

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

Subject: 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 2017-2018

Committee: Health and Wellbeing Board

Date: 7 March 2019

Cabinet Member: Councillor Ian Tuffin

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Key Decision: No (report for noting only)

Part: I

Purpose of the report:

This report 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 2017 to 31 March 2018, 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 2017-18
- Actions taken to date against the programme of health protection work priorities established by the committee for the period 2017 to 2018
- Priorities for the work programme 2018-19

Corporate 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 priorities within the Corporate

Plan, particularly with regards to Caring Plymouth, and to our objectives for a healthy city outlined within the Plymouth Plan.

**Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:
Including finance, human, IT and land:**

By serving four Local Authorities, the Health Protection Committee allows health protection expertise from four public health teams to be pooled in order to share skill and maximise capacity. For external partners whose health protection functions serve a larger geographic footprint, this model reduces their need to attend multiple health protection meetings with similar terms of reference and considers system-wide risk more efficiently and effectively.

There are no additional resource implications for the council with regards to this annual assurance report.

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

The Health Protection Committee is formally 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. The aim of the Health Protection Committee is to provide assurance to the Health and Wellbeing Boards of Devon County Council, Plymouth City Council, Torbay Council, Cornwall Council and the Council of the Isles of Scilly that adequate arrangements are in place for prevention, surveillance, planning and response to communicable disease and environmental hazards, required to protect the public's health.

The Committee has a number of health protection groups supporting it to identify risks across the health protection system and agree mitigating activities for which the Committee provides control and oversight.

These include:

- Devon, Cornwall and Somerset Health Care Associated Infection Network
- Devon Antimicrobial Stewardship Group
- Cornwall Antimicrobial Resistance Group
- Health Protection Advisory Group for wider Devon
- Cornwall Directors of Infection Control Group
- Locality Immunisation Groups
- Local Health Resilience Partnership
- South West Seasonal Influenza Strategic Group

Terms of Reference for each of these groups are regularly reviewed to ensure they reflect the assurance arrangements overseen by the Health Protection Committee.

The Local Authority Lead Officers review surveillance and performance monitoring information in order to identify health protection risks and/or under performance prior to Health Protection Committee meetings. Officers are responsible for liaising with relevant partners to ensure that actions have been agreed to mitigate against a particular risk identified, or to improve performance. The outcomes of these discussions are formally reported to the Health Protection Committee for consideration and agreement.

Equality and Diversity:

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been undertaken? No

Recommendations and Reasons for recommended action:

The report is for noting only.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The report is for noting only.

Published work / information:

Background papers: No linked background papers – content provided in attached report

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Sign off: Report for noting only – sign off not required

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Originating SMT Member Ruth Harrell (Director of Public Health)													
Has the Cabinet Member(s) agreed the content of the report? Yes													