

# Health and Wellbeing Board



Date of meeting:	24 July 2024
Title of Report:	Annual Health Protection Assurance Report for the Health and Wellbeing Boards of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Councils, Devon County Council, Plymouth City Council, and Torbay Council 2022-23
Lead Member:	Councillor Mrs Mary Aspinall (Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care)
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Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

## Purpose of Report

To present the annual assurance report of the Devon and Cornwall Health Protection Committee 2022/23 for information.

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 2022 to 31 March 2023, 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

For each of these domains the report sets out:

- Assurance arrangements
- Performance and activity during 2022/23
- Actions taken against health protection priorities identified for 2022/23
- Priorities for the current year.

**Recommendations and Reasons**

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

**Alternative options considered and rejected**

None- the report is required to come to the Board annually for assurance.

**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. All areas of action are designed to protect and support individuals and settings at greatest need or risk.

The function of the Committee and its assurance role helps to deliver the priorities of keeping children, adults and communities safe; focussing on prevention and early intervention and the Health and wellbeing theme of the Plymouth Plan.

**Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:**

None

**Financial Risks**

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.*

None

**Appendices**

*\*Add rows as required to box below*

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**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: 28/05/2024											
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