



SHROPSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Report

Meeting Date	15th June 2023 – 09:30am – 12:00pm			
Title of report	Health Protection Update			
This report is for (You will have been advised which applies)	Discussion and agreement of recommendations	Approval of recommendations (With discussion by exception)	Information only (No recommendations)	X
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Which Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy priorities does this report address? Please tick all that apply	Children & Young People		Joined up working	X
	Mental Health		Improving Population Health	X
	Healthy Weight & Physical Activity		Working with and building strong and vibrant communities	
	Workforce		Reduce inequalities (see below)	X
What inequalities does this report address?	Health Inequalities specific to screening and vaccination			

Report content - Please expand content under these headings or attach your report ensuring the three headings are included.

1. Executive Summary

This health protection report to the Health and Wellbeing Board provides an overview of the health protection status of the population of Shropshire. It provides an overview of the status of communicable, waterborne, foodborne disease

Part one is an overview of health protection data and a summary of new risks, part two is an overview of new health protection developments relevant to the system.

2. Recommendations (Not required for 'information only' reports)

3. Report

Part One

1. Overview of health protection data and summary of risks

1.1 - Immunisation Cover Shropshire

- Immunisations Childhood – 0-5 vaccination in-line or above West Midlands (WM) average.
- There is continued local push on Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR). Being pushed with GPs to ensure current vaccine and dates are being recorded
- Immunisations Adolescent – cover in-line with West Midlands average.
- Immunisations Adult Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine (PPV) – cover in-line with West Midlands average.
- Covid Immunisation - The Spring campaign runs to 30 June. A smaller plan for those that are most vulnerable. We have been able to set up our local targets and we are looking at vaccination sites.

1.2 - Screening uptake Shropshire

- Breast – recovery is back on track and in a stable position.
- Bowel – as part of the Early Cancer Diagnosis Group it has been raised that SaTH are having issues with its colonoscopy provider and cannot use them for screening at all. This has jeopardised bringing in the extension to 58-year-olds being implemented, increased waiting and diagnostic times for those that are symptomatic and delayed restoration. The issue has been raised with SaTH at the highest level, they are having regular meetings and a focussed paper is being written as needs to be taken in the round as a quality issue. on. The issue with the bowel screening provider has also been escalated to high levels in the Trust. Cervical - delays in waiting times for colposcopy patients, due to staffing issues, and impacting quarter 4 onwards.

1.3 - Communicable disease

- Flu – recent surveillance data from UKHSA confirms that circulation of influenza in the community has returned to baseline levels.
- Covid - recorded cases are decreasing in Shropshire. Outbreaks are still occurring in care homes and are being risk managed.
- Government guidance changed on 3rd April 2023 the full details are available here: [Infection Prevention Control Adult Social care: COVID 19 Supplement](#) adult social care: COVID 19 supplement- GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
- Testing regimen changed full details are available here: [COVID-19: testing from 1 April 2023](#)
- Tuberculosis - tuberculosis is the focus for review in-line with the Shropshire Health Protection Strategy 2023
- Group A Streptococcus - Group A Streptococcus (GAS) is a bacterium which can colonise the throat and skin.
- Since the last report the number of GAS and IGAS notified continues to be low with only a small number of education settings requiring support.
- Avian Flu - Confirmed Avian Influenza cases in birds have been diagnosed in Shropshire in a small domestic flock and in neighbouring counties since the last health protection report. Additionally, a small number of wild birds along the River Severn were confirmed Avian Influenza and individuals with direct contact given prophylactic antivirals as required.
- Foodborne and waterborne disease – Campylobacter - numbers remain largest reported foodborne bacteria.
- Other foodborne and waterborne - case numbers overall remain low. Since the start of 2023 1 case of E Coli 0157 has been reported.

Part Two

2. Health Protection Developments relevant to the system

2.1 - Avian Influenza

An Avian Flu pathway for testing and antiviral prophylaxis have been agreed by the Integrated Care Board (ICB). The service has been commissioned from ShropCom. Additional guidance has been produced for as a result of learning from outbreaks in the East of England. The main recommendation changes for H5N1 strain only are that if appropriate PPE is worn by individuals coming into contact with infected birds, then no swabbing or antivirals are required.

2.2 - Infection Prevention Control (IPC)

IPC approach will be collaborative (joint ownership of funding across the commissioner and RJAH). The IPC support for Care Homes work is ongoing to include but not limited to:

- Quarterly self-audits
- Reporting of themes
- Pilot with Coverage Care
- Potential to sample audit

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment 3 modules of training to be offered online - basic, catheter care and managers modules. Further modules may be added Quarterly newsletter for care homes with themes and training information 	
Risk assessment and opportunities appraisal (NB This will include the following: Risk Management, Human Rights, Equalities, Community, Environmental consequences and other Consultation)	
Financial implications (Any financial implications of note)	There are no financial implications
Climate Change Appraisal as applicable	
Where else has the paper been presented?	System Partnership Boards
	Voluntary Sector
	Other
Health Protection Quality Assurance Board (HPQA)	
List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)	
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CIlr Cecilia Motley – <i>Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, Public Health & Communities</i> Rachel Robinson – <i>Executive Director, Health, Wellbeing and Prevention</i>	
Appendices (Please include as appropriate)	