

REVIEW OF THE MANAGEMENT OF LEGIONNAIRES DISEASE IN HEREFORDSHIRE - FOLLOW UP

Report By: County Secretary and Solicitor

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

1. To review action taken in response to the Committee's recommendations.

Financial implications

2. None identified.

Background

3. In July 2004 the Committee approved its review of the management of the outbreak of Legionnaire's disease in Hereford in November 2003. The review's recommendations are attached at appendix 1.
4. The Committee had felt that it had a responsibility on behalf of the Community to review the response to the outbreak but acknowledged at the time that its review would be complementary to and not a substitute for the more detailed review being undertaken by NHS bodies and others.
5. The Committee agreed, first and foremost, that the consensus of the agencies involved that the outbreak had essentially been well handled should be welcomed and those involved should be congratulated on their professionalism.
6. However, it is recognised as good practice for Scrutiny Committees to follow-up on the response to recommendations made in scrutiny reviews and in this particular case it is both particularly incumbent on the Committee to do so and timely, one year on from its report.
7. The following bodies were invited to comment on progress and copies of their replies are attached at appendix 2.
 - The Health Protection Agency
 - Herefordshire Council
 - Herefordshire Primary Care Trust
 - Herefordshire Hospitals NHS Trust

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- None

Further information on the subject of this report is available from Tim Brown, Committee Manager (Scrutiny)
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