

MEETING:	HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD
MEETING DATE:	17 JUNE 2015
TITLE OF REPORT:	HEALTH PROTECTION UPDATE
REPORT BY:	DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Classification

Open

Key Decision

This is not a key decision.

Wards Affected

Countywide

Purpose

To provide an update to the Health and Wellbeing Board on health protection services and programmes across Herefordshire.

Recommendation(s)

THAT:

- (a) **To note the contents of this report**

Alternative options

- 1 Not applicable.

Reasons for recommendations

- 2 Health and Wellbeing Board needs to have a strategic oversight of the key health protection services and programmes designed to protect the health of the population in Herefordshire.

Key considerations

3 Childhood Immunisation 2013-14

- Herefordshire achieved the 95% herd immunity target at one year of age at which the likelihood of outbreaks occurring is low. The uptake improved in 2013/14 compared to the 2012-13 figures; DTaP/IPV/Hib by 0.9% and PCV by 0.5%. The uptake in Herefordshire is similar to the West Midlands average whereas Worcestershire, Coventry and Warwickshire have higher uptake than the West Midlands average.
- At two years of age, Herefordshire didn't achieve the 95% target for MMR, Hib/MenC booster and PCV booster and uptake was the lowest in Herefordshire. Though some improvement was observed compared to 2012-13 figures.
- At five years of age, Herefordshire didn't achieve the 95% target for MMR and DTaP/IPV booster and uptake was the lowest in Herefordshire. Though some improvement was observed compared to 2012-13 figures.
- NHS England, Herefordshire CCG and Public Health Herefordshire Council have been working together to develop a joint action plan to improve childhood immunisation across the county.

4 NHS National Screening Programmes

- Cervical Screening Coverage KPI target (>80%) was not achieved during Q2 2014-15; though Herefordshire performance (78%) was higher than the West Midlands average during this period (76.3%)
- Newborn Bloodspot Coverage KPI target (>95%) was achieved during Q2 2014-15; in Herefordshire; the coverage was 98.1%.
- Newborn Hearing Coverage KPI target (>95%) was achieved during Q2 2014-15; in Herefordshire; the coverage was 99.1%.
- Diabetic Eye Screening KPI target (>80%) was achieved during Q1 2014-15; in Herefordshire; the coverage was 81.9%. Q 2 data is not yet available.

5 Flu Immunisation Programme 2014-15

- In Herefordshire flu vaccine uptake in individuals aged 65 and over didn't achieve the national target of 75% and local uptake (71.1%) was lower than the national average (72.8%).
- Flu vaccine uptake in individuals in at-risk groups didn't achieve the national target of 75%, but local uptake (53%) was higher than the national average (50.3%).
- Flu vaccine uptake in pregnant women didn't achieve the national target of 75%, and local uptake (34.9%) was lower than the national average (44.1%). A small improvement (2.2%) in uptake was observed compared to 2013-14 figure.
- Flu vaccine uptake in all aged 2 years (37.2%) was lower than the national

(38.5%) and regional (39.2%) averages. A significant drop (6.2%) in uptake was observed compared to 2013-14 figure; but such drop was also shown in the regional and in the national averages.

- Flu vaccine uptake in all aged 3 years (42.4%) was higher than the national average (41.3%), but lower than the regional (44.4%) average. A small improvement (3.2%) in uptake was observed compared to 2013-14 figure; and such improvement was also shown in the regional and national averages.
- Flu vaccine uptake in all aged 4 years (33.9%) was higher than the national (32.9%) and regional (33.2%) averages.
- Flu vaccine was also offered (through GP practices and community pharmacies) to Year 7 and Year 8 school children in Herefordshire as part of the national pilot programme. The uptake was very low as it was generally across the region.
- The community pharmacies were also contracted by NHS England to provide flu vaccine to individuals aged 65 and over, in at-risk groups and Year 7 and Year 8 school children. Though, only a small number (659) of the eligible population accessed this service, but a couple of them were the ones who never had flu vaccine before. NHS England is intending to commission this service from community pharmacies in 2015-16.
- NHS England, Herefordshire CCG and Public Health Herefordshire Council will be working with and supporting GP practices to improve flu immunisation uptake in 2015-16 in Herefordshire.

6 Sexual Health Service

- No new cases of sexually transmitted syphilis have been reported in 2015 so far and the total number of cases since the start of the outbreak in March 2011 is static at 56. Sexual Health Service continues to monitor the existing cases.

7 Emergency Planning, Resilience and Response

- Strategic Coordination Group (SCG)/Gold Command exercise was held on 25th and 26th March 2015. The key issues emerged during the exercise included robustness of activation arrangements of the key Gold Command partners; participation in SCG meetings in person or via teleconference; Command and Control arrangements in the area(s) affected by a major incident when a conflicting responsibility requires them at the SCG meetings; Resilience for the Gold Command team when coordinating a major incident over an extended period; and media management in particular keeping at pace with social media.
- Heatwave plan 2015 has been published by Public Health England. It is being cascaded to the local health and social care providers; and an assurance is also being sought from them that they have the capacity and capability to implement this plan in the event of heatwave to protect health of the people they care for.
- An emergency planning exercise "Rainy Day" will be held on 31st July 2015. This exercise is aimed at validating the recently updated emergency plans such as Emergency Response Centre Activation Guidance.
- Recently, NHS England East and Midlands sought assurance from the Local Health Resilience Partnerships (LRHP) about outbreak management arrangements in each of the LHRP area employing a standard assurance framework. The Herefordshire Council Public Health, the Worcester Council

Public Health and Public Health England contributed to the assurance process working jointly and expressed their content on the arrangements overall across Herefordshire and Worcester LHRP. However, the following three areas were determined as “Partially Assured”

- Setting up and running a phone helpline and social media service
- Organising and funding of sample testing (including any transport)
- Inclusion of outbreak response (as well as emergency response) in contracts with providers

Further work (through H&W LHRP) is ongoing to get a “Fully Assured” status.

- One area (i.e. NHS England Area Team contracts) was declared as “Not Assured”. It was noted that National GP contract does not include this adequately and NHSE Area Teams do not believe they have the power to alter this; and that this needs to be done at a national level.

Community impact

8 None Identified

Equality duty

9 No equality issues identified

Financial implications

10 None Identified

Legal implications

11 None Identified

Risk management

12 Not applicable

Consultees

13 Not applicable

Appendices

- Appendix 1. Childhood immunisation uptake report (draft)
- Appendix 2. Flu vaccine uptake data 2014-15

Background papers

- None identified