

Health and Wellbeing Board



Date of meeting:	24 June 2021
Title of Report:	Health Protection Report for the Health and Wellbeing Boards of Devon County Council, Plymouth City Council, Torbay Council and Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Councils 2019-2020
Lead Member:	Councillor Patrick Nicholson
Lead Strategic Director:	Ruth Harrell (Director of Public Health)
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Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

Local authorities, through their Director of Public Health, require assurance that appropriate arrangements are in place to protect the public's health. To this end the Health Protection Committee (HPC) is mandated by the Health and Wellbeing Boards of Devon County Council, Plymouth City Council, Torbay Council, and Cornwall Council and the Council of the Isles of Scilly to provide assurance to the local Health and Wellbeing Boards that adequate arrangements are in place for prevention, surveillance, planning and response to communicable disease and environmental hazards, to protect the public's health.

The HPC produces an annual report to the Health and Wellbeing Boards, which provides a summary of the assurance functions of the Devon, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Health Protection Committee and reviews performance for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020, for the Health and Wellbeing Boards of Devon County Council, Plymouth City Council, Torbay Council, Cornwall Council and the Council of the Isles of Scilly.

The report considers the following domains of health protection:

- Communicable disease control and environmental hazards
- Immunisation and screening
- Health care associated infections and anti-microbial resistance

The report sets out:

- Structures and arrangements in place to assure performance
- Performance and activity in all key areas during 2019-2020
- Actions taken to date against the programme of health protection work priorities established by the committee for the period 2019- 2020
- Priorities for the work programme 2020-2021

Recommendations and Reasons

The Health and Wellbeing Board notes the contents of the report.

Alternative options considered and rejected

The report is for noting only

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

The role of the Health Protection Committee, along with its annual assurance report, is to provide the structures and arrangements required to assure adequate performance against health protection priorities across communicable disease control and environmental hazards; immunisation and screening; health care associated infections and antimicrobial resistance. The function of the Committee and its assurance role helps to deliver against the caring priorities within the Corporate Plan, and particularly with regards to the Plymouth Plan aim to become a Healthy City.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

None.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

None

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.

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Appendices

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A	Briefing report title							
B	Equalities Impact Assessment (if applicable)							

Background papers:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Julie Frier

Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes

Date agreed: 14/06/2021

Cabinet Member approval: *by email*

Date approved: 16/06/2021