

Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date of meeting:	26 October 2023
Title of Report:	Winter Preparedness and Planning: Plymouth System Plan for Winter & National Seasonal Immunisation Programme
Lead Member:	Councillor Mrs Mary Aspinall (Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care)
Lead Strategic Director:	Gary Walbridge (Interim Strategic Director for People)
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Your Reference:	N/A
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

As part of the local system response to winter planning for 2023/24, a full review of the approach undertaken last winter has been conducted, and local plans developed, aligned to national best practice/expectation. The presentation will provide a summary of this work and set out the local partnership response between health and social care to support a de-escalated position across the winter period.

The national seasonal immunisation programme is an essential part of protecting the public and frontline health and social care staff over the colder months from COVID19 and flu, with the aim of reducing the spread of and impacts from these two infectious diseases. Colleagues from NHS Devon will provide a presentation to the committee describing the eligibility, governance and delivery of this immunisation programme within Devon for 2023 season.

Recommendations and Reasons

- I. For the H&ASC to note the Systems Plan for Winter, and Seasonal Immunisation Programme
Reason: To provide the Committee with an overview of the System Winter Plans and Preparedness, and for the delivery of the Autumn 2023 flu and COVID19 seasonal immunisation programme.

Alternative options considered and rejected

- I. None – Winter Systems Plans and Seasonal Immunisation Programmes are an essential requirement, and nationally prescribed programme.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

This aligns to the Corporate Plan priority Keeping Children, adults and Communities Safe, by reducing the risk of harm due to COVID19 and flu, with a focus on prevention and the Plymouth Plan: Health and Wellbeing (HEA1,HEA2,HEA3,HEA9)

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

None. This is a nationally prescribed programme for delivery within the NHS and commissioned providers.

Financial Risks

None. This is a nationally prescribed programme for delivery within the NHS and commissioned providers.

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.

None

Appendices

*Add rows as required to box below

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A	National Seasonal Immunisation Programme							
B	Systems Plan for Winter							

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Gary Walbridge (Interim Strategic Director for People)											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes											
Date agreed: 18/10/2023											
Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Mary Aspinall, (Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Social Care), approved verbally.											
Date approved: 23/10/2023											