93.2	94.2	92.4	92.4
MMR 1 – 2 years of age	92.8	94.0	92.4	92.2
MMR 1 – 5 years of age	93.8	95.8	94.5	92.6
MMR 2 – 5 year of age	85.0	90.4	88.5	85.0
Hib/MenC - 5 years of age	92.2	93.4	92.5	92.6
DTaP/IPV booster – 5 years of age	87.4	91.3	88.6	86.4
HPV Y8 3 doses (Annual 2013/14)	85.1	N/A	86.7	75.7

5 Flu Immunisation

Table 2: Flu uptake (%) for immunisations up to 31st October 2014 – AHW by CCGs

	65+	<65 at risk	Preg	2 yrs	3 yrs	4 yrs	Y7 pilot	Y8 pilot
ENG (Oct 2013 results)	57.1 (54.9)	34.9 (33.1)	30.0 (25.8)	17.3 (21.9)	18.7 (19.9)	14.1	N/A	N/A
AHW	59.1	38.0	32.4	20.2	23.2	17.7	N/A	N/A
North Warks	58.3	38.2	29.9	18.1	20.8	15.9	11.3	10.8
South Warks	64.0	42.8	39.1	31.6	34.7	27.6	13.5	10.7
Cov & Rugby	56.6	36.9	34.1	17.5	22.0	15.3	10.7	10.0
Redditch & Bromsgrove	58.3	35.9	30.7	16.8	18.7	16.5	11.0	11.4
South Worcs	59.5	37.5	30.5	22.1	24.7	18.2	9.9	9.4
Wyre Forest	63.3	40.1	36.0	15.1	18.9	12.8	8.4	7.5
Herefordshire	54.8	35.2	21.6	18.0	17.9	16.9	13.6	12.1

- Nationally, uptake in the 65+, <65 at risk and pregnant women cohorts is generally higher than this time last year. Uptake in 2 and 3 year olds is lower than last year.
- In AHW, uptake is generally highest in South Warwickshire and lowest in Herefordshire.
- Uptake is highest in the elderly, intermediate in younger patients with at-risk conditions and lowest in healthy children.

6 Screening Programmes

- NHS England AHW Area Team has introduced a two year financial incentive CQUIN scheme to support Providers to firstly understand, and then improve the way in which named screening services are accessed by hard to reach or vulnerable population groups. This is applicable to Breast & bowel cancer and Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) screening programmes across Herefordshire and Worcestershire. The agreement is with Worcestershire Acute Hospitals Trust as the lead Provider for the three screening programmes across both counties.

Breast Screening Coverage Public Health Outcome Framework (PHOF) 2.20i target (>70%) has been achieved during 12/13 (82.2%)

Cervical Screening Coverage Public Health Outcome Framework (PHOF) 20ii target (>80%) has not been achieved during Q1 2014-15. Herefordshire performance (78.2%) is higher than the West Midlands average during this period (76.5%).

- National target for childhood immunisation uptake is 95% both at 1st birthday and 2nd birthday as well as at 5th birthday.
- Uptake in Herefordshire is higher than the national average and similar to WM average at 1 and 2 years of age
- Uptake at 5 years is lower than national and regional comparators
- HPV uptake is lower than national figure but dramatically better than the previous year
- Herefordshire Council will continue closely monitoring the uptake and will be working with NHS England AHW team to ensure that it puts in place measures to improve uptake

7 Sexual Health

- Herefordshire Council has set out plan to develop this through commissioning process. Key stakeholders are fully engaged in the process. Achieving its milestones the commissioning process is underway (a separate report is presented).
- Herefordshire continues to see increase in the number of cases of syphilis. From January 2013 to date, twenty-one (21) early syphilis cases have been reported. This brings the total number of cases since the start of the outbreak in March 2011 to 56.
- Targeted work undertaken in February 2014 using posters and internet 'broadcasts' on key social media sites named in this outbreak have so far failed to identify any new-cases. Discussions are underway for more targeted approaches to tackle the outbreak through public sex environment outreach and pop-up screening.

