

<h1>BRIEFING</h1>	TO:	Rotherham Health and Wellbeing Board
	DATE:	29 th May 2019
	LEAD OFFICER (Full name, title and Directorate)	Richard Hart, Health Protection Principal, Adult Care, Housing and Public Health
	TITLE:	Rotherham Health Protection Annual Report 2018

Background

1.	<p>The health protection roles and responsibilities, discharged by the Director of Public Health on behalf of the council, are overseen by the Rotherham Health Protection Committee (RHPC). Each year, the RHPC provides an annual report to the Health and Wellbeing Board (H&WB), which outlines the collective actions of partners 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.</p> <p>This is Rotherham’s fourth annual report for the Health and Wellbeing Board (H&WB). It highlights the main areas of health protection activity in Rotherham over the period 1st January 2018 to the 31st December 2018.</p> <p>The Health Protection Committee continues to meet on a quarterly basis to oversee and discharge the council’s health protection agenda.</p> <p>With the publication of the NHS Long Term Plan (7th January 2019), there are opportunities to strengthen actions on Health Inequalities, Antimicrobial Resistance, Air Pollution, Supporting People in Care Homes, national screening programmes and childhood immunisations.</p>
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Key Issues

2.	<p>The RHPC continues to highlight the importance of good communication, maintaining effective working relationships, continuous surveillance and having effective public health systems in place. These underpin the local public health response to significant communicable disease <u>incidents and outbreaks</u>, including measles, syphilis, legionella and seasonal flu.</p> <p>There are two risks on the Council’s <u>Strategic Risk Register</u> associated with protecting the health of the local population. These are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To provide an effective co-ordinated multi-agency response in the early stages of any flu pandemic (see key actions). 2) To reduce the impact of any communicable disease incident / outbreak in Rotherham. This was highlighted during the Rotherham Diphtheria incident when both the Multi Agency Outbreak (2017) and Multi-Agency Mass Treatment (2018) plans were successfully implemented.
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Virtually all the Health Protection indicators for Rotherham in the Public Health Outcomes Framework (PHOF) have improved or were stable over the latest period. Many are better than England, RAG rated as green, with only three indicators RAG rated as red (significantly worse than England), two of which have shown continuous improvement.

Performance of the Council's corporate indicator (1.C2) for the combined childhood immunization for Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio and Haemophilus influenzae type b (DTaP/IPV/Hib) is consistently good and above the national target for 2018/19 set at 95%.

Key Actions and Relevant Timelines

3. Actions relating to the two corporate risks were agreed at the RHPC meeting on 11th April 2019. These are to test the:
- Local multi-agency plan for pandemic flu (DPH led) and
 - Roles, responsibilities (including funding) for multi-agency incidents/outbreaks through an exercise led by Public Health England (dates TBC).

Recent outbreaks of measles across the UK and Yorkshire and Humber highlight the importance on continuing to focus work on hard to reach groups to improve the uptake of vaccination, particularly Measles Mumps and Rubella (MMR) and seasonal flu for vulnerable people and eligible front-line staff.

With an aging population, increased co-morbidities and surgery, there will be an additional focus on improving the patient pathway and sustainability of Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Services in the community. One area which continues to be strengthened is around support for Care Homes through:

- The multi-agency work with IPC Champions in Care Homes, including 2 inter-agency IPC workshops delivered in 2018.
- Reducing unnecessary and inappropriate antibiotic use in both the community and hospital (National Quality Premium target, initially introduced in 2016/17 for primary care has been refreshed each year to reduce the overall prescribing of antibiotics).

Another area of work is to strengthen partnership working between transport, active travel, planning and public health within the Council and with external partners. This will build on health improvements associated with Air Quality, Active Travel and Healthy Weight.

Recommendations

4. That the H&WB:
- Notes the Health Protection Annual Report 2018 and supports the recommendations
 - Renews it's commitment for all partners to sustain their contributions to the borough wide health protection work and actions of the Rotherham Health Protection Committee.