

## BRIEFING PAPER FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

1.	<b>Date of meeting:</b>	<b>31<sup>th</sup> May 2017</b>
2.	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Rotherham Health Protection Annual Report 2016</b>
3.	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>Public Health Directorate</b>

### 4. Background

4.1 The health protection roles and responsibilities, discharged by the Director of Public Health on behalf of the council, are overseen by the Health Protection Committee. To fulfil this statutory responsibility, there is a line of accountability from the Health Protection Committee to the Health and Wellbeing Board (H&WB).

4.2 This is the second Health Protection Annual Report for Rotherham which summarises the main areas of health protection activity over the period 1st January 2016 to the 31st December 2016. The report highlights the joint successes and challenges over the year, as identified by the Health Protection Committee. The annual report seeks to provide assurance that the public's health is protected.

4.3 The organisations represented on the Health Protection Committee collectively act to prevent or reduce the harm or impact on the health of the local population caused by infectious diseases or environmental hazards, major incidents and other threats.

### 5. Key Issues

5.1 The Health Protection Committee has made considerable progress over the year, often within the context of further re-structuring and re-alignment of organisations. This has been achieved by maintaining strong working relationships and by clarifying our roles and responsibilities. These underpin the local public health response to threats, outbreaks and major incidents.

5.2 Organisations have maintained effective surveillance, communication and responses to incidents or outbreaks by ensuring that there is;

- continuous monitoring of data and local intelligence to enable early detection of emerging infections or hazards
- timely and accurate information shared with the relevant agencies
- use of local expertise to inform the relevant control measures and a proportionate response implemented
- regular review and testing of local plans for the prevention, planning and response to protect the public's health

## **6. Key actions and relevant timelines**

- 6.1 The Health Protection Committee, on behalf of the Director of Public Health, will continue to meet on a quarterly basis to oversee and discharge the council's health protection duties.
- 6.2 Continue to work collectively to bring system wide improvements and improved outcomes for the population. Some examples include;
- Joint work between NHS and council colleagues to implement additional scrutiny and support for Infection Prevention and Control in the community including for Care Homes
  - Using the multi-agency Emergency Planning Forum, chaired by RMBC, to develop and test local emergency plans
  - Improving air quality in Rotherham using behavioural, structural and strategic changes to ensure we all are working towards meeting the national objectives
- 6.3 Maintain and update organisational risk registers to inform the Rotherham Health Protection Assurance Framework.

## **7. Recommendations to H&WB partners**

- 7.1 That the H&WB notes the content and recommendations of the Health Protection Annual Report 2016.

## **8. Name and contact details**

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