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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

DERBYSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

5 October 2023

Report of the Director of Public Health

Health Protection Board Update

1. Purpose

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the key messages arising at the Derbyshire Health Protection Board from its meetings on 23 June and 8 September.

2. Information and Analysis

- 2.1 The Health Protection Board is a Derby and Derbyshire Board that is a sub-group of the Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 2.2 The purpose of the Health Protection Board is to provide assurance to the Health and Wellbeing Boards of Derbyshire County and Derby City that adequate arrangements are in place for the prevention, surveillance, planning and response required to protect the health of the residents of Derby City and Derbyshire County.
- 2.3 The following updates were provided during the business of the meetings on 23 June and 8 September 2023:
- 2.4 Health Protection Strategy development
 - further updates were provided on the development of the new strategy, with draft content shared with Health Protection Board members at the meeting on the 8 September. The following 6 areas of focus have been proposed:

- 1) Ensure we have in place strong communication and coordination between partners across the health protection system
 - 2) Develop a clear understanding of roles and responsibilities across health protection system partners
 - 3) Strengthen community infection prevention across settings and prioritise proactive control of infection
 - 4) Increase vaccination uptake amongst children and adults
 - 5) Develop specific consideration and support for risk and vulnerable groups such as migrant groups, students and care home residents
 - 6) Strengthen preparation and response to environmental hazards and emergency events such as pandemics and extreme weather events
- The Health Protection Strategy will be shared with the Health and Wellbeing Board at a future meeting

2.5 Tuberculosis (TB) services and management of those with no recourse to public funds:

- The Board were provided with an update on TB service provision across Derby and Derbyshire and plans are in place to ensure services are meeting screening and treatment standards
- An update was provided on the development of a shared pathway for management of TB in those with no recourse to public funds, and this is awaiting legal advice prior to further engagement with stakeholders

2.6 Vaccination and Immunisations and Screening programmes

- Further information has been provided on the delegation of commissioning responsibility from NHS England to Integrated Care Boards for section 7a vaccination and screening services. There is a national policy intention to work towards the delegation of vaccination and immunisation services from April 2025 (12 months later than previously proposed), and following a rapid review of screening services, these may also be delegated from April 2025. An update was provided on the organisational and governance changes currently underway in advance of the delegation.
- There are no current concerns about the performance of screening programmes.
- The age extension of the bowel cancer screening programme to those aged 54 years old has commenced in Derbyshire

- The MMR catch up continues, and will form part of the local development of an elimination plan for measles
- The Board were notified of changes to the HPV (move to 1 vaccination) and shingles (move to 2 vaccinations) vaccination programmes.
- A new provider for School Aged Immunisations commenced in September 2023
- Updates were provided on the performance of the Spring COVID-19 vaccination programme, and plans for the Autumn/Winter COVID-19 and influenza vaccination programmes

2.7 Current infections of concern

- An update of the current position of confirmed measles cases in the UK and East Midlands was provided, with the majority of cases being in London. A recently published risk assessment by UKHSA (*Risk Assessment for measles resurgence in the UK*) has suggested that there is the possibility of a large outbreak of measles in London due to lower uptake of MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccination, with smaller outbreaks or isolated cases elsewhere in the country in under-vaccinated populations. NHS England have asked all Integrated Care Boards to develop an elimination plan by early October.
- An update was provided on the COVID BA.2.86 variant.

2.8 Air Quality Strategy and trends in monitoring of Air Quality

- The Board received the final version of the revised Air Quality Strategy for Derby and Derbyshire, including details of the indicators that will be used to assess delivery of the strategy
- The Board received a report on the measurement of air quality in 2022. Of the 74 sites across Derby and Derbyshire that have been continuously monitoring for NO₂ since 2011, there has been an improvement in air quality at 72 sites. Of the 184 sites that have been continuously monitored between 2020 and 2022 there has been an improvement or no change in air quality at 28% of the sites, and a deterioration at the remainder, although this should be interpreted within the context of the positive impact the COVID-19 pandemic had on air quality due to a reduction in road use for a significant part of 2020.
- The Board also received an update on the air quality monitoring indicators in the Derby and Derbyshire Air Quality strategy, with a general improvement shown across the majority of indicators compared to a baseline year of 2019

3. Alternative Options Considered

3.1 No alternative options to consider as this report is for information only.

4. Implications

4.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

5. Consultation

5.1 No consultation required.

6. Partnership Opportunities

6.1 Partners are asked to note the topics discussed at the Health Protection Board, and identify opportunities to implement any actions identified

7. Background Papers

7.1 None

8. Appendices

8.1 Appendix 1 – Implications.

9. Recommendation(s)

That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

a) Note the update report from the Health Protection Board

10. Reasons for Recommendation(s)

10.1 To meet the purpose of the Derbyshire Health Protection Board in providing assurance to the Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Board that adequate arrangements are in place to protect the health of the residents of Derbyshire County

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Implications

Financial

1.1 There are no financial implications of this report.

Legal

2.1 There are no legal implications of this report.

Human Resources

3.1 There are no human resource implications of this report.

Equalities Impact

4.1 None identified

Partnerships

5.1 Partners are asked to note the topics discussed at the Health Protection Board and consider opportunities for supporting any actions identified

Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities

6.1 The Health Protection Board is a sub-group of the Health and Wellbeing Board, and therefore the Board is asked to note the update provided.

Other implications

7.1 There are no other implications of this report.