

Health Protection Collaborative

Terms of Reference

Aim

Provide assurance to the Health and Wellbeing Board on Health Protection matters for the Borough and support local system working to ensure a robust and resilient local health protection system.

Scope

The Collaborative will provide a systems approach at local level and provide oversight and assurance regarding the full range of health protection responsibilities including:

- Communicable disease prevention and control
- Infection, prevention and control
- Screening and immunisations
- Links to local, regional and the LRF emergency planning work including prevention and system response to chemical, biological and radiological threats
- Links to regional health protection (UK Health Security Agency)
- Links to regional screening and vaccination commissioners (ICB)
- Links to the Covid recovery

Purpose

The group's aims are to:

- Maintain good health protection practice and learning from the Covid-19 pandemic
- Preparation for future pandemics and health protection challenges
- Develop and maintain system partnerships to help ensure a resilient local health protection system and to deliver the Collaborative's key aims
- Protect the most vulnerable and reduce inequalities
- Build and progress settings-based work including prevention with the care sector, educational settings, businesses etc.
- Supporting the planning and preparation for seasonal health including winter resilience
- Work with communities on health protection issues adopting an asset based approach

Governance

The Collaborative will be a working group that reports to the Health and Wellbeing Board. It will provide place-based oversight and assurance regarding Health Protection, on behalf of the Board, acting as a multi-agency forum that support the DPH in discharging their statutory health protection assurance function.

The Collaborative will work closely with wider system partners as required and link with national, regional and neighbouring local authority health protection arrangements through the Director of Public Health and the newly established Tees Health Protection Board.

It is proposed the Collaborative takes bi-annual updates on general health protection matters to the Health and Wellbeing Board, with more frequent updates brought as needed in the interim.

The Stockton Social Care Protection Operational Group will report to the Collaborative through regular updates at Collaborative meetings, to ensure joining up of the agenda and to strengthen communications between the two groups. The Social Care Group has a developing agenda to provide holistic support to the sector but will retain a key focus on health protection issues.

The membership of the Health Protection Collaborative will reflect the health and social system and include representatives of the respective organisations who have senior strategic and decision-making responsibilities.

The Collaborative will be chaired by the Director of Public Health (SBC). The agenda will be set by the Chair but in consultation with and with input from members of the group. The agenda will also be informed by the Health and Wellbeing Board. The Collaborative meetings will be supported by Democratic Services in SBC.

Decision making

The aim will be decision-making by consensus. The final decision will rest with the DPH in their statutory role in being responsible for assurance on health protection matters for the local population.

Meeting frequency

The Collaborative will meet every two months. Meeting frequency will be reviewed as needed. Regular membership is as follows. Additional members will be co-opted onto the group as needed for specific discussions.

Membership

Sarah Bowman-Abouna	Director of Public Health (Chair)	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Tanja Braun	Consultant in Public Health (Vice Chair)	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Carolyn Nice	Director of Adults and Health	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Alex Sinclair	Director of Commissioning, Strategy & Delivery (C&YP)	ICB
	Associate Director of Nursing, Patient Experience & Quality Safety& Quality Performance Manager	North Tees and Hartlepool Foundation Trust
Fiona Adamson	Chief Executive	H&SH
Shaun Mayo	Head of Service	TEWV
Simon Howard	Consultant in Public Health and Communicable Disease Control	UKHSA
Fergus Neilson	Screening & Immunisations Commissioning lead	NHSE/ ICB
Stephen Donaghy	Environmental Health Service Manager	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Marc Stephenson	Assistant Director of Community Safety and Regulated Services	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council

James O'Donnell	Public Health Intelligence Specialist	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Derek McDonald	Health & Safety Service Manager	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Rob Miller	Health and Wellbeing Manager (Health Protection)	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Michael Henderson/ Judy Trainer	Democratic Services	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council

Review

The terms of reference will be reviewed annually

July 2023