

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO HEALTH AND WELL BEING BOARD AND PARTNERSHIP

**25TH SEPTEMBER 2013
REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC HEALTH**

DRAFT STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH HEALTH PROTECTION PLAN

SUMMARY

The draft Health Protection Plan for Stockton Borough is presented for the attention of the Health and Wellbeing Board and Health and Wellbeing Partnership.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Stockton Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the draft Health Protection Plan for Stockton Borough.

DETAIL

1. The Director of Public Health (DPH) is required under the Health and Social Care Act (2012) to ensure robust local plans are in place to protect the health of the population. In this role, the DPH can provide scrutiny and challenge to the plans produced by colleagues on Health Protection issues e.g. the NHS England Area Team plans on immunisation programmes. In this way, the DPH is responsible for ensuring effective local implementation of the plans.
2. The DPH is responsible for the Local Authority's contribution to Health Protection matters, including SBC planning for and response to incidents that present a threat to the public's health (Department of Health, 2012). To carry this out, they liaise closely with the specialist Health Protection expertise available in Public Health England.
3. The DPH is responsible for producing a Health Protection Plan for their area. The draft Plan is presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board and Health and Wellbeing Partnership for their information. The Plan is an assurance framework to outline the plans and resources in place to support Health Protection. It does not repeat the detail of these plans; rather it refers to the detailed plans should these be required.
4. The Plan has been produced in liaison with Public Health England and SBC Environmental Health. PHE and DsPH will continue to work together to ensure Plans are coordinated where appropriate across the Tees Valley, reflecting the wider Health Protection arrangements in place for planning and response.
5. There is a requirement that the Plan is signed off by the Executive Committees of relevant partner organisations, including the Joint Health and Wellbeing Board.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. The draft Health Protection Plan is an assurance framework regarding detailed plans in place. Separate discussions are ongoing with partner organisations through the DPH, regarding any funding implications of Health Protection activities.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9. There are no specific legal implications of this proposal. Health Protection responsibilities in a major incident are enshrined in the Civil Contingencies Act (2004).

RISK ASSESSMENT

10. The DPH is responsible for managing Health Protection risk to the population and any consequent implications for SBC through ensuring robust plans are in place. Existing, well-tested plans are in place from the NHS and Public Health system pre-April 2013. These have been transferred to the new system and work is ongoing to ensure plans are refreshed and new plans are in place to reflect the new system and commissioning responsibilities as required.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS

11. This Plan will support the health and wellbeing of the population as outlined in the Sustainable Community Strategy and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

CONSULTATION

12. Consultation has been carried with partners in the development of this Plan.

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