8 Emergency Planning Resilience and Response

- Emergency Planning exercise held in 2013 highlighted that there had been a significant lack of clarity about the roles and responsibilities of key stakeholders on the certain aspects of the new NHS Emergency Planning Resilience and Response (EPRR) arrangements in place post April 2013. This led to a substantial work involving key stakeholders through West Mercia Local Health Resilience Partnership and resulted in the development of two MoUs.
- First MoU has been agreed by Public Health England (PHE), NHSE AHW Area Team and Herefordshire and Worcestershire councils; This aims at ensuring that respective roles and responsibilities of NHSE, PHE, Council, CCGs and providers of NHS services, in the event that a response to a public health incident is required, are clear and understood.
- Second MoU has been agreed between NHSE AHW Area Team and NHS providers across West Mercia. This empowers NHSE AHW Area Team to use / call upon such relevant resources as may be necessary from any one or all of the NHS funded providers within the West Mercia Local Resilience Forum area in response to a major incident. This also requires provider organisations to maintain appropriate plans detailing how the organisations plan for, respond to and recover from a major incident.
- **Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Case:** A suspected case of EVD was dealt by the healthcare services and public health on 17th and 18th of November; and they were discharged from the hospital on 18th following tested negative for EVD.
- A debrief session was held on 4th December 2014. This was attended all the key agencies involved. This session provided an opportunity to critically review the various agencies service response this case in a constructive way. A number of recommendations have been made for various organisations and implementation of these will be monitored through the Multiagency Silver Group.

9 Environmental Health and Trading Standards update

- Environmental Health continues to fulfil its statutory duties in relation to environmental protection, food safety, health & safety, infectious disease control, pest control and housing.
- The environmental protection team monitors air quality on a monthly basis for pollution levels in the Herefordshire's two Air Quality Management Areas, in Hereford and Leominster. The team also continues to control and inspect about 90 industrial processes which are regulated under environmental permits to ensure pollution emissions do not harm human health. Officers from this team also sample water quality from the high risk private water supplies, having so far taken over 500 samples in 2014/15 with about 25% not meeting bacterial quality and 12% not meeting chemical standards. Contaminated land comments continue to be made to planning services on all new application and the remainder of this small team have so far in 2014/15 handled nearly 2,400 complaints about noise, nuisance and Public Health Act issues, such as rubbish, pests and pollution.
- The Environmental Health Commercial team has so far in 2014/15 undertaken 228 high risk food safety inspections out of a planned 230, with premises those attaining a 'satisfactory or above' food hygiene rating score being 96%, which compares favourably in the region. Although several infectious/waterborne/foodborne disease outbreaks have been investigated so far in 2014/15 this is not unusual, other than three potentially being linked to private water supplies.
- Environmental Health's pest control has seen an alarming increase in rat complaints in 2014/15, leading to a very busy winter period. The reason behind this is not fully understood, although it may correlate to milder winters, increased rubbish, lack of sewer baiting by water companies, as well as the Hereford city centre redevelopment disturbing rat harbourage areas. Although the service has to charge for treatments, it continues to provide concessionary rates for those on low income, as the service is aware some of the greatest pest problems are in some of the most deprived areas in Herefordshire.

The Environmental Health Housing team joined Environmental Health in April and has integrated well, working particularly closely with the environmental protection team on matters such as sewerage, rubbish accumulations and vulnerable adults. This team protects the health of those primarily in the rented sector, particularly those living within houses in multiple occupations where some of the Herefordshire's most vulnerable families reside. So far in 2014/15 it has investigated more than 400 complaints, inspected 111 houses and served 43 statutory notices. It is currently working jointly with Public Health on a campaign on keeping warm and safe in housing.

Community Impact

10 None identified

Equality and Human Rights

11 None identified

Financial Implications

12 None identified

Legal Implications

13 None identified

Risk Management

14 Not applicable

Consultees

15 Not Applicable

Appendices

None.

Background Papers

- None identified.