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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

DERBYSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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Report of the Director of Public Health

Health Protection Board Update

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the key messages arising at the Derbyshire Health Protection Board from its meetings on 19 July 2024.

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 non-confidential updates were provided during the business of the meeting on 19 July 2024:
- 2.4 Health Protection Strategy: the Board agreed to establish a sub-group to monitor implementation of the strategy
- 2.5 Health Protection Assurance Framework: a regional toolkit has been developed to support Directors of Public Health and local Health

Protection systems assess whether the arrangements to protect the health of the communities that they serve are robust and implemented appropriately to meet local health needs. This requires all organisations involved in the local health protection system to co-operate. The Framework allows a positive declaration of local arrangements, as well as the ability to identify and escalate concerns as necessary. There are 10 areas for assessment, and the Board agreed to focus on the Local Authority Health Protection services and Communicable diseases elements initially.

2.6 Community Infection Prevention and Control: an update was provided on the progress for developing and implementing a new specification that will provide consistency across the county, and also incorporate the Glossop area within the ICB's commissioning arrangements.

2.7 Vaccination and Immunisations and Screening programmes

- Further updates were provided on the work underway to support the delegation of vaccination services to ICBs in April 2025, including updates to organisational, staffing and governance arrangements. There is no agreed timeline for the delegation of screening programmes. (Post-Board update: NHS England have confirmed that responsibility for commissioning vaccination services and suitable elements of screening services will be delegated to Integrated Care Boards in April 2026, subject to approval).
- Updates were provided on current performance, and updates to specific programmes:
 - Antenatal and NewBorn Screening: an Incident Management Team has been established following an audit that identified a significant proportion of families across Derbyshire may not have been informed of their child's sickle cell or other haemoglobinopathy carrier status. All affected families have received communication, with the offer to speak to a specialist. Work has commenced to implement a revised service model.
 - No significant quality or performance concerns in other screening programmes were highlighted.
 - Bowel cancer: University of Hospitals Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust have commenced the age extension for 52 and 50 year olds, with other local providers expected to implement the age extension throughout 2024/25.
 - Pertussis: Derby and Derbyshire report good uptake of the maternal pertussis vaccination programme, with the highest rate nationally.

- Influenza: the flu vaccination programme will commence on 1st September for pregnant women and children and young people and 3rd October for other eligible cohorts
- COVID-19: the spring vaccination campaign has now ended and Derby and Derbyshire reported the highest uptake within the East Midlands. Planning has commenced for the Autumn/Winter vaccination programme.
- Respiratory Syncytial Virus: a new vaccination programme will commence on 1st September in England, with older adults and pregnant women eligible for vaccination

2.6 An increase in confirmed and suspected pertussis cases has been reported nationally since December 2023. An update was provided on local, regional and national epidemiology – at the time of the Board then cases remained higher than the expected baseline incidence, but were decreasing in Derbyshire.

2.7 An increase in confirmed and suspected measles cases has been reported nationally since late 2023. An update was provided on local, regional and national epidemiology – at the time of the Board then the number of cases in Derbyshire since 1st January 2024 had not been published (data is suppressed for any Local Authority with fewer than 10 laboratory-confirmed cases).

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 Areas of Focus

6.1 The Health Protection Board is a sub-group of the Health and Wellbeing Board, and contributes specifically to the following Areas of Focus:

- Area of Focus 2: Support good mental health
- Area of Focus 3: Support communities to be resilient and independent
- Area of Focus 4: Tackle child poverty and enable children and young people in Derbyshire to start well
- Area of Focus 5: Develop the Health and Wellbeing Board to effectively deliver on the areas of focus

Other implications

7.1 There are no other implications of this report identified.

