

## **AGENDA ITEM**

### **REPORT TO HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

**30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**

### **REPORT OF INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

## **ANNUAL (2015/6) HEALTH PROTECTION REPORT FOR STOCKTON-ON-TEES**

### **SUMMARY**

The attached report outlines a summary of health protection arrangements and delivery for Stockton-on-Tees. It also provides a range of activity data for 2015/6 in terms of key communicable diseases and reports on levels of protection such as immunisation rates.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- Note the full report on health protection in Stockton-on-Tees.
- Support the current arrangements for health protection planning and response.

### **PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT**

1. The purpose of this Health Protection Report is to update the Health and Wellbeing Board on current arrangements for health protection in Stockton-on-Tees, provide reassurance on existing services and deliver data on the number of cases of a range of communicable diseases in the past year. This includes gastroenteric disease, vaccine preventable disease and selected other significant organisms including tuberculosis and sexually transmitted infections. Some brief detail on outbreaks is also provided.
2. In addition, information on current immunisation schedules and uptake in Stockton-on-Tees, together with recent annual trends, is provided.
3. A summary of arrangements in the fields of environmental health and emergency planning and response is also outlined.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4. There are no direct financial implications.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5. There are no specific legal implications, though food safety work and outbreak response in particular can lead to legal action, either being taken directly by victims or council led prosecutions of, for example, Food Business Operators.

## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

6. Risk assessment is a key tenet of health protection planning and response and is carried out as a dynamic process throughout the year.

## **CONSULTATION**

7. The Report has been prepared with help from partner agencies, in particular Public Health England who provided much of the data and some narrative.

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