

Public Health Programmes Board

Chair: Matthew Cole Director of Public Health

Items to be escalated to the Health & Wellbeing Board

Update on Ebola. Information and preparedness actions have been taken across the partners. “Within the UK, Public Health England (PHE) has informed medical practitioners about the situation in West Africa and requested they remain vigilant for unexplained illness in those who have visited the affected area, and actions to take in the event of a possible case. PHE has also provided advice for humanitarian workers planning to work in areas affected, and continues to engage with the Sierra Leone diaspora in England.”

The risk to the UK and to UK travellers to the area remains very low. No cases of imported Ebola have ever been reported in the UK.”. Further information can be found on:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/public-health-england-ebola-support-and-surveillance-continues-but-risk-remains-low-in-england>

Performance

Following a review of the performance of the Group and attendance. It is proposed the remit of the group has a tighter focus that doesn't duplicate the work of other sub groups. The proposed membership of the group moving forward is made up of the following officers:

Matthew Cole	Director of Public Health (Chair)
Glynis Rogers	Divisional Director Community Safety and Public Protection
Meena Kishinani	Divisional Director Strategic Commissioning , Safeguarding and Early Help
Robin Payne	Divisional Director Environment
Sharon Morrow	Chief Operating Officer Barking and Dagenham CCG
Paul Hogan	Divisional Director Culture and Sport

The Obesity Task and Finish Group, Health Protection Committee and the Integrated Sexual Health and Reproductive Board are proposed to report into it as part of the Board's governance.

The groups remit moving forward will be to :

- have an overall view of the 'health' of the Public Health Programme's performance across the life course in delivering outcomes
- act as a reference group for advice on the development of the refreshed joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy and Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
- hold the above 3 groups to account

Agreed meetings for the rest of the calendar year

- 19th September
- 28th October
- 9th December

The Obesity Task and Finish Group are meeting on 22nd August

Health Protection Committee met on 1st August

Integrated Sexual Health and Reproductive Board met on 16th July

Meeting Attendance

Prior to the review attendance at the Board was poor. Attendance at the Health Protection Committee and Integrated Sexual Health & Reproductive Board was good.

Action(s) since last report to the Health and Wellbeing Board

- (a) Board has been reviewed and a proposed new focused remit
- (b) Attendance has been clarified
- (c) Health Protection Committee has reviewed the immunisation coverage as requested by the Board at its July meeting. It was recorded that Barking & Dagenham have maintained their performance:
 - Dip T 92.7% Uptake – better than London
 - MMR 88.9% Uptake – better than London
 - MMR2 81.7% Uptake

Discussion took place on herd immunity being 95%. Overall it was noted that there is a big improvement for Barking & Dagenham. We need to see if we can go further and push for the 95% due to the demographics of area it will probably be challenging to meet the 95% target.
- (d) Procurement of the integrated sexual health contract – the PPQ stage has commenced.

Action and Priorities for the coming period

- (a) September will be the first review of the Public Health programmes to assess impact and financial performance.
- (b) Integrated Sexual Health service invitation to tender to be dispatched 10th October.
- (c) 3rd October – Exercise Panacea Pandemic Flu emergency planning exercise.
- (d) Notification in September of the indicative allocation for commissioning the 0-5 Healthy Child Programme and Family Nurse Partnership.
- (e) Seasonal flu vaccinations will start in October.

